

**LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
**September 2015 minutes**

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session September 21, 2015. Present were board members Mark Hardin, Tom Tucker, and Wendy Crabtree. Clerk Mary Price and Maintenance Supervisor Mark Heller were present. Mayor Milton Lightfoot, John Boyd, Panfil & Jackie Costea, Clarence Greer, Mary Snyder, Carol Howell, Jennifer Tucker, Kenneth Bookman, Lauren Park, Cindy Price, and Deb & Rick Berry.

The regular meeting minutes were read and approved with a motion by Mark Hardin and second by Wendy Crabtree.

**The financial report** - was given and bills presented for payment. Mark Hardin moved to pay the bills and seconded by Wendy Crabtree, motion passed.

**Complaints** – No complaints.

**Delinquent Bills**- 21 notices were mailed out for shut off on Monday 9/28.

**Old Business**-

**New Business** –

John Boyd was present to discuss the flow testing that was done on some of the hydrants and to review the iso report that was filed in 2009. The hydrants that were tested are flowing at around 170 gallons per minute and in a residential area the minimum would need to be around 500 gallons per minute. The uptown area would need to be even greater than 500 gallons per minute. One of the major concerns that was expressed was at this point is the lack of pressure and why it has decreased over time. The next concern that was expressed was concerning vital hydrants that are broke at Vine & High St and Front & Vine St. The water department has 1 new hydrant that can replace the Vine & High St hydrant since it is top priority. Mark Heller called Pickens Underground and they quoted \$3500 for a hydrant replacement but Mark Heller was not sure what all that included. The Muller brand of hydrants is the best route to go when replacing a hydrant.

Mr. Boyd expressed that he felt there was a lack of maintenance done and the hydrants should be serviced twice a year and when flowing the meter you turn it all the way on and they need greased. The village has a total of 49 hydrants. When the hydrants are being tested they need to be completely opened.

Clarence Greer was present and had some history he wanted to present the board with. Years ago the bond payments were in the rear and the board was threatened with a takeover of the plant. The board was going to hand over the keys to the bond holder if they were not willing to work with them and they ended up extending the bond. Everything was backed up from payroll, supplies, and many other expenses owed to contractors. The board decided since payroll was not being made they would not be paid themselves. The Village buildings and pool water was metered and billed. To expand the customer base the sale of bulk water was done. It was understand at that time the BPA was in charge of suppling the water and the town was responsible for the fire and safety aspect. The Village budgeted for a

hydrant maintenance fund and paid a monthly amount. According to Mr. Greer that RD Wood parts for the hydrants can still be purchased from a company in Texas and Pennsylvania. Title 1 emergency fund would not be available because they classify this situation as a lack of maintenance on the Villages behalf. Issue 1 grant money would be available July 2016 and probably would be a 90/10 share and the deadline for the application is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Another option could be the 0% loan for 20 yrs that would be available. Liability of doing nothing and a loss of life with a known problem is the major factor and if La Rue loses the current fire rate it would double and be almost impossible to get back. Mr. Greer has a quote that he was given to replace a hydrant would be \$500 in labor. Dan Stewart was contacted at Regional Planning and he is willing to help with the Issue I application.

One of the things discussed is that ISO likes everything to be documented and Mr. Boyd encourages the board to review the report he brought. So when ISO comes to have documentation of things like breaks and hydrants flushing.

Panfil Costea asked the question if a water main breaks is it documented and Mark Heller stated he documents on the drawings when new lines are replaced.

Wendy Crabtree is going to make a book to keep better tracking of the hydrants.

Tom Ford had a complaint about the main that goes by the appliance store and the water smells like rotten eggs. Mark Heller stated that he has flushed that line, but Mr. Ford disagrees with him. Mark Heller is going to flush the line in front of the appliance store.

The Scioto Valley Fire District is running off of old mileage and really can offer no financial help in this situation according to Tom Ford.

Mark Hardin presented when the tower clean out is done a pressure release valve needs to be purchased and USA blue book cost is \$1219.

Trash pump has been fixed.

The next regular meeting will be October 20, 2015 in the Village Council Room.

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Chairman

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Clerk