

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

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session October 20, 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, Cindy Price, Kenny Bookman, Clarence Greer, and Ken Heigel.

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 10/2.

**Old Business**-

**New Business** –

Ken Heigel was present from OWDA to discuss the Boards current water fund financial situation. The current loan is set at 1.5% for 30 yrs under the community assistance program. The community assistance program is available to communities that have a 1.1% rate greater than median household income. The loan agreement states we will maintain rates that will satisfy debt payments and any maintenance. If a payment is missed then it is reported to the State Auditor's office and the Village can be put in fiscal emergency. Once a town is placed in fiscal emergency then a representative comes in and handles all financial matters alongside the Board. An older loan OWDA may be able to extend the years out or the interest rate adjusted but since this is such a new loan nothing can really be adjusted. The first payment was made on 1/1/14. The option that is available would be moving the first payment due date back so basically allowing the Board to skip the next two payments that are due. If the OWDA board approves the due date extension then a detailed plan will have to be made. Mr. Heigel would like to see monthly expenses vs income starting from 1/1/14, ordinances with all rate increases, and list of all the expenses on situation out of the norm. If the original loan amount has any remaining money that wasn't used during the project then we maybe be able to use those funds for something like meter replacement. The OPWC emergency fund is currently out of money for the year.

A letter was received from OPWC stating that the emergency grant that was applied for was denied for hydrant replacement. The emergency funding does not cover projects from normal deterioration. The board was concerned because the application that was submitted was not for emergency funds so Mary Price is going to contact Regional Planning to find out more information.

Cindy Price reported that the fire board is going to donate money to cover replacement of one hydrant to not exceed \$3000 as long as the board sets a maintenance plant and flushing schedule. Additionally Butch Winslow is going to take the recommendation to purchase a hydrant to Montgomery Township and David Tifhaft is going to address the Bowling Green Township. The hydrants along with a shut off

valve before the hydrant need to be replaced. The current quote from HD supply for a hydrant is \$2450 with a shut off valve at \$746 and Holcomb's labor at \$500. The board is going to get exact numbers to replace a hydrant so they have accurate numbers to pass on. Wendy Crabtree is going to contact a company to get another quote for a hydrant pricing.

Wendy Crabtree brought up about some concerns that have been expressed about the tower not being full. Mark Heller reported that the tower is 100,000 gallons and we use around 70,000 per day. It has always been reported previously that the tower runs over at 63 pounds and currently with the new meter in the plant it runs over at 53.6. The difference in the numbers of the run over is probably due to the old plant vs the new plant and the meter that was used to measure with. Currently the kick on at the plant for the tower is set at 48 and shut off 53.

Wendy Crabtree asked if the sewer line was capped at the Methodist Church extra parking lot on the other side of Bradsahw's property. Mark Heller was not sure if the line was capped and if the lines are smoked then that may be one that shows up.

Both trash pumps are working.

Water line map is being updated.

Dave Doss quoted \$2450 for the concrete repair around the water tower and Tom Tucker has several other names he is going to contact for quotes.

Quality paving is not available until spring to fix the road along Market Street from the last break so Mark Heller contacted Pro Paving.

The next regular meeting will be November 16, 2015 in the Village Council Room.

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Chairman

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Clerk