

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

April 2016 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on April 4, 2016 in the Village Council Room. Present was Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Mark Heller and Council Members John Howard, Cindy Price, Lisa Howard, Melissa Shawver, David Stallsmith, and Jennifer Tucker. Guests present: Panfil Costea, Kenneth Bookman, John Boyd, and Clarence Greer.

The Meeting was opened by Mayor Milton Lightfoot with a prayer and a pledge to the American flag.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were approved with a motion by David Stallsmith and a second by John Howard.

The minutes of the special meeting were approved with a motion by Melissa Shawver and a second by John Howard.

The financial report was given and bills presented for payment. John Howard moved to pay the bills with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Mayor – Several emails were received from Cheryl Johnson regarding the spring fling on May 14th. The LCA has requested that State Route 37 to be closed from the railroad tracks to Vine Street. Council was concerned about closing the road with garage sale day going on that same day and the section of 95 may still be closed. Mayor Lightfoot stated the entire State Route 37 has to be closed from over on North Street so it could cause some problems with residents having garage sales. Council decided that it wasn't a good idea to close state route 37 for the spring fling. Also Council had no problem with LCA using the vacant lot up town and the construction crew for the Market Street replacement will keep their stuff out of the area that is going to be used.

A letter was received from Bowling Green Township about cleanup day that was unclear with what they wanted to do. The letter from Bowling Green made it sound like they were either cutting their money since Montgomery was not contributing the same amount or they would increase their amount. Council felt at this point since it was unclear what the Sims bill will be and unclear what the townships would contribute that a La Rue only cleanup day should be held. Residents will have to show proof of residency and the easiest way would require people to show their driver's license.

The State Fire Marshall inspected the Village building and will be composing a letter with all the things that need corrected and will re-inspect in 30 days. The main items that need addressed are: install 3 smoke detectors, replace batteries in the exit signs, fire extinguisher at the west door, and capacity signs in each room.

David Stallsmith presented an application that can be filled out for an Ohio surplus store that carries discounted furniture. The application will be filled out and the buildings and grounds committee can go and look at the items available and the store will bill the village for the items.

A list of properties that need to be torn down has been provided to Regional Planning and the program is through Land Bank.

BPA – Lift Station #1 & #2 need pump work and Marion County Sanitary will attend the next BPA meeting to discuss the options.

Park & Pool – Ric Patterson has offered to plant a blue spruce, plant several scrubs, and mulch around the La Rue park sign. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to allow Mr. Patterson to perform the work with a second by Cindy Price. Kenny Bookman reported the two trees by the walking need to be straightened they are leaning and Council believed that LCA planted the trees.

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Sheriff – X

Maintenance – Mark Heller reported once the weather permits he will get some more street patching done and they should be coming in soon to start Market Street replacement.

Zoning – x

Tree Commission – Tree City Award was received for 2015. The tree at the end of Vine Street may need addressed the last wind storm split the tree.

Arbor Day Proclamation was read and Arbor Day will be held April 29, 2016.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – The committee held a meeting to discuss renting of the building. Several items they would like addressed and requested:

- The committee would like 75% of the rental charge to go the general fund and 25% to be held for the building fund
- They would like the insurance company to be contact to find out if there is anything we need to do in order to use the building as a rental
- The rental agreement application was presented and Council thought it all looked good other then they would like the word rental changed to reservation agreement
- Mary Price is going to contact the Auditor's office and find out if we are ok renting the building out since the property is tax exempt
- Melissa Shawver brought up about taking the ramp off the front of the building and using it to repair and replace with a set of stairs since we already have a ramp on the east side. Council had no problem with this repair being done.
- The committee would like some more table and metal chairs to be purchased, lines painted in the parking lot, and also having the building painted. David Stallsmith is going to check with whirlpool about having paint donated and also checking with a sign company about getting some new letters for the sign out front.
- Jennifer Tucker spoke with Angela Carbeta and she is going to get an ash tray for the outside of the building

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Jennifer Tucker made a motion that Council start saving \$50 per month for tile and storm sewer maintenance and David Stallsmith seconded the idea, motion passed.

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Cindy Price brought up that she would like to see a set day for stick pick up rather than having 2 employees picking up sticks any time throughout the week. It was decided that stick pickup would be Monday and Friday.

New Business:

John Boyd was present to discuss the burning ordinance and his concerns with the village having the ability to burn. The vacant property the village owns had some brush burned and a pine tree was pulled in and Mr. Boyd was concerned because he never gave permission to burn the pine tree. The Village having the ability to burn is the issue when residents are not allowed to burn. Clarence Greer added the project was way bigger than originally thought and there was way more material. Oscar Holcomb and Panfil Costea spent many hours dropping trees and several people came and hauled wood away. John Boyd stated that it's against Ohio Revised Code to burn within the village. Mr. Boyd suggested the village rent a wood chipper to get rid of the remaining wood but council felt the cost may be an issue and wanted permission to burn the remaining pile and that was the end. Mr. Boyd is going to work with Kenny Bookman to get approval for the remaining pile burnt.

A motion was made by John Howard to amend the burning Ordinance 15-5 and remove paragraph #2 with a second by Cindy Price, motion passed.

Melissa Shawver made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second Lisa Howard.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 2, 2015 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk