

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

February 2016 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on February 1, 2016 in the Village Council Room. Present was Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Mark Heller and Council Members David Stallsmith, John Howard, Cindy Price, Lisa Howard, and Jennifer Tucker. Guests present: Tom Tucker, Panfil Costea, Kenneth Bookman, 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 financial report was given and bills presented for payment. John Howard moved to pay the bills with a second by Jennifer Tucker, motion passed.

A motion was made by John Howard with a second by Jennifer Tucker to appoint David Stallsmith as president of Council.

State of the Village:

Mayor Lightfoot would like to thank everyone that had a hand with helping the town in any way in 2015. Council was thanked for all their work along with Mark Heller and Tom Roberts for all there countless hours. Mary Price was thanked for all her hard work in taking care of everything in the office. A great number of community members have been involved with projects that have been completed around town and Mayor Lightfoot would like to thank all of them. Thanks to the LCA, United Methodist Relief Organization, Regional Planning, Commissioners, OHIO EMA, USGS, Montgomery Township, and the Conversancy district.

2016 goals:

- Try to sell or get rid some of the extra properties the Village owns
- Maintain the water ways and storm sewer tiles
- Place backflow devise on the Davis ditch and other main drain tiles that run through town
- Market Street repaving project from the west bridge to Market Street from sidewalk to sidewalk will start in March if the weather holds and

Mayor – Market Street repaving project was awarded to Dillinger Excavating. It was estimated about a month to complete the work and if the weather holds up they will start tearing up the old road in March. The owner of Dillinger Excavating has completed this type of project previously and has plenty of experience dealing with a sand base. He will have 3 workers plus himself to complete the job with no need to high any additional help. The Water lines will be replaced under the road and everyone that runs of the line will be off for about ½ day. Everything will be replaced from sidewalk to sidewalk. A card was received from LCA thanking Council for all their cooperation this past year. A letter was received from Cheryl Johnson with a concern about the hiring of Ric Patterson for snow removal and his delinquent tax status. Council discussed the situation and they stand by their decision to hire Mr. Patterson to remove the snow up town. Clerk Mary Price looked up Mr. Patterson’s property on the Marion County Auditors site and as long as she was reading it correctly it stated a delinquent balance of \$0. Comments were made that council has never checked property taxes in the past when hiring.

BPA – Several leaks that have been detected have been repaired but more are still out there that have not been found yet.

Park & Pool – Ordinance 2016-3 was read for the hiring of Lindsey Perez for 2016 season with a motion by John Howard to suspend the rules with a second by Cindy Price. A motion was made by David Stallsmith to pass Ordinance 2016-3 with a second by John Howard, motion passed. Cindy Price stated

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that Lindsey would like to see another shelter for shade to be built with the money that has been raised from the art class fundraising.

Sheriff – X

Maintenance – A hole has developed by the catch basin on High and Market by Matt Applefeller's house so Holcomb has been in and the storm drain was repaired to fix the problem. The Village truck was hit last month while parked up town by the old council room. The insurance company offered the Village \$1750 to turn in the truck or \$1550 if the village wanted to keep the truck. The decision was made to get \$1550 from the insurance company and keep the truck since it is still drivable around town. Panfil Costea suggested after the Market Street project is completed to have parallel parking along Market Street since the diagonal parking takes up so much space on the road.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – The Davis Ditch tile running between Vine Street and the railroad has a fence row with trees that the tree commission would like to clean up and remove. The Amish are going to come in and cut the trees down and also the brush is going to be cleaned up and burned with permission already granted from the fire department. Everyone that works on the project will sign a liability waiver.

Budget – Cindy Price expressed she does not want to be on the budget committee due to her daughter-in-law being the clerk. David Stallsmith will now be the budget chairman. Cindy Price will now be moved to the Building and Grounds and John Howard to moves to the budget committee.

Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety – Cindy Price reported that 4 of our volunteer firemen helped deliver a baby on an EMS call.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable - X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

New Business:

Yard Sale day will be scheduled for May 14th.

The LCA will be holding their spring fling on the May 14th in the early afternoon and they would like permission to use the vacant lot across from Coonies. A motion was made by John Howard to allow the LCA use the empty lot for the spring fling with the second by Cindy Price.

Clean up day will be scheduled for May 21st. Discuss was help about how Montgomery Township cut their share from \$1000 to \$600 last year for clean up day. The bill from Sims was \$3,054 so Council felt Bowling Green and Montgomery should both still contribute \$1,000 since moving it to one day did not decrease expenses. Bowling Green still contributed \$1000 this past year.

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Clarence Greer was present to discuss the backflow device project that he is proposing with a cost around \$6,200. Notes attached with project outline. The timeframe for the project would be around July or August due to wet conditions. Cindy Price expressed her concern with the bid process and the bids should be opened at a public meeting if the Council is carrying the liability.

Cindy Price expressed her concern about some weird late night activity with the neighbors next to David Stallsmith with towing vehicles in.

Cindy Price reported that someone brought a concern to her about Bob Howell signing his own zoning permit and if anyone else reviews or sees any of the permits. It was discussed that if anyone has a concern they can go to Bob Howell or a zoning member can call a meeting and it can be discussed.

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

Mayor

Clerk