

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

January 2016 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on January 4, 2016 in the Village Council Room. Present was Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Mark Heller and Council Members David Stallsmith, Cindy Price, John Howard, Melissa Shawver, and Jennifer Tucker. Guests present: Jackie and Panfil Costea, Major Cline, Larry Heiser, Kenneth Bookman, Wendy Crabtree, Diana Warwick, 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 Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Larry Heiser was present to swear in: Wendy Crabtree, David Stallsmith, Milton Lightfoot, Mary Price, Jennifer Tucker, and John Howard. Jennifer Tucker is taking over Lance Roberts's seat with term ending 12/31/17.

2016-1 Ordinance was read to hire Larry Heiser as Village solicitor for 2016 with a motion by John Howard to suspend the rules with a second by Cindy Price, motion passed. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to pass the ordinance with a second by John Howard, motion passed.

2016-2 Ordinance was read for 2016 final appropriations with a motion to suspend the rules by John Howard with a second by David Stallsmith. A motion was then made to pass the ordinance by John Howard with a second by Jennifer Tucker, motion passed.

Resolution 2016- 1 to accept 2016 blanket purchase orders from 1-2016 thru 39-2016, motion passed.

2016 committee lists were presented.

Mayor – X

BPA – Pumping too much water at the water plant so still trying to locate leaks.

Park & Pool – The art classes have raised \$420 so far towards the park and pool.

Sheriff – Major Cline was present to discuss police coverage in the Village and details regarding the 2016 contract. The 2015 report was reviewed and we had very low numbers of burglaries and car break-ins the entire year which is significantly lower when compared to other towns. Another notable item on the report showed lots of calls regarding suspicious activity which shows residents are watching and reporting active that shouldn't be. The Redd's on High Street have been approached regarding junk vehicles and at this point he still hasn't complied. Mr. Redd reported several other properties in town with junk vehicles and the deputy visited the other properties and addressed the situation with each of them. The Village can be billed when services are provided rather than quarterly if they would rather have it done that way. Currently the village has coverage set for 8 hrs per week with Friday and Saturday detail. Major Cline would like to see maybe 1 weekend and 1 week night to mix up the detail and the village may get more deputies to sign up. The deputies may not be signing up for coverage because we wanted Friday and Saturday coverage.

A motion was made by John Howard to accept the sheriffs contract for 2016 with 8hrs with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

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Maintenance – All Christmas decorations have been taken down. The Village pickup was hit up town and the insurance adjuster has been in town and the truck is going to cost more than it is worth to fix it.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Permissive Auto Tax application was received and is due February 1st and Mark Heller's suggested we apply for Marsh and Swain Street from Price to Third St.

Fire & Safety – Started looking at the number of runs for 2015 and they have had a lot more runs to New Bloomington than what's in their contract so discussion will be held with their Council. Levy will be on the ballot in November because they want to man the fire station.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable - X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Cindy Price stated that the building committee still needs to get together about details with renting the village building.

New Business:

Diana Warwick was present to discuss a water problem she is having at 433 N High Street with high water out front on the road. When the water comes up it puddles out front on the road and vehicles run through it and splash on the house then runs underneath the house. Clarence Greer added that when the river comes up the tiles stop flowing and we have reverse flow that begins to happen. Mrs. Warwick said it puddles even after 1 inch of rain, but council felt the issue primarily occurred during high water and flooding. Closing the road is the only viable option since it's a low spot and raising the road is not a project Council can complete. Closing the road is a process and cannot be done every time we have a heavy rain, but can be addressed when we do have high waters that cover the road. Mrs. Warwick stated she called the state and they may be willing to help and she is going to call them and see what they can do. The state reported this is a village problem and we need to install another drain, but Council reported the state highway is their responsibility and not the Villages. Another drain is not an option because there are already several on both sides of the property.

Clarence Greer reported during the recent high water due to rain that we had reduced water on High Street, School Street, and 95. However, Vine Street did not show favorable water reduction. (Report attached)

The next regular meeting will be held on February 1, 2015 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

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Mayor

Clerk