

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2016 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on September 12, 2016 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Mark Heller and Council Members: John Howard, Lisa Howard, Melissa Shawver, David Stallsmith, and Jennifer Tucker.

Guests present: Panfil Costea, Mary Snyder, Tom Tucker, Tyler Howell.

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 John Howard and a second by Jennifer Tucker.

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

Mayor – None

BPA – Tom Tucker introduced Tyler Howell and he will be helping Mark Heller at the plant with covering on the weekends.

The hydrant replacement project was awarded to RA Bores on August 29th and three hydrants will be replaced with the grant money.

The south well was not running properly but Tom Tucker reported they have it back up and running properly. The Board had a meeting with URS about the problems at the plant so URS is in contact with EPA trying to help resolve all the violations EPA said the plant has. URS is going to come back to visit and go through the process to clean the ROs so we can do it ourselves.

Park & Pool – X

Sheriff – X

Maintenance – Parking lines up town will be painted Sept 13th. Jennifer Tucker would like to see the curbs cleaned up.

Zoning – A zoning inspector is still needed.

Tree Commission – X

Budget – John Howard reported some suggestions the committee had to help with the finances:

- Sell the bank property. Mayor Lightfoot said in the past the bank has never wanted to purchase the building but some Council members said that may not be the case now so this needs to be look into. Currently the Richwood Banking Company rents the building for \$300 per month and the money goes to the park fund.
- Approach Jeff Wall again about purchasing the land behind the municipal building
- Talk with LCA to see if they would be interested in taking over the property uptown.

Jennifer Tucker will bring the topic up at the next LCA meeting.

The main thing the budget committee would like to see happen is the Village get rid of some of the property which would lower expenses.

Street and Alley – X

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Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds –

Report from Cindy on the building:

Building rental for the Clinic is all on hold until we receive news about the grant that LCA has applied for. The current news from the clinic is that they do not plan on paying any money either as rent, utilities, etc, for at least 3 to 6 months. The other discussion is that if they decide to stay in La Rue that they may or may not continue at our village building. Once we receive word from LCA concerning the grant, we will continue discussion about the building use for the clinic.

Building Repairs:

Erin Bellmer from Holmes Lumber gave an estimate for materials around the municipal building for \$3400. Melissa Shawver is going to make some calls to get some additional quotes for the repairs. The Lions Club does not have any members at this time able to help with this project. Dan Hicks discussed the project at their meeting and there were no volunteers.

Building items needing addressed:

- Some of the clear tubes draining for the ac units are missing and need replaced and / or adjusted. Some are draining on the building and this cannot continue.
- We need dirt for the front of the building where the old ramp was located.
- The front deck needs to be cleaned and sealed
- Building needs painted – Dave Stallsmith received the donation of paint for the building and Cindy Price can get West Central residents.
- There is ground hog or something getting under the building.

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

New Business:

John Howard brought up about the playground behind the municipal building and the dangers with the equipment and just looking run down. A suggestion was made by Panfil Costea to look into an ODNR grant for playground equipment. The garage door on the garage beside the municipal building has been damaged.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 3, 2016 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk