

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

December 2016 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on December 5, 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, Cindy Price, Melissa Shawver, David Stallsmith, and Jennifer Tucker.

Guests present: Panfil & Jackie Costea, Clarence Greer, Mary Snyder, and Kenny Bookman.

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. David Stallsmith moved to pay the bills with a second by John Howard, motion passed.

Mayor – Mayor Lightfoot had a meeting with Mr. Hesier regarding the health clinic and Mr. Heiser would like the following items: copy of the health clinics insurance, a copy of the agreement with the LCA for the rent payment, and the contract between the Village and the clinic. Jennifer Tucker presented both contracts from the clinic and LCA. There will be not physical changes to the rooms at the municipal building and everything will be mobile. The health clinic will use the Villages internet service and just need a signal at their end of the building. Clerk Mary Price is going to forward the contracts to have Mr. Heiser review them and to the insurance company for risk managements review.

BPA – Mark Heller reported Marion County and City were in town and pulled the motor out of lift station #1 along High Street. The County will repair the motor and bring it back to swap out for the one they put in the life station. The City cleaned/pumped out all the grease and junk in lift station #1 and part of #2. Pump Station #3 which is located on South Street is in pretty good condition.

Park & Pool – Need to be thinking of a pool manager. The diving board base needs replaced because the step has rusted off and the side railings are coming off. The pool needs a new strainer system to avoid all the problems from last year with the pool loosing suction. CRT gave a quote for the repairs and when the pool was having problems last season they stepped up and were the most helpful out of all the companies that came.

Sheriff – X

Maintenance – Christmas decorations have been put up on all the poles and lights need to be finished on the trees. Several strands need to be purchased because they ran out of white lights for the trees. Mark Heller reported they still have 2-3 more loads of leaves that need picked up and they will get to that once lights are done.

A pot hole on West Street down by Dave Albert's property needs to be filled.

In front of Lynchs there are several pieces of broken concrete from the curb that need to be picked up.

The alley by the Methodist Church along Walnut Street needs stone laid down.

Council thanked Melissa Shawver for contacting Elgin school and arranging for students to come over to clean curbs in November.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

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Budget – X

Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety – Cindy Price reported the fire department is working on a grant for a utility vehicle for the new tall grass bike trail. As of November 9th the fire district has had 162 runs this year. New Bloomington will be holding the 3rd reading to join the fire district at their December Council Meeting.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Panfil Costea wanted to know if any reports were received from the sheriff regarding what the deputy is doing during his patrolling time. A report was received that listed citations and warning that have been written. Several Council members said they have seen the deputy pulling vehicles over recently. The solicitor is checking on the liability with speed bumps that were discussed at the November meeting and John Howard stated the cost is higher than he thought. A sign would probably need to be put up and the cost for one section would be around \$2,000.

The asphalt on the Village's vacant property up town cannot be removed and dumped somewhere it has to be properly disposed of since it is considered contaminated. Mayor Lightfoot is still looking into any grant options that may be available to cover the cost to clean up.

New Business:

John Howard reported he spoke with Jeff Wall about the property behind the Municipal building and he is still interested in the land. Mr. Howard brought up about turning the land behind the Villages vacant lot along the railroad into a nature wild flower area. The land would have native wildflowers plant and the Village would then no longer have to mow the area and it would still look nice.

A motion was made by Cindy Price to enter executive session with a second by Jennifer Tucker to discuss a public affairs issue at 8:10pm.

A motion was made by Cindy Price to leave executive session with a second by Jennifer Tucker at 8:32pm.

Motion was made by Melissa Shawver to adjourn with a second by Cindy Price.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 2, 2017 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk