

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

February 2017 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on February 6, 2017 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, and Council Members: John Howard, Lisa Howard, Cindy Price, David Stallsmith, and Jennifer Tucker.

Guests present: Panfil & Jackie Costea, Clarence Greer, Mary Snyder, Jeff Winslow, Mark Hardin, Tom Tucker, Tyler Howell, 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 Jennifer Tucker, motion passed.

A motion was made by John Howard to increase the credit card limit to \$2000 with a second by Jennifer Tucker.

David Stallsmith will remain as council president for 2017.

Mayor- Jeff Paetz from Phoenix Environmental LLC meet with Mayor Lightfoot regarding the vacant lot up town across from Coonies. A list was presented with all the items that need to be completed:

- Class C Determination
- VAP Phase 1
- Application for ODSA Assessment Grant
- TBA grant prep (if no funds available)

According to what Mayor Lightfoot was told there would be no cost to the Village and Mr. Paetz would take care of the expenses until grant money is obtained and then he would take a percentage of grant money. The only cost that may occur for the Village is a title search to go back to find out who owned the property previously. The first step would be to determine who polluted the property and then Mr. Paetz would go after that business and require them to cleanup. A motion was made by Cindy Price to proceed with this process and a second by Jennifer Tucker, motion passed.

The furnace in the library went out last week and it is located in the Village building upstairs. Mayor Lightfoot was not sure who would be responsible for the repair cost because he has never seen an agreement between the library and the Village.

BPA – A heater went bad above the chlorine tanks and was never installed properly with ventilation.

The PLC that controls the water plant went bad and Tyler Howell tried several different options to bring it back up with no luck so Wigen came to the plant and installed a new system.

The membranes have been tested and it was concluded that they were running too high on conductivity and electricity. After testing the system we will have to replace 10-12 membranes and rotating some with a cost of \$500 per filter. If the High conductivity and electricity would have continued at the high rate then it would have required replacing all the membranes.

Park & Pool – Pool manager is needed for 2017 season. CRT was contacted to get moving on the repairs need at the pool.

Sheriff – X

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Maintenance – Several holes have been patched with the warm weather. Catch basin screens have been cleaned out. Lights have all been taken down.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Discussion was held about planting more trees this year with the budget. The major burden with planting new trees is the watering that is required.

Budget – Grants are available for the wild flower park that Council is interested in. The budget committee is going to research The Ohio Purchasing Co-op and see if we could save some money. Mayor Lightfoot is going to contact Ken Lengieza about the process with the Marion Community Foundation and selling a Village property.

Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – The building committee will be having a meeting this month. The clinic is proposing to open the 1st week of April.

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Clean up day will be scheduled May 20 and both townships will be contacted if they desire to join in with the requirement of splitting the invoice equally.

New Business:

Clarence Greer was present and had a report on the Scioto River Flow Rates (report attached).

The Lions Club would like to put up banners throughout town on the telephone poles on the main strip through town. The Lion's Club would also like to repair some of the basketball hoops at the municipal building and repairing some of the playground equipment at the park. Council was extremely grateful and is on board with whatever projects the Lions Club would like to complete.

A motion was by David Stallsmith to enter executive session @8:43pm to discuss personnel with a second by John Howard.

A motion was by John Howard to exit executive session @9:44pm with a second by Cindy Price.

A motion was made by John Howard that no change be made to Mark Heller's hours or pay based on his evaluation with a second by Cindy Price.

2017-2 Resolution was read to move Tyler Howell to part-time water plant assistant @ \$12.00 per hour with a motion by David Stallsmith and a second by John Howard.

Motion to adjourn by Cindy Price and a second by Lisa Howard.

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The next regular meeting will be held on March 6, 2017 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk