

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

March 2017 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on March 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, Melissa Shawver, and Jennifer Tucker.

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

Mayor- The stone pile up town was traded for plowing services provided by Ric Patterson and according to Mark Heller the stone was no use to the Village. Some Council members were not in agreement with the decision to get rid of the stone pile.

BPA – Tom Tucker reviewed the water expenses and income that showed a deficit of \$4,100 in 2016. Discussion was held regarding the upcoming expenses that are anticipated that will require a rate increase. The Board of public affairs has passed resolution 2017-3 to propose a water usage rate increase of \$2.50.

Ordinance 2017-3 was read for the first time proposing a water usage rate increase to \$8.00 per thousand gallons.

Maintenance repaired a break March 6th on Chestnut Street.

Lab equipment has all been ordered for the plant that is being required by the EPA and it was roughly \$2300.

EPA performed a CAP study and all the violations since 2015 were followed up on and everything is in compliance at the water plant.

Park & Pool – The Lions club is considering siding the shelter houses, fixing the bath house roof, basketball courts, volley ball court, and basketball backboards at the municipal building.

Special meeting is scheduled for Thursday @5:30pm to meet with Amy Stought regarding the pool manager position. Council discussed if it was cost effective to open the pool this year.

The pump pressure problem at the pool could be caused by several things like the length of pipe, wear issues with the impeller, the housing around the impeller, and the location of the elbows. Over time the wear on the housing by the impeller could be causing a loss in pressure. Tyler Howell reported they need to do further investigation in the pump house before any money is spent on repairs. Mark Heller and Tyler Howell went to pool training and talked with a vendor that stated they could take pictures and send it to them to have the system analyzed.

Sheriff – Ordinance 2017-4 was read to cover all the posted speed limits within the Village limits with a motion by Cindy Price to suspend the 3 readings with a second by John Howard. A motion to pass the ordinance as read was made by Melissa Shawver and a second by Cindy Price, motion passed.

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Maintenance – Council discussed the mowing bid if it is cost effective to mow ourselves verses bidding out. If the Village handles the mowing then more equipment would need to be purchased including a new mower. Council decided it would be best to bid the job out and they would like bidders to include a price for fertilizing. Several bidders have mentioned that they would lower their costs if the contract would be extended longer than a year.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Permissive tax application was approved other than Price St from Section St to Marsh St because it is classified as an alley.

LCA has requested that Council close the street for their event scheduled on June 10th for safety of those attending. A motion was made by John Howard to close the street on June 10th with a second by Cindy Price, motion passed.

Fire & Safety – 2 new applications for volunteer firemen have been received.

Buildings & Grounds – The building committee presented ideas for the money that will come in from the building rental and how they would like the money spent. Documentation attached with the building committees requests and Council was all in agreement with.

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Clean up day will be scheduled May 20. Council has not heard from Bowling Green and Montgomery if they are interested in participating this year.

Lance Roberts is interested in purchasing the lot next to his property so Council is going to go through the Marion Community Foundation program. A letter would need to be sent to the Marion Community foundation expressing the interest to sell the property, description of property, selling price, and what the buyer plans to do with the property. Council agreed that \$1000 was a fair price and they would like the buyer to incur all the closing cost.

New Business:

John Howard reported that Clarence Greer, Ed Murphy, and he all went to inspect a pipe that is discharging into the river but is buried and clogged. When we have high rain in the Village the man hole cover along High Street lifts up and water shoots out. The proposal is to repair the pipe and extend the length with a cost of \$1500. There are some trees and roots that will be removed and disposed of during the project. Future project with the pipe will be to install a backflow device. The board would like the project to be funded by the state highway fund. A motion was made by Cindy Price to complete the project with a second by Jennifer Tucker, motion passed.

Kenny Bookman reported that several mailbox areas need stone laid because they are becoming mud pits.

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Motion to adjourn by John Howard and a second by Jennifer Tucker.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 17, 2017 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk