

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL April 2017 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on April 3, 2017 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, and Council Members: John Howard, Lisa Howard, Cindy Price, Melissa Shawver, and Jennifer Tucker.

Guests present: Panfil & Jackie Costea, Clarence Greer, Mary Snyder, John Boyd, Bob Clunk, Lt. Wheeler, Jeff Winslow, Sean Crest, Ric Patterson, 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 John Howard and a second by Jennifer Tucker.

The Special Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Jennifer Tucker and a second by Melissa Shawver.

The financial report was given and bills presented for payment. Lisa Howard moved to pay the bills with a second by Jennifer Tucker, motion passed.

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

Mayor- X

BPA -- Tom Tucker reported that on 4/1/17 they worked on replacing the bad membranes in the plant and right now there is a pressure problem that Tyler Howell is working on. The cost to replace the membranes was \$8,772. The Board members, Tyler Howell, and Mark Heller completed all the membrane work which saved some money.

Lab certification is scheduled for 4/4/17 and this will complete all the violations from the EPA.

A leak was fixed on Chestnut and decreased the daily pumping from 52,000 to 28,000 gallons per day.

Representative from RCAP came and talked with the board about grant options for the Board.

Park & Pool -- Diving board grant was received from Mid OH Energy for \$2000.

The pump and strainer basket replacement will cost \$4,168.13 and CRT will charge \$1800 for installation. A motion was made John Howard to complete the pump and strainer basket replacement and to hire CRT to perform the work with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Lions Club repaired the shelter house at the park and will move onto the other projects once they are done.

Sheriff -- Lt. Wheeler was present to discuss the sheriff coverage and he reported that the sheriff's department is struggling with hiring part time workers. Lt. Wheeler suggested that the village open up hours more so the deputies can fill the hours because when the Village is restrictive to certain hours we may not get patrol covered. Cindy Price felt that unlicensed vehicles around town, traffic control, and vehicles sitting in the tree lawn are the Villages biggest concerns. The Council decided to open the hours up Thursday, Friday, and Saturday so the hours will hopefully get filled more.

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Maintenance – Signs are getting replaced around town. Drain on Swain Street needs cleaned out by Ricketts property. Mark Heller will be cleaning out the drain on Swain St and catch basin on West & Front Street in the next week or two.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Tree City award was received for 2016. Tree service was bid out and Don Hull received the bid again this year for stump removal, trimming, and tree removal.

Arbor Day Proclamation was read and Arbor Day will be held April 27, 2016. Arbor Day Celebration will be held April 27th 6:30-7:00pm at the municipal building.

Budget – Tyler Howell reported that the backhoe is not operational with leaking fluids and the tractor is not very functional with the equipment we have. Tyler Howell reported he has been working with USDA for a grant to purchase a new tractor with a loader. The Village could sell the several pieces of equipment and use that money towards the purchase of the new piece of equipment. The grant program would be a 75% grant and they could provide a loan for the remaining 25%. The tractor with a loader will cost \$50,000 with a 25% discount if we go through the state purchasing program. John Howard stated that if we are selling equipment and using that money to purchase a new piece with the grant program and moving forward with the process if it ends up being a \$0 operation for the general fund. John Howard and Tyler Howell are going to work together to get a proposal together for next meeting.

Street and Alley –

Fire & Safety – 43 runs so far this year and they have about 21 volunteer firemen. Cindy Price and Paul Curns met with Park District regarding the bike trail atv rescue vehicle and it was mentioned about putting signage up directing them to what's in La Rue.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Clean up day will be scheduled May 20. Council has not heard from Bowling Green. Cindy Price stated that by word of mouth she heard that Montgomery approved up to \$600 for cleanup day.

Letter was drop off to Ken Lengienza to take to the Marion Community Foundation for the purchase of the Village property by Lance Roberts.

New Business:

Mowing bids were opened with the following bidders:

Ric's Landscaping
Jess Miller
Clunk Lawn Service
Marion Landscape Service

*Bid tabs attached

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A motion was made by John Howard to pick Ric's Landscaping for a 3 yr contract with a second by Lisa Howard, 3 ayes and 2 nays, motion failed. A motion was made by Cindy Price to hire Rics Landscaping for 1 year with a second by Lisa Howard, 4 ayes and 1 nay, motion passed.

Clarence Greer reported from the last high water there was a large amount of water behind the offices of J-Lenco. It was determined that the basin on the corner of West Street & Front Street needs cleaned and may be causing the high water. There is a blow out on the tile behind Bob Howell's property which is located on Bob Lee's property that Greg Fields farms. Holcomb is scheduled to come in to fix the broken tile and Greg Field's has agreed to cover the expense.

Mayor Lightfoot read a letter to council that was received from the Center Street Health Clinic that the project is under evaluation at this time.

Council approved that Elgin can hold the summer lunch program in the municipal building and they will be in the same room as previous years.

Tyler Howell reported they are helping the fire department test hydrants for the upcoming insurance inspection.

A motion was made by Cindy Price to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues with a second by Jennifer Tucker at 9:37pm.

A motion was made by Cindy Price to exit executive session with a second by Jennifer Tucker at 9:58pm.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on May 1, 2017 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk

