

## LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL September 2017 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on September 11, 2017 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: John Howard, Lisa Howard, Melissa Shawver, and Jennifer Tucker. Guests present: Clarence Greer, Kenny Bookman, Tom Tucker, Mason Bischoff, Lieutenant Dutton, Mary Snyder, and Panfil Costea.

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 Jennifer Tucker and a second by Lisa Howard.

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

### **Mayor-**

Mayor Lightfoot reported he had a meeting with a representative from the treasurer's office to discuss the Ohio Checkbook Program. The treasurer's office will set up a website and make the Villages financial information available to the public with no cost to the Village. The program allows the public to view the Villages financial documents that are already public records.

Larry Hesier reported to Mayor Lightfoot that the old Monk property is the works and should be coming up for sale.

Mr. Hesier reported to Mayor Lightfoot that salary employees that make more than \$23,000 do not receive overtime.

**BPA** – The Village had a water leak on the corner of Front and West Street on 9/8/17 that ended up pumping around 210,000 gallons at the plant. The water line on Front and West Street had to have a whole section replaced and the Village was placed on a water boil alert.

The water line project along Market Street had to be changed because the engineer did not account for the boring that would need to be done in the alley before Chestnut St. The water line section that was going to be replaced will just be shortened.

Around the edges of the treatment ponds have been cleaned and Montgomery Township is going to come in to finish up with their mower they have.

**Park & Pool** – The pool has been winterized.

**Sheriff** – The new part time deputy, Mason Bischoff, and Lieutenant Dutton were present to speak with Council and touch base with any concerns in town. Milton Lightfoot expressed the concerns the village has been having with low number of tickets being written and the issues Mr. Costea has been having with the alley next to his property. Lieutenant Dutton proposed bring a speed trailer in town and setting it up along Vine Street because they have seen success in other communities. If the Village has junk vehicles they can contact Brian Level he will be taking over that area and they are in the process of coming up with a new form to take care of this issue.

**Maintenance** – Tyler Howell reported they have been doing curb cleanup and cleaning downtown across from the bar.

**Zoning** – X

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**Tree Commission** – X

**Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – Council decided to cancel the chip and seal job that was scheduled for this year since it was getting so late in the year and the weather is beginning to drop. The permissive tax money will be rolled over into next year's money.

**Fire & Safety** –

**Buildings & Grounds** – X

**Cable** – X

**Regional Planning** – The Poet plant is going to double in size and the Jimmy Jons is still going to go in where Michael's Steak House is located.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Resolution 2017-5 was read to set Tyler Howell's salary amount at \$40,000 with a motion by John Howard and a second by Jennifer Tucker, motion passed.

Council approved Tyler Howells job description and personnel policy with a motion by John Howard and a second by Jennifer Tucker, motion passed.

Clarence Greer reported the blow out tile repair project and breather installation project have both been completed. Ed Murphy has completed a decent amount of work behind J Lenco with the Davis tile and water ways and he would like to see the Davis tile rerouted around some trees. Clarence Greer got some quotes for the project and it came in at more than Ed Muprhy would like to spend so Mr. Greer approached Marion County about grant money available. Marion County thought the project was feasible for grant money but they would need an engineer's estimate for the project and the grant application is due the end of September. The LCA has offered to fund the cost for the engineers estimate needed to apply for the grant. Mr. Greer presented a map with 3 possible plans (attached) for the tile project after he met with the engineer Tom Gleespen. The Davis tile would stay as a functioning tile and the proposed project would be to reroute a new tile. A motion was made Melissa Shawver to allow Clarence Greer to proceed with the project with a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed.

A motion was made by John Howard to continue with the tile clean out in the alley along High St across from the municipal building with a budget extension of \$1000 with a second by Melissa Shawver.

2017-5 was read for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading to sell real estate to Lance Roberts on Front Street for \$1000.

Kenny Bookman wanted to know if catch basins were going to be cleaned out and what yard waste will be picked up? Tyler Howell reported that catch basins will be cleaned out and Mayor Lightfoot reported that limbs will still be picked but the Village is not picking up debris when residents have trees cut down.

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A request by Delbert Roberts was mentioned that he would like to know if the area behind his house was going to be cleaned up. No further information was available and the area will be looked at to see what exactly needs cleaned up.

Tom Tucker reported how much the board of Public Affairs appreciated all that Holcomb does for the Village and he came right away when they needed him for the water line break.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk