

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL November 2017 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on November 6, 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, Cindy Price, David Stallsmith, and Jennifer Tucker.

Guests present: Panfil Costea, Tom Tucker, Jon Boyd, Clarence Greer, Kenny Bookman, Lance Roberts, Kenneth Bookman, and Richard Holcomb.

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 Jennifer Tucker.

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

Mayor- Property on Market Street (Boles old property) was going to be elevated but no bids were received so the County is going to rebid the project with a different approach.

The Fassler Property next to the municipal building has had the health department contacted and they will be taking them to court due to the properties condition.

Delson Horn's old property on High Street and the Old Catholic church on McCormick Street are going through the land bank process.

Phoenix Environmental had paperwork available and they have classified the Village's vacant property on High Street as class C which means the Village is not responsible for the pollution. A fee was presented for \$300 for the material cost for the next phase of work that needs to be done. The group plans to get their compensation when grant money is received to clean up the pollution. The main work that will be completed is several monitoring wells to test the water table for pollution if grant money is acquired. A motion was made by John Howard to approve the \$300 fee to Phoenix Environmental so they can proceed with grant applications with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Christmas in the Village will be on December 14. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to close High Street with a second by Jennifer Tucker, motion passed.

BPA – The valve on the water tower needs to be replaced so the plan is to try and get the valve off and put a plug in. The Board would like to schedule a meeting with Larry Heiser to discuss the situation that occurred during the water line project on Market Street to see if any legal action can be taken. During the Market Street line replacement project the Village had numerous breaks throughout town and have now cost them roughly \$30,000 in repairs.

The usage at the plant is back to normal with running between 30,000-35,000 gallons per day.

The holes along Market Street from the line repairs need to have something done since the stone won't stay so discussion was held about putting concrete in them. Lastly the street saw stopped working and trash pump quit working so both those items will need to be replaced.

Park & Pool – Closed up for the season with everything put away and winterized. Cindy Price mentioned holding a public meeting to discuss the pools future since it financially is costing the Village so much money to run. Council decided to hold a public meeting on January 22nd @7pm to allow the

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community to voice their options. A motion was made by Cindy Price to hold a town meeting on January 22nd @7pm to discuss the future of the La Rue Swimming pool with a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed.

Sheriff – Sheriff has been in town and working more hours.

Maintenance – Park all closed up, started leaf pickup, and most time has been spent repairing water lines. The Christmas light decorations need repaired and the Lions club is willing to replace the lights on all the decorations. Tyler Howell and Tom Roberts are going to work on the decorations and see how many they can repair so they can use them this year since buying new decorations is not feasible right now.

Zoning – Cindy Price stated that she looked up several communities online and all the zoning books were like 75+ pages. She felt that the zoning board needs to look into a new zoning code so a board meeting is going to be scheduled to look into the matter.

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety – Renewal Levy will be on the November ballot and the letters on the sign in front of the fire station were stolen. Still a concern for the response time from Medicare so several trustees meet to discuss the options that are available. New Bloomington has joined the district and Bill McElroy will now be on the board. John Boyd has resigned as the acting chief and Paul Kerr is the acting chief.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Clarence Greer wanted to update on the J-Lenco tile project after the project hearing that was held at the Marion County Building and was very well attended by La Rue representatives. The projects for Issue 1 were all presented La Rue's project was the lowest dollar project but also the project with the lowest points. The project is going to be moved over to small government grants so it can be more competitive and hopefully qualify. Mr. Greer had several items that were needed including financial certification letter, authorizing legislation documentation, flooding pictures, letters from J-Lenco and Kiwanis on past floods, and Easements. Lastly Roger Dietrich brought up that Tom Gleespen has discussed retiring and he wanted to make sure he was going to complete the project. Clarence Greer reported that Tom Gleespen has committed to be the project engineer by signing all the documents accordingly and if something would change then the Village would have to hire a design engineer. The Village should not have any issue if they had to hire another engineer because the engineer costs are set by the state so the amounts should not change.

Ordinance 2017-5 final reading for the sale of the property at 345 Front Street to Lance Roberts for the sum of \$1,000. A motion was made to pass the ordinance as read by Jennifer Tucker and a second by Cindy Price, motion passed. Agreement was then read and signed for the sale of the property at 345 Front Street.

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New Business:

Council will hold their first meeting in 2018 on Tuesday January 2nd @7pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 4, 2017 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk
