

# LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

## February 2018 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on February 5, 2018 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, David Stallsmith, John Boyd, and Cindy Price.

Guests present: Judy Cobb, Clarence Greer, Tom Tucker, Kenneth Bookman, Panfil Costea, Mary Snyder, Teri Erwin, Amy Kerr, Kim Berry, and Jessie Carl.

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 Melissa Shawver.

The special meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Cindy Price and a second by John Howard.

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

### **Mayor- X**

State of the Village by Mayor Lightfoot:

Mayor Lightfoot thanked the following:

- Council for all the work they put in throughout the year and thanks to John Boyd the newest member.
- BPA for running the water & sewer activities in the village.
- Clerk Mary Price for all the work with handling our money and keeping things running.
- LCA for their help and guidance with storm tiles and other things in the community.
- Lions Club for the work they have done especially at the park

Tasks that were completed in 2017:

- N High Street tile to the river has been cleaned and repaired
- S High Street storm tile extended to the river
- Market Street water line replaced
- Sold the backhoe and the old village truck
- Purchase new pool pump with filter and warning pressure system equipment

Projects for 2018:

- J Lenco storm relief tile project with grant money
- Sections of Marsh & Price Street to be chip and sealed
- Purchase a tractor and equipment that goes with it
- Purchase back flow devices for the tiles that go into the river.
- Solicitor trying to bring some pressure on the engineer firm for the water plant and Market Street water line project
- Obtain a loan to fix high service pumps and south well repairs

2018 may be a tough year finically since very little money was carried over to start the year.

Contract from the real estate company for the property on the corner of Vine & High Street was received. Mr. Hesier is still not satisfied with the contract because it still doesn't state the village has no responsibility for the polluted land and recognition that the soil is polluted.

**BPA** – Application submitted to OWDA for the loan they are trying to obtain to replace the high service pumps and several other items. EPA is requiring the Board to submit a violation letter to all the residents

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for failure to correct the high service pump issue at the plant. The Board has not been able to replace the pumps due to lack of finances and they are currently waiting on approval from OWDA for a loan.

**Park & Pool** – The following group was present that has volunteered to help with ideas for the pool this season: Teri Erwin, Amy Kerr, Kim Berry, and Jessie Carl. The group would like to try and add some things to the pool to try and increase revenue / draw more attention. Terri Erwin set up a go fund me account on line with a goal of \$8,500 in donations and she was happy to report that they are at around \$8,300. A large donations of \$8,000 was made by an anonymous source. The LCA and Lions Club have also committed to donation of approximately \$4000 together. The group is waiting to see who the manager will be this year in order to move forward with ideas. The group would like to get the membership application out to the local schools and let people know about the pool and possibly a discounted membership rate if purchased early.

Jessie Carl was the only person that submitted a resume and was present at the council meeting to express her interest in the position. Council covered the expectation of the Village and what all the position would entail. Council felt Mrs. Carl would be a good fit for the manager this season and she would have the support of the group that has formed.

**Ordinance 2018 -3** was read to hire Jessie Carl as the pool manager for the 2018 season with a motion by John Howard to suspend the rules and a second by Cindy Price, motion passed. A motion was then made by Melissa Shawver to pass the Ordinance 2018-3 and a second by Cindy Price, motion passed.

**Sheriff** – The deputy that was patrolling in La Rue has went to full time.

**Maintenance** – X

**Zoning** – X

**Tree Commission** – X

**Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – Permissive tax application submitted. Culvert in front of Bob Howells property along 37 needs filled because a hole is forming and continues to get larger. Tyler Howell is meeting with Bruce from the County to see what they can do to correct the issue.

**Fire & Safety** – The fire department will not be supplying an AED machine this season for the pool to use. Fire department expressed concern with the curve being out this summer on the corner of 37 & Section Street. It was reported that in 2017 the fire department has 235 runs and 35 runs alone in Dec.

**Buildings & Grounds** – X

**Cable** – X

**Regional Planning** – X

**Old Business:**

Clarence Greer reported that the preliminary drawings should be available in two weeks and will then require Councils approval. There will be a limited time between when the preliminary drawings are

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received and approval to when the final drawings are needed. Roger Dietrich was contacted regarding what was still needed and that would be easements signed, notarized, & filed. The final drawings approved by council are due March 16. All the easements have been given to the property owners at this time. John Boyd asked what if they run into a problem while excavating and Clarence reported they will only be going 4 feet down and they have around an excess of \$20,000 to cover the unknown. Dorothy Pelanda would like to come see the proposed project so a meeting is scheduled for Friday February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm

Cindy Price asked about the status of the new zoning book and Mayor Lightfoot reported a zoning meeting still needs to be scheduled.

**New Business:**

Cindy Price asked if the Village still had a riding mower because she was contacted by someone that would like to volunteer to mow the park this season if the Village supplied the equipment. Tyler Howell reported the Village still has a zero turn mower. Mr. Howell also felt there were several properties that he thought the Village could handle like the water plant and not hire them out.

Cindy Price made a motion to go into executive session @8:54 to discuss personnel matters with a second by Melissa Shawver

Cindy Price made a motion to exit executive session @9:22 with a second by Melissa Shawver.

A motion was made by Cindy Price that Council is stratified with Tyler Howell's performance the past 6 months with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 5, 2018 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk