

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

April 2018 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on April 2, 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, David Stallsmith, Melissa Shawver, John Boyd, and Cindy Price.

Guests present: Mary Snyder, Clarence Greer, Ric Patterson, Panfil Costea, Jessie Carl, Joan Kasotis, and Mr. Kasotis, and Amy Kerr.

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 Lisa Howard.

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

Resolution 2018-4 was read to renew the park levy for the 1.5 mil. A motion was made by John Howard to pass the resolution with a second by John Howard. Joan Kasotis reported that a home valued at \$100,000 would pay \$42.98 per year. The estimated amount the levy will collect is \$9,862.

Resolution 2018-5 was to read to put the 1.5 park levy on the November ballot with a motion by John Howard and a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed.

Proclamation was read to adopt arbor day on the last friday of April.

Mayor- Section Street railroad will be closed starting March 3rd to repair the crossing.

Mayor Lightfoot had a meeting with Brian Davidson and Laura Wright and they reported that Market Street will be resurfaced summer 2019, ST RT 37 will be done summer 2018, and curve on North Street and Section Street will be done summer of 2019. Mr. Davidson reported it would take 2 weeks to complete the curve on North Street and Section Street.

Health Board Meeting report was passed around for review.

BPA – Large valve broke in the water plant and was fixed. System that reads meters broke so a new handheld was purchased.

Park & Pool – Jessie Carl reported that they have 5 lifeguards are signed up and 2 are officially certified. The lifeguards certification fee was paid for because otherwise Mrs. Carl stated the interested lifeguards did not have the money. A contract as signed with the lifeguard and parents they have to return the money if they do not pass the certification or if they quit during the season. Mrs. Carl would like to see the donation money reimbursed for that certification money since the village typically pays for that already. The Board did not feel comfortable giving money towards the donation fund but they would pay for some repairs they were planning on doing to offset that cost.

A list of repairs was reported along with items the health department have written the pool up previously that are going to be addressed as follows:

- Replace some dry rotted doors
- Replace screen door in the concession stand
- New Paper towel holder and soap dispenser
- Lockable cabinet
- New refrigerators

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- New ceiling fan
- Filing cabinet along with lifeguards certification on site
- Appliances need to be upgraded to commercial grade

Sheriff – Report for February and March for calls was passed around.

Maintenance – Mayor Lightfoot reported that Tom Roberts expressed interest in coming back. Council still needs to find a part time employee to help in case Mr. Roberts does not return.

Zoning – Zoning meeting was held and they wanted to rewrite the zoning book but after discussion with Regional Planning and everything is in there that needs to be so no changes were made. Next meeting scheduled for April 24th. Property at 330 Market Street was cited for running a business in an R-1 district. Cindy Price asked the question regarding flying a drone over a property if the residents put a fence up and if the Village has legal rights. Parking in the front yards is also a violation of the zoning code.

Tree Commission – No trees will be cut down this year the budget will just be used to trim along the streets so fire trucks and get through. Meeting minutes from 3-21-18 were passed around for viewing,

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Clarence Greer stated that Vine Street needs addressed because it has some massive cracks that need addressed before the Village loses the whole street. Chip and seal of Section Street with the County was discussed and the Council did not feel it was top priority at this time. Intersection of Vine and Section Street is getting rough. Clerk Mary Price is going to see if the Village can change streets whats all allowed with the permissive tax \$.

Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable – X

Regional Planning –

Old Business:

Dollar Store update was that the last contract was sent back because it did not have all the information the solicitor wanted to be included.

New Business:

Ordinance 2018 – 3 was read to allow for a 2 yr abatement of business development downtown. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to suspend the rules with a second by Cindy Price, motion passed. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to accept Ordinance 2018-3 with a second by Cindy Price, motion passed with 4 ayes and 2 abstains. Panfil Costea expressed that he felt it may be unfair to allow businesses to come in and have taxes forgiven but residents are not granted the same options. Council expressed that this could encourage growth up town and currently we are not collecting anything on them now anyways. Council expressed concerns with someone buying the property and then they never complete the remodeling. Clarence Greer bought up the point that several other properties in town as Greenwood Building and 139 Vine Street are both in tax foreclosure so delinquent taxes will be forgive through the foreclosure process.

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2018 Mowing Bid:

Ric's Landscaping price per mow – 36 High Street \$29, 350 High Street \$94, Lagoons on Dry Lane \$99.

Scioto Valley Construction price per mow – 36 High Street \$45, 350 High Street \$90, Lagoons on Dry Lane \$100.

A motion was made by Lisa Howard to approve Ric's Landscaping to mow 36 High Street, 350 High Street, and Lagoons on Dry Lane with a second by John Howard, motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 abstain.

Clarence Greer provided J-Lenco tile project update that we should hear something middle of April for funding. Engineering budget was originally for \$6,000 and the final invoice was \$5,300. LCA agreed to pick up the \$4,000 engineering invoice plus the \$350 application fees already paid. This project will be Tom Gleespen's last project so a new engineering firm will need to be located.

Cleanup day May 19th just the Village.

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

Mayor

Clerk