

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2018 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on September 4, 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 Shawver, John Boyd, and Cindy Price.

Guests present: Panfil Costea, Clarence Greer, Ben & Luke Waldo, Tom Tucker, and Connie Kendall.

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 John Howard.

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

Mayor- Environmental grant was received for the cleanup of the vacant Village property uptown on the corner of Vine and High Street. An environmentalist will need to be hired and Mayor Lightfoot would like to hire the gentlemen from Phoenix Group that helped obtain the grant for the Village.

Pre-construction meeting will be held Tuesday Sept 5th @9:30am to go over everything for the J Lenco Storm Relief Project.

DKMM reported they would be not renewing the contract with Sims so the Village will have another company delivering containers for recycling at the Municipal Building.

BPA – Tom Tucker has resigned from the BPA as of September 30, 2018. Justin Wall is going to replace Tom Tucker on the Board.

Dale Albert resigned from operator of the plant and Tyler Howell has submitted all the necessary paperwork to EPA to obtain his license.

ROs are beyond repair from the well issues so 21 membranes are going to be replaced in RO #1 and it will cost \$11,000. The south well is functioning great after Jamison's cleaning and is pumping more water than it ever has.

Complaints about water quality (oil look in the water) and based off a sample taken at Kenny Price's house and it was a high level of iron. Alloway reported that if you stir the water and it disappears then its excess iron in the water. Panfil Costea reported issues with a load of whites turned brown after washing so Tyler Howell flushed the hydrants along Vine Street.

The new billing software with automated readings is still being finished up.

Kiwanis Village meter still needs replaced and Tom Tucker reported it will be ordered and replaced.

Park & Pool – Pool has been pumped down and all the plugs have been pulled, concession stand has been cleaned out, and chairs have been put away since the manager didn't take care of anything after she left. If the pool is not opened then the Village will still need to be filled and chlorinated because the liner cannot take the heat.

Cindy Price wanted to know if the mowing at the park could be backed down to save on costs so Mayor Lightfoot will talk with Ric Patterson about trying to mow less.

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Panfil Costea felt spending the money that goes towards the pool could be used elsewhere for things that are necessary like street work and water quality. The water plant and pool are the biggest expenses in the Village so finding someone to lease and operate so the Village does not have the responsibility. Aqua not interested in running the plant based off previous conversations. Cindy Price expressed that local government funding has been cut by the state significantly so that has hurt small communities. Clarence Greer felt the board has seen the worse and they should be starting to see the benefits of the last rate increase.

Sheriff – Invoice received but no revenue for a while and Cindy Price felt more tickets need to be written.

Maintenance – Railroad ties at the municipal building playground have all been moved uptown.

Zoning – Meeting was held last month and some people thought the cost was too high for permits but the board felt the new fees should stay the same.

Tree Commission – The commission cleaned up the area behind the Village's vacant lot on the corner of Vine & High Street. Clarence Greer reported the board is still without a chairperson. The Arbor Day ceremony will be October 1st @6:30pm. Bob Howell did a significant amount of trimming for the board that saved money because it did not need to be hired out. A pole chain saw was purchased and rather than spending \$55 per tree Bob Howell was paid to trim the trees.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Mayor Lightfoot spoke with Brian Davis, ODOT Engineer, and let him know that Council was not interested in applying for an OPWC grant for the resurfacing of St Rt 95. Mr. Davis requested access to the money in the St Hwy account which will be very little amount because the \$4,000 in the St Hwy account will be used towards the repairs of the spots along Market Street from the water line repairs.

Started repairing spots along Market Street from the water line repairs.

Tyler Howell suggested purchasing a crack sealing machine that would help hold off on the chip and sealing on some roads.

John Boyd wanted to know when Front Street is going to be fixed so Tyler Howell reported the hot mix that was purchased for Market Street is going to be used to fix other potholes around town.

Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

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Old Business:

Cindy Price wanted to know the status of the basketball pole that was hit at the municipal building so Tyler Howell is going contact Mark Lion's to see the status.

New Business:

None

The next regular meeting will be held on October 1, 2018 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk