

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL December 2018 MINUTES

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

Guests present: Mary Snyder, Oscar Holcomb, Kenny Bookman, 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 Cindy Price 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.

Mayor-

The Mayor reported that he contacted Regional Planning and FEMA regarding grants for backflow devices. The GPD engineering firm is still researching grants for the Village and the cost for their services can be covered by the grants possibly. Lastly, the engineering firm is working on getting an additional free appraisal on the water tower for the repairs that need completed.

USDA completed the Villages compliance review, afterwards a letter was sent following up, and they feel the Village should raise the sewer rate. The system is getting older, more maintenance will be required, and the Village does not have enough in reserve. The lagoons will need to be clean out eventually and the material will have to be hauled to a specialized landfill.

Resident along Vine Street was concerned about plowing the street with the chip and seal and the stones being pushed onto the yards, but Mayor Lightfoot sated the plow blade shouldn't do that.

A quote was received from Johnson's to sweep the streets and they will charge \$90 per hr with a 2 hr minimum. They would like to set up a rotation on the service to sweep streets that have catch basins every 3 months and streets with no catch basins 2-4 times per year. Mayor Lightfoot stated he thought they did a nice job last time they came to sweep streets. John Boyd stated he does not feel the Board can afford this service at this time and Council agreed.

Mayor Lightfoot reported that Tyler Howell has personally acquired a small dump truck to use for Village work like patching streets and other jobs since it sits lower to the ground. The truck is in Tyler's name and insured but he is willing to allow the Village to use the truck. Cindy Price asked about liability with the vehicle since it is in Tyler Howell's name but he will be using it for village work. Lisa Howard suggested offering a yearly set amount for renting the vehicle that can offset the cost of maintenance. Cindy Price was concerned with going this route and she wanted the solicitor asked first if this was wise for the village before he drafts a contract. Mayor Lightfoot is going to contact the solicitor and get a contract drafted if he approves. Council decided upon a rate of \$500 per year if the solicitor approves.

The last information on the gas station cleanup is that they removed 250 tons of dirt that went to a special place in Columbus and filled the area in with gravel. At this point, no test results have come back from the soil or the six monitoring wells.

BPA – Everything is running at the plant and still waiting on the board to decide if they want to fix the north well or order membranes for the other RO. The valve has arrived for the repair down by Ford's but the weather has not permitted the installation. The hydrant that will be replaced along High Street has

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been ordered but has not arrived. The board approved the purchase of a new meter at Kiwanis but it has not been ordered yet.

Complaints have been made about the Fassler family moving into the Redd property along High Street and that they are turning the water on/off and dumping raw sewage into the back yard. The Health Department was contacted and Cindy Price reported that she spoke with them and they made a visit and found no raw sewage but did site them for trash on the property. Furthermore, there is suspension that they may be using a septic tank and the health department does not have clear records if it is still on the property or was removed. Cindy Price is going to call the health department back and ask if there was running water because if there is then they will be reported to the sheriff again for tampering with a public utility. The water at this property was shut off several years ago due to nonpayment.

Park & Pool – X

Sheriff – 2019 contract was presented and the rate is still \$23.50 per hour. A motion was made by Lisa Howard to approve the contract with a second by John Howard, motion passed with five ayes and one nay.

Maintenance – The Village is done mowing, the municipal building has been cleaned and mopped, toilets have all been fixed in the women's restroom, and the furnace in the council room is scheduled for repair.

Zoning – Zoning board meet on Wednesday November 28 and allowed Richard Holcomb to replace the trailer on the corner of Chestnut and Market St. The board felt it would look better than the trailer that is currently there and he is required to meet all regulations with a foundation and anchoring.

Cindy Price asked for an update on the property on Vine Street behind the bank and Mayor Lightfoot reported he would contact her again because nothing has changed.

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Streets have been salted a couple times and all the Christmas lights have been put up. Leaf pickup is completed and they hauled 29 loads in this year.

Fire & Safety – Cindy Price reported that from January 1 to November 14 the fire department has completed 223 runs. A grant was obtained to purchase thermal imaging equipment and some other safety equipment.

Buildings & Grounds – Clerk Mary Price is going to contact AEP regarding a security light for the municipal building parking lot.

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

New Business:

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Cindy Price reported that she attend a sunshine law meeting and gave Clerk Mary Price the certificate which will cover all the council members during their current term.

Cindy Price completed a couple Village calendar updates by adding Kenny Bookman as the tree commission and Wendy Crabtree as the BPA contact number.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 8, 2018 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk