

# LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

## January 2109 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on January 8, 2019 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: None

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.

A motion was made to appoint David Stallsmith as council president by Cindy Price and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Committees will remain the same from 2018.

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

### **Mayor-**

2019 State of the Village address:

Mayor Lightfoot would like to thank the village council for their dedication to their elected positions. Board of Public Affairs, which has the task of running the water, and sewer facilities. Fiscal Officer Mary Price for all the hard work to keep the Village running. The LCA for all their help with storm sewer drainage.

Projects that were completed in 2018:

- J Lenco Storm Tile project completed
- \$150,000 grant received for the cleanup of the property at 36 N High Street
- Approved Water & Sewer abatement for properties uptown
- Two new high service pumps installed at the water plant
- Conversion of the clerk position to an appointed fiscal officer position
- Purchased zero turn mower and tractor

Upcoming 2019:

- 36 N High Street property cleaned up and sold to Family Dollar
- Alley by the lumber mill completed
- Obtain grants to get the water off of South St
- Grant for storm sewer tile to the river and fitted with back flow devices
- Grant to resurface N High Street along with the State so it can be resurfaced in 2020
- North well cleaned and replace the remaining ROs at the water plant

Upcoming year we will not have any more money than the previous year so grants will be searched for to complete the desired projects.

**Ordinance 2019 – 1** was read to hire Larry Heiser as the Villages Solicitor. A motion was made by John Howard to suspend the rules and a second by David Stallmsith, motion passed. A motion was then made by John Howard to approve the hiring of Mr. Heiser and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

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**Ordinance 2019 – 2** for the 2019 appropriations. A motion was made by Lisa Howard to suspend the rules and a second by John Howard, motion passed. A motion was then made by David Stallsmith to approve the 2019 appropriations and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

**Resolution 2019 – 1** to accept blanket purchase orders 1-2019 through 39-2019 was approved with a motion by John Howard and a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed.

**BPA** – Tyler Howell reported it has been a busy month with replacing old meters, water break on Vine Street, and valve replaced at the end of High Street by Ford's Appliances.

The water tower had an additional company come to do an inspection of the paint on the tower. The official report has not been completed but during the inspection, the company feels the original silver paint on the tower is oil based so the coats on top of it are not sticking properly due to that fact. There are very few grants to repaint a tower with oil base paint, but the company said there are more options if the Village would look at obtaining a grant to replace the tower. More discuss and information will be available when the official inspection report is received.

**Ordinance 2019-3** was read for the first time to increase the sewer base rate from \$25 to \$30 and the usage rate from \$5.25 to \$6.00 per thousand. The recent audit and USDA compliance review both stated that the sewer fund is not bringing in enough funds to cover expenses so they recommended the rates to be raised. The last sewer raise was in the beginning of 2013.

**Park & Pool** – John Howard stated he felt there are two options for the pool this coming year. The first option would be to close the pool and the second option would be find a private entity that would want to lease the pool and operate it. The board discussed the lack of funds and staffing for the pool as the major issues that they are facing. A motion was then made by John Boyd to close the pool for the 2019 season with a second by Melissa Shawer, motion passed. Tyler Howell reported that the pool would still need to be filled and water circulated through it to keep the liner from going bad. The current park & pool levy should be able to cover the cost of chlorine and the electric to circulate the pool. The two restrooms will remain open outside the pool house.

**Sheriff** – X

**Maintenance** – AEP came in to inspect the municipal building for more parking lot lighting and they are going to install a pole with a light in the next 30 days.

Cindy Price asked Tyler Howell about the fire hydrants that Chief Kerr reported to him that were not functioning. Tyler Howell reported that they do still work and he is waiting on Core & Main to get the tool to repair the hydrants and no time frame for repair is available.

**Zoning** – X

**Tree Commission** – X

**Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – Tyler Howell reported that storm drains have all been cleaned out.

The health department is concerned with the parking behind the grocery store where the Amish park their horses so Tyler Howell is planning to lay some stone and timbers down.

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The one-way street sign in the alley behind the post office needs to be replaced.

**Fire & Safety** – Cindy Price reported that fire station awarded a grant and that 10 fire departments went together to purchase new call software.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Tyler Howell presented to council that the new owner of the grocery store was curious if the Village was interested in the meat locker building. Council does not feel they have a use for the meat locker so they are not interested at this time.

**Cable** – X

**Regional Planning** – X

**Old Business:**

Cindy Price reported that property along East Vine Street still needs cleaned up so Mayor Lightfoot is going to contact the homeowners.

Cindy Price asked about the status of the meeting that was going to be held about the storm drainage. John Howard reported that he still needs to schedule the meeting.

**New Business:**

Cindy Price reported that she would not be putting the monthly Village calendar together anymore.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 5, 2019 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer