

# LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

## February 2019 MINUTES

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

Guests present: Kenny Bookman, Mary Snyder, Wendy Crabtree, 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 David Stallsmith, motion passed.

**Mayor** – The last update on the Dollar Store situation is they are getting anxious having to wait on the cleanup of the vacant lot. The Dollar Store now would like to buy one acre in front of the municipal building on the corner of High and School Street. The Board would like more additional information and a layout of how the store would be located in front of the municipal building.

The cleanup of the lot is still moving forward and just recently, a permit had to be obtained to drill two test holes on Vine Street to test and see if anything leaked out into the road.

**BPA** – Quotes for the RO membrane filters & well repair were gathered so a loan could be applied for through OWDA.

Water break was repaired along High Street when the temperatures dropped in the -30 degrees the last week of January.

**Ordinance 2019-3** was read for the second 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.

**Resolution 2019-2** was read to authorize a cooperative agreement for a water project loan between the Village and OWDA. A motion was made by Lisa Howard to approve the resolution and a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

**Park & Pool** – Mary Price reported she has contacted the health department to see what would happen if the Village did not purchase the food and pool permit this season. The health department has not provided the information regarding the permits at this time.

Cindy Price wants Mayor Lightfoot to check with the Solicitor about the park & pool levy money if the pool does not operate this season.

**Sheriff** – X

**Maintenance** – Tyler Howell reported that Ryan Eisele is waiting on a part for the furnace repair in the council room.

Light has been installed outside the municipal building by AEP and Tyler Howell is going to contact them because they did not install a light that was directed towards the parking lot.

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**Zoning** – X

**Tree Commission** – X

**Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – Chestnut Street has some pot holes that need repaired.

**Fire & Safety** – Cindy Price reported the fireboard is still discussing the options of transporting and they had 265 runs in 2018 which 191 of those were EMS. John Boyd felt that Cindy Price should chair the fireboard because they are just switching it back and forth between the two townships and Ohio Revised Code states that it should be rotated because all the entities.

**Buildings & Grounds** – X

**Cable** – X

**Regional Planning** – X

**Old Business:**

Cindy Price wanted to know an update on the Vine Street property cleanup and nothing has been done at this point with the weather.

John Howard reported that Ed Murphy, Clarence Greer, Mayor Lightfoot, and he met this morning to discuss the flooding projects through town. The main project being discussed is getting back flow devices installed with six at this point. The GPD engineering group is going to assist with looking for grants and funding for the project. Some additional labor projects locally are storm grates need cleared, concrete by the railroad viaduct needs removed, and lastly looking into a piece of equipment that can be installed temporarily to hold back flood water along some roads when it runs over.

**New Business:**

Cindy Price reported that Jennifer Conroy wants to sponsor a shred it day and wants to see if the Village is interested. Council discussed that holding a cleanup day and shred it day on the same would be an option. Connie Kendall suggested checking if Red Roof Auto will take tires on cleanup for residents for a small fee. Council decided to tentatively hold cleanup day on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 1pm and shred it day will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

La Rue garage sales will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> and Bob Janke will organize the event.

Executive session was entered into at 8:21pm to discuss personnel matters with a motion by John Howard and a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Executive session was exited at 8:53pm with a motion by Cindy Price and a second by John Howard, motion passed.

A motion was made by Cindy Price to increase Tyler Howell's pay to \$55,000 with a yearly 3% increase with no second, motion did not pass.

A motion was made by John Howard to raise Tyler Howell's annual salary to \$50,000 with an annual 5% increase with a satisfactory evaluation with a second Cindy Price, motion passed.

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The next regular meeting will be held on March 4, 2019 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer