

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

March 2019 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on March 4, 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, Melissa Shawver, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Mary Snyder, Wendy Crabtree, Doug Shawver, 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 John Howard and a second by John Boyd.

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 – A progress report was presented from Jeff Paetz on the cleanup of the Villages vacant property.

The realtor for the Dollar Store has changed their minds and they no longer desire the property in front of the municipal building that was discussed at the last Council meeting. The Dollar Store being built up town at this point is still contingent on the vacant lot cleanup completion.

A letter was received from Elgin Local Schools requesting the use of the building for the summer free lunch program. A motion was made by John Howard to allow Elgin Schools to use the building this summer with a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed.

BPA –

OWDA loan was approved for the purchase of the RO membranes and north well repair. Tyler Howell has contacted Jamison Well Drilling to schedule the well repair and Wigen to order the membranes.

Ordinance 2019-3 was read for the third 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. A motion was made by John Boyd to approve Ordinance 2019-3 with no second so the Ordinance failed.

Park & Pool – The food and pool license will need to be purchased if Council every wants to open the pool in the future. If the permits are not purchased than the pool and concession stand will have to go through a full inspection and nothing will be grandfathered in anymore. Lisa Howard expressed that she feels the pool will not reopen and we should not spend the money on the permits. Melissa Shawver feel that Council had only decided to close the pool this season and hopefully open in the future so the permits should be purchase. The pool and concession permits will cost \$800. A motion was made by John Howard to purchase the license for the pool and concession with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

The Lingo shelter house had a large amount of shingles blow off during heavy wind. The insurance company will be contacted to see what coverage the Village has and Tyler Howell will be contacting Danny's Roofing to get a quote.

This summer the park does need some things done like playground equipment, cleanup, and other cosmetic things to make it look nicer. The Little league tournament will be held at the park this season and it would be a great idea to have the park looking nice for that event.

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John Howard wanted an update on the park & pool levy money for what it can be used for and Mayor Lightfoot still needs to check with the solicitor he stated.

Sheriff – X

Maintenance – X

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Alley behind Chestnut Street and High Street needs leveled out.

Fire & Safety – The fire department is in the process of replacing the ceiling tile and it was donated by Dry Lane Construction along with replacing the carpet with tile that was donated by Montgomery township.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Tyler Howell wanted to report that the County Engineer stated that La Rue is not permitted to put up a floodwall without an engineer's report outside of town.

New Business:

John Howard is going to be attending a meeting with Marion EMA with the formation of the mitigation plan. Mr. Howard would like to have Councils approval to speak on their behalf and Council did not see any issues with that. Mayor Lightfoot expressed he would be attending the meeting also.

John Boyd expressed a concern that Richard Holcomb's backhoe was a potential hazard when digging on Market Street because there was no cones or flashing lights notifying drivers. Tyler Howell reported he would take care of the situation for the future.

Cindy Price has expressed that she will be resigning from Council but she has not submitted her resignation letter yet. Lisa Howard stated she had a recommendation when the times come to fill the empty seat and it was Connie Kendall. Mayor Lightfoot asked Mrs. Kendall if she would like to fill the empty Council seat and she stated yes.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 1, 2019 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer