

## LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL APRIL 2019 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on April 1, 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, David Stallsmith, Connie Kendall, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Mike Augenstein, Mary Snyder, Kenny Bookman, Cindy Price, Paul Kerr, Amy Kerr, and Mrs. Berry.

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 David Stallsmith.

Mayor Lightfoot swore Connie Kendall into office with a term ending date of 12/31/21.

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

**Mayor** – A yearly report was presented from the Health Department and the main area of concern for Council was that there is only one mosquito trap in the La Rue area.

**Proclamation** was read for Arbor and the date is still to be determined for the planting of the tree.

**BPA** – Tyler Howell reported on the water tower status and went over the pictures that were taken when Pittsburg Tank came in to repair the leaks. Pittsburg Tank was unable to weld the inside of the tank because the rivets were falling out so they ended up using an epoxy product to seal the holes. To repair the tower it would require a new base and then everything on the tower would need to be upgraded because it would no longer be grandfathered in. The cost and amount of work to repair the existing tower would be significant so the Board of Public Affairs has been in contact with GPD Engineering about installing a new tower. The tower has not been filled back up yet and Tyler Howell feels once it is filled it will still leak due to the poor condition of the tank. The EPA will be contacted and updated on the status of the tank on Tuesday and see what they want the Village to do. Paul Kerr does not feel the Village should fill the water tower because of the liability. Tyler Howell stated he would see what the EPA would like the Village to do and fill it slowly to see if it leaks.

The tool to repair the hydrants is available so repairs have been started and at this point Tyler Howell is having trouble getting the hydrant in front of the Methodist Church broke open.

**Ordinance 2019-4** was read to approve the forgiveness of delinquent water & sewer charges to the two parcels at 105 School Street the Fassler property. Mark Umphrey a neighbor to the property desires to cleanup and tear down the garage and house at 105 School Street. A motion was made by John Howard to suspend the rules with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. A motion was made by David Stallsmith to approve the ordinance to forgive the delinquent water and sewer at 105 School with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

**Park & Pool** – Tyler Howell reported on some items at the park that need addressed and provided pictures for Council to review. The Baseball for Youth Organization is planning to repair the fencing and installing a new back field fence. The Organization would like the Village to haul in some dirt for the fields and paint for the dugouts. The basketball hoops need to be addressed, old bleachers along the shelter house needs to be scrapped, doorframes on concession need replaced, wooden play set needs repaired, and the swing set legs are damaged so it needs to be removed. Tyler Howell felt a \$1000 should

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cover the necessary projects at this point at the park and Council was in agreement with all the projects using park levy money. The swing set is going to be taken down since it is not safe so to replace that equipment Council is going to apply for a grant through Mid Ohio Energy.

The roof on the shelter at the park still needs repaired and to claim it on the insurance The Village has a \$1000 deductible. The Lion's Club is willing to help with materials they just need to know what exactly the Village wants to do.

John Howard would like to look into designating a park area outside of the municipal building. The solicitor will be contacted to see the process to name it a park.

### **Sheriff** – X

**Maintenance** – Green camp is getting rid of a mower that could be used for mowing at the lagoons that would attached to the tractor. The item up for auction is open for sealed bids up to April 15<sup>th</sup>. John Howard made a motion to place a sealed bid for \$500.00 with a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed.

### **Zoning** – X

**Tree Commission** – Kenny Bookman reported he was not sure what is going on with the committee and Mayor Lightfoot stated he should schedule a meeting and whomever does not show up he will talk with them.

### **Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – Tyler Howell reported he filled many potholes and the catch basin on Market / High Street has been repaired. The catch basin will roped off for 28 days until it fully sets up. The catch basin needs to be jetted because it is not flowing properly.

The crack machine was used around the municipal building parking lot and he suggested Council consider having the whole thing sealed this year.

**Fire & Safety** – Chief Kerr reported the last meeting they went over some new grants they are trying to obtain for updating equipment and gear. Last year the fire department was able to get around \$200,000 in grants. The department is looking at putting a levy on in November to cover staffing at the station.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Lisa Howard would like to plant some flowers, install some solar lights, and clean up the Villages sign out front of the municipal building. Council was fine with the project and she would be reimbursed for the cost of the items.

### **Cable** – X

### **Regional Planning** – X-

### **Old Business:**

Cleanup day May 18<sup>th</sup> and Cindy Price will take care of Sims and all the advertisement.

### **New Business:**

Mike Augenstien presented a renewal / updated Mid OH Energy franchise Ordinance for the Village of La Rue that covers if the Village expands to the east it would still be covered.

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**Resolution 2019-2** was presented regarding an agreement for the Village's use of Tyler Howell's small white truck. Tyler Howell would be compensated \$10 per diem for the use of his truck for Village business. He would be responsible for the maintenance and insurance of the vehicle. A motion was made by John Boyd to approve the resolution with a second by John Howard, motion passed.

Oorand Moorang Bang event would like to have the road closed on High Street from the stop light to School Street on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>. They would also like to have Vine Street closed from the alley behind JC's Pizza to Front Street. A beer garden is going to be held on Friday and Saturday and the fire department has secured the necessary insurance and will have the manpower present. Connie Kendall reported that Friday night they would hold a car school and parade then on Saturday they will have music, games, activities, and food vendors. Melissa Shawver made a motion to close the necessary streets they need for the event with a second by Lisa Howard.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 6, 2019 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer