

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

July 1, 2019 Public Meeting Minutes

The LaRue Village Council met in special session on July 1, 2019 in the Village Council Room. Present was Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members John Howard, Connie Kendall, Lisa Howard, John Boyd, and David Stallsmith. Guests: Mary Snyder, Clarence Greer, Sally Greer, Bob Cobb, and Deb Berry.

Public Hearing to discuss the CDBG funding with the following agenda:

PUBLIC HEARING #1
VILLAGE OF LA RUE
Water Storage Tank Replacement
Village Hall, 210 South High Street, La Rue, Ohio
July 1, 2019 at 6:30 PM

AGENDA

1. National Objectives
 2. CDBG Program Types & Guidelines
 3. La Rue Water Storage Tank Replacement
 4. Timeframe for Application Submittal/Grant Award
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1. National Objectives - To receive funding from any CDBG program, a project must meet one of the three objectives:

Benefiting low- and moderate- (L/M) income persons
Addressing slums or blight
Meeting a particularly urgent community development need

2. CDBG Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program

Goal: To create a safe and sanitary living environment for Ohio citizens, by providing safe and reliable drinking water and proper sanitary waste disposal.

Grant Ceiling: Maximum of \$750,000; maximum grant ceiling includes water or sanitary sewer project, on-site improvements and program administration costs. On-site improvements are capped at \$100,000. The OCD will evaluate the community's request during application review and reserves the right to reduce the award.

Eligible Activities: The Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program will only fund projects that provide water and/or sanitary sewer service to primarily residential users (minimum 60 percent of total users). Eligible on-site improvements include service laterals, septic tanks and well abandonment and CDBG-eligible related fees. Applications where the primary objective is funding on-site improvements will not be considered. Funding for water and/or sanitary sewer projects that benefit primarily commercial or industrial users are more appropriate for the Economic Development Program.

Program thresholds include the following:

1) Leverage: The requested CDBG Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program funds must, at a minimum, be matched on a one-for-one basis with funds from other sources. The other funds can be non-Water and Sanitary Sewer CDBG funds, as well as funds from other public or private sources.

2) Program Impact: The project must alleviate the identified health hazard (this does not include fire hazards) or replace a functionally obsolete facility. A functionally obsolete facility is defined as a water treatment plant, wastewater treatment plant or water storage structure that is at least 40 years old and repairing the facility costs more than replacing the facility.

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3) System Sustainability and the Community's Financial Capacity and Rate Structure: The system's long-term sustainability will be evaluated based on the rate structure and user population demographics. Water and/or sewer fees must be in line with the following requirements:

For an area without a water or sanitary sewer system: User fees for a new water system must be at least 1 percent of the area median household income (MHI) or \$30/month, whichever is less. User fees for a new sanitary sewer system must be at least 1 percent of the area MHI or \$30/month, whichever is less.

For an area without a sanitary sewer system that is interested in improving an existing water system, user fees for the water system must be at least 1 percent of the area MHI or \$30/month, whichever is less.

For an area without a water system that is interested in improving an existing sanitary sewer system, user fees for the sanitary sewer system must be at least 1 percent of the area MHI or \$30/month, whichever is less.

For an area with a water system that is interested in constructing a new sanitary sewer system, combined user fees must be at least 2 percent of the area MHI or \$60/month, whichever is less.

For an area with a sanitary sewer system that is interested in constructing a new water system, combined user fees must be at least 2 percent of the area MHI or \$60/month, whichever is less.

For an area with both a water system and a sewer system that is interested in improving either system, combined user fees must be at least 2 percent of the area MHI or \$60/month, whichever is less.

4) Readiness to Proceed: Project design must be completed prior to application submission. Applicants submitting projects requiring Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) review and approval must provide documentation of the Ohio EPA's approval and Permit to Install with the application.

3. La Rue Water Storage Tank Replacement

The project involves the demolition and replacement of an existing 100,000 gallon water tower, site work, piping, and electrical work.

The existing Water Tower was inspected in 2019 after leaks began. The Water Tower is currently being used with only 10' of water in the tank (approximately 10% of capacity) to minimize stress on temporary repairs that were made after the leaks were discovered. The Village received a Notice of Violation for Significant Deficiency due to the condition of the Water Tower.

4. Timeframe for Application Submittal/Grant Award

CDBG Public Hearing #1	July 1, 2019
CDBG Public Hearing #2	July 15, 2019
CDBG Application Submittal	July 16, 2019
Anticipated CDBG Grant Award	November 1, 2019

Mayor

Clerk