

# LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

## July 2019 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on July 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, David Stallsmith, Connie Kendall, Melissa Shawver, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Clarence Greer, Sally Greer, Mary Snyder, Deb Berry, and Bob Cobb.

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 minutes of the June special meeting were approved with a motion by John Howard and a second by Connie Kendall.

**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** - Talked with the engineer from the Phoenix Group and they recently put \$8000 worth of chemicals into the test well on the Village vacant lot up town. The test well will be monitored and if the chemicals work, they will put more into the remaining eight wells that will then go into the aquifer. The work on the wells is estimated to be completed by September of 2019 and then after that it is monitored for a year until the Village can sell the property.

Mayor Lightfoot reported that he spoke Mr. Heiser regarding the Tuckers property that was discussed at the June meeting and he is writing up an agreement for the Marion Area Community Foundation. The property will have to be bid out if it cannot go through the foundation program. So far, the situation has cost the Village between \$300-\$400 in legal fees.

**BPA** – Yearly EPA visit went good they just had a couple administrative issues that needed addressed with the contingency plan and asset management documents.

The hydrants on the south side of town have all been flushed.

Steve Kendall is a possibility for backup at the plant for Tyler Howell.

The meter at Kiwanis has not been replaced yet and Tyler Howell reported he is waiting on the board because he needs the extra man power.

Tyler Howell reported that Scott Jaffee sent an email with the following options for the tower location:

1. Village municipal building site
  - o Centralized location and upgraded 6” plastic waterline available to tie into on both the west (N High St) and south (E School St) sides of the property.
  - o Closest distance to this recently upgraded plastic line allows for shortest connection (<100’).
  - o If don’t want seen, then this won’t be an ideal location.
2. Adjacent park site
  - o Just north of the alley north of E. School St.
  - o Same positives as municipal building site.
  - o Aesthetics – keeps off the main roads and light tree cover.
  - o Potential Negative: drainage flow adjacent to this area, slightly less accessible for construction and behind a few residential properties. May take up some play area in the field.

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- o Distance from site to newer water main on E School St is approximately the same as distance to water main on 211A (~500’).
- 3. Adjacent park site (north side – blue site)
  - o 500-600’ from either N High Street or E School Street.
  - o May be considered conflict with baseball field.
  - o May have to tear up pavement in parking lot / driveway if taking direct path for main connection (will be replaced during project).
  - o Still in drainage path.
  - o Not as close to residential or buildings.
- 4. Water Plant (purple site)
  - o Plenty of land and furthest from town.
  - o Won’t improve pressure without increasing elevation of tank.
  - o No existing upgraded plastic pipe tie-in locations (based on the map I have seen).
- 5. Land east of future Dollar Store property
  - o Enough room for tower, but no good existing tie-in location due to existing water main age and size.

Council decided they would prefer the lot behind the municipal building out by the alley.

**Park & Pool** – Tyler Howell reported that sewer started flowing out at the park by the ballfield concession stand and he believes there is a crack in the sewer line somewhere. The pump was turned off and the tank was used during the tournaments since there was heavy use of the bathrooms. Once the pump was turned back on, nothing surfaced so going to keep an eye on everything.

Tyler Howell reported he is having difficulty keeping up with the pool cleaning so any help or volunteers would be appreciated.

**Sheriff** – Rate change for the 2019 contract with an increase from \$23.50 to now \$30.00 per hour. A motion was made to approve the new contract with the rate increase by Melissa Shawver and second by Lisa Howard, motion passed.

**Maintenance** – Catch basins were cleaned out, larvicided around town, flood cleanup, and mosquito spraying will start this week.

Having issues with cones and signs being stolen so looking into getting the flip down high water signs. Council would like to look into security cameras for the municipal building, pool, and at the plant. Tyler Howell will look into the options for cameras and present them at the next monthly meeting.

**Zoning** – Meeting was held on June 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the permit fees and the board decided to look into what other communities charge with a follow-up meeting July 8<sup>th</sup> @7:30.

**Tree Commission** – X

**Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – Blacktopped and resurfaced the end of Chestnut Street along with some patches on St Rt 95.

The lines up town have been painted and still have some more to complete. The Village needs to look into getting a striping machine because painting with a roller takes a long time. A striping machine would cost roughly \$1,500.

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Park Enterprises that is doing the North Street curve project has offered to exchange some water for black top millings. The millings will be used at the park driveway and some allies that have some higher maintenance needs. The cost for the millings will be \$100 for 20 tons.

**Fire & Safety** – Tank fixed on #12 and working on getting the black top at the trailer park in New Bloomington repaired. Looking into grants for a stair chair and power cot.

John Boyd asked were the freezers and frigs came from at the Fire Station and Tyler Howell reported it came from the concession stand at the park. Council stated if it is an issue at the fire department then they could be stored at the municipal building. The items are cluttering at the fire department. Council is concerned with the equipment being at the park and vandalism.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Brian Greene is interested in obtaining the vacant Colby property.

**Cable** – X

**Regional Planning** – Speaker from Habitat for Humanity at the meeting and they reported Marion has the lowest income levels besides the Appalachian counties.

**Old Business:**

**Ordinance 2019-5** for the Mid Ohio Energy Coop renewal agreement had its 2nd reading.

Joann Rauscher still needs to be contacted regarding the insurance money that is being held.

The area on South Street still needs to be filled in. Mayor Lightfoot reported that GPD is engineering the alley by the old lumber mill. See attached documents from John Howard for recommendations on drainage by the old lumber mill. A start to the project would be to have the area surveyed to find out whose land it will be on.

**New Business:**

Motion by David Stallsmith to increase Bob Howell’s pay from \$10 to \$12.50 with a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed.

Connie Kendall asked about where the dirt from the North Street curve project is going to and Mayor Lightfoot reported that Bob Howell has already contacted them about getting it.

Clarence Greer reported that grant money was approved and LCA received the money from Mid Ohio Energy.

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

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer