

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

August 2019 MINUTES

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

Guests present: Clarence Greer, Sally Greer, Mary Snyder, Richard Holcomb, and Dustin Ford.

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 – Reported that the paperwork for Tom Tucker’s property has been completed and he will get it into the Marion Area Improvement Cooperation this week for them to approve the sale.

Ordinance 2019-5 was read for the third time for the Mid OH agreement with a motion to pass as written by Connie Kendall and a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed.

A motion was made by John Howard to pay up to \$1,600 to cover the Village’s share of the backflow preventer project that is being funded by the LCA with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

BPA –

Tyler Howell reported a water line broke on August 1st because the crew on the St Rt 37 project dug up the line. Lisa Howard asked about calling 411 for lines to be marked and how did the crew hit the line? Tyler Howell reported that the maps he has are not completely accurate and he has not been able to locate an old copy that has lines more detailed. The maps that Tyler Howell has lists all the lines in the middle of the intersection. The issue was when the crew hit the valve why did they continue to dig they should have known a water line was near. The break was fixed and the Village was placed on a boil alert until test results came back negative for anything. Connie Kendall asked why the line could not be shut off for the repair. Tyler Howell reported he does not know why they could not get the line shut off but it was due to issues with valves throughout town. Clarence Greer reported that on a 6-inch valve the maximum turns is 20 ½ and 4 inch it is 14 turns. Mr. Greer presented more information from research he has done on valves and what it takes to turn them off. Tyler Howell reported that valves around town could be exercised by equipment from RCAP but the BPA fears some would break because of age if they were exercised. Clarence Greer lastly wanted to make it clear that the ST RT 37 project was not an LCA project and the people involved were around because they were there when the original line was installed and trying to assist with the break.

Tyler Howell reported that Pickens Underground is scheduled to come replace the Kiwanis meter in September. The BPA should only have to pay for man-hours because they already have all the materials for the job.

John Howard asked how many hydrants and valves around town need replaced because they are broken. Tyler Howell reported to his knowledge there are six broken valves, another six that are difficult to turn, and lastly three hydrants that need replaced.

Park & Pool – Ric Patterson was contacted to trim the park because it was not being done and it was only being mowed.

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Tyler Howell reported that the walking path was sprayed and cleaned up.

Connie Kendall stated that Bob Howell told her there was dirt at the park that could be used for the area along South Street that needs filled in. It was stated that the dirt was on the sledding hill and could be very difficult to work with.

Sheriff – John Boyd asked how much we are paying the sheriff and if we pay more would we get more coverage. Mayor Lightfoot stated that is a possibility because that is why the sheriff last month raised the rate to encourage deputies to take the hours.

Maintenance – No maintenance on any buildings done this past month. The ranger is having some issues with the transmission, rear end problem, and its rusting. Tyler Howell reported it would be more convenient to have a van and the only thing a truck would be needed for is the mosquito sprayer and a cart could be built to pull it on. The truck is a 2003 so Council was concerned with putting money into it so they gave Tyler Howell approval to start looking around for options.

Connie Kendall asked if Tyler Howell could get estimates for repairing the dump truck bed.

Weeds were sprayed around town along the guardrails. Tyler Howell reported he has sprayed for mosquitos twice this year.

Clarence Greer wanted to know why the Village's mower was being used for a profit to mow residential properties on the corner of Section and Vine Street. Mr. Howell clearly stated that the Village's mower has never been on that property and has never mowed a residential property for profit. Clarence Greer had no proof that the mower had been on Brandy White's property and Tyler Howell explained his brother and dad have mowed her property with their own mowers. Clarence Greer then asked why several properties were mowed in 2018 and it was not accessed to taxes so Mary Price is going to research the situation. Mr. Greer asked if the proper procedure was being followed when mowing properties and accessing to taxes. Mary Price explained that a letter is sent and then after 15 days the property is mowed per the Village's rules. Mr. Greer felt numerous properties were mowed too often and that 510 Market St should not be mowed by the Village.

Zoning – Zoning board presented new fees from their last meeting for Council to approve. A motion was made by John Boyd to approve the new zoning fees with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Asphalt patching done in July. Due to the Village cones and high water signs being stolen, Tyler Howell would like to purchase permanent high water signs that can be flipped up when needed. The signs with poles and hardware will run approximately \$100 apiece. A motion was made by John Howard to approve the purchase of six high water signs with a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed. Also available are barricades for \$110 apiece and Tyler Howell stated he could build them cheaper than that.

Connie Kendall stated that Dan Hicks wanted to know if a barricade could be put at the end of south street alley because someone drove down it.

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Fire & Safety – Auditor present to approve the levy. John Boyd reported he was concerned because a call for mutual aid recently occurred and both fire trucks and EMS went to the call and that left the Village unprotected.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Mayor Lightfoot still needs to contact Joann Rauscher regarding the insurance money.

John Howard asked if a surveyor has been contacted to shoot the line by the south street alley for the right away and none have been contacted. Richard Holcomb is going to see if he can figure it out.

New Business:

Insurance renewal was approved with a motion by John Boyd and a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed. The premium has increased \$333 due to the John Deere mower and tractor.

Clarence Greer reported the Fassler property has not gone to sheriff sale yet. At a recent LCA meeting, it was discussed about going on and getting scrap off to clean it up and the Prosecutor stated to not go on the property because Fassler still owns it. Additionally, James Monk property still in foreclosure process and not to sheriff sale.

Tyler Howell reported he found a deal on cameras during Amazon Prime day so he was able to get all the cameras and monitor for \$300. Discussion was held about putting cameras uptown and John Howard stated he does not feel we should be concerned with surveillance up town that he businesses should be concerned with that. Council discussed the next step would be putting a camera at the water plant. Motion to approve the camera purchase by David Stallsmith with a second by John Boyd, motion passed.

John Howard brought up that there is a section in the old Lauther tile that needs jetted. Richard Holcomb was present and stated he could jet the tile. Tyler Howell reported it has been jetted previously and it has been narrowed down where a tree is causing issues. John Howard made a motion to approve up to \$1000 for jetting on Lauther tile, excavating for repair of the tile on S High St, jetting further down on S High St, closing everything up, and reseeding with a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed.

Melissa Shawver reported that Don Haudenshield bought the old Ballinger house on Front Street and wants to redo the driveway but does not know if he has to replace the sidewalk. Mayor Lightfoot stated that if he tears out the sidewalk through the driveway he has to replace it with concrete.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 9, 2019 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer