

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

October 2019 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on October 7, 2019 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: David Stallsmith, Connie Kendall, Melissa Shawver, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Deb Good, Tyler Pigman, Mary Snyder, Dustin Ford, and Paul Kerr.

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 Connie Kendall.

The financial report was given and bills presented for payment. Connie Kendall moved to pay the bills with a second by John Boyd, motion passed.

Mayor –

Mayor Lightfoot provided an update on the Tom Tucker property that the Marion Improvement Corporation approved the sale of the property at their last meeting. The title company will not issue a title for the property because they are treating the sale the same as an alley vacating so all the surrounding property owners have to be notified. Once all the surrounding properties are notified, the lawyer will present an Ordinance for the Village to pass.

Regional Planning is starting the work on the Village's CDBG \$60,000 Vine Street water line grant.

Mayor Lightfoot presented that the agreement and paperwork was received from Ohio EPA regarding the design loan, which will have a bi annual payment of \$7,948 for 5 yrs at 0% interest. When the water tower is completed and if there is grant money left over the design loan can be covered with funding. A motion was made by John Boyd to approve the loan agreement with Ohio EPA for the design loan with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Resolution 2019-4 was read to turn the rear section of parcel #220030008800 @ 350 N High Street into a park. A motion was made by David Stallsmith to approve the park and name it La Rue School Park with with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

BPA – Tyler Howell reported they cleaned up an area along River Street from a water line that was repaired. Mayor Lightfoot reported that John Mathews contact him and he would like the area that was cleaned up to have the more stone removed and dirt hauled in.

Tyler Howell reported that Pickens underground came to replace Kiwanis meter and they would not perform the work because the pit was too small and they wanted to install a completely new pit area. Pickens would have taken roughly 2 days with around three men costing around \$2,400. Tyler Howell along with spot labor help Bradley Albert replaced the Kiwanis meter and everything is back up and running.

The Engineering firm sent pictures of another water tower they constructed that the Village's tower will look like. The property where the tower will be constructed is being tested/sampled and based off the last drawings the location of the tower needs to be adjusted to the southeast corner more.

Park & Pool – The Village received a grant for \$1,165 towards a swing set at the park but the cost of the swing set is \$1,600. Connie Kendall stated that she would ask LCA if they were willing to provide the additional funds needed to purchase the swings set.

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Asphalt millings from the St Rt 37 curve have been spread at the park all over the parking lot. Tyler Howell reported that the curbs are all in the yard and need rebar to secure them in place to keep them from moving. The precut rebar at Lowes will cost around \$100-\$200 if Council desires to complete that project.

Tyler Howell reported that park behind the municipal building has had equipment painted, repaired, and one unit removed that was dangerous this past month. The swing sets need new swings and it would take six to replace them all. The new hoop that the Village had was installed in place of the broken one on the full court area.

Sheriff – John Boyd reported on the block watch meeting that was held recently and stated a resident complained that the sheriff never shows up when they call. Mr. Cline was present and reported that residents are to call when they have concerns and they do show up. A call log was presented and shows that the Village is not a crime-ridden town and there is not an issue with overdoses according to the log sheet. At this point, no one has stepped up to head the block watch.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported he has contacted several places for the truck bed replacement and does not have any further information at this point.

The old council room has a leak in either the window or the wall because the whole west wall was wet. The window on the west wall has been sealed and does not seem like the issue so it could be the west wall needs sealed.

A leak was detected in the boy's bathroom at the municipal building and caused some damage to the ceiling and floor times.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Kenny Bookman is planning to have a meeting this month sometime and they need to organize everything for Arbor Day.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Tyler Howell reported he has cleaned out all street catch basins and the list of 68 basins that Clarence Greer gave to him that are in residents back and side yards. The honey wagon was used to clean the basins out and if he is seen dumping it out it is not sewage it is, just material that was sucked out of the basins.

Fire & Safety – Dave Stallsmith reported the fire department purchased four tires for 712 truck and had the tank repaired on it. Pancake breakfast is October 12th from 7-11 and from 11-2 an open house.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable – X

Regional Planning – No Meeting

Old Business:

New Business:

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Debbie Good was present to talk with council because she is rerunning for Elgin School Board and would like everyone's vote to be re-elected to her seat. John Boyd asked how many candidates were running and Mrs. Good stated there are four candidates running with two open seats. Debbie Good reported she is the representative from Elgin for the tri rivers board and she still has two more years on that board.

Tyler Pigman was present from The Marion Health Department to discuss several properties around the Village. Mr. Pigman updated on the Fassler property at 105 School Street is still being worked on and they have been taken to court to be charged again. Mayor Lightfoot stated he spoke with Don Davis about the Fassler property to see if it can be taken to the land bank since the Village cannot do anything since they do not own it. The Redd property is still condemned and there has been people around which is against health department code for anyone to be staying there. Council discussed that the Redd's have been remodeling and fixing up the property. The Village can compile a list of properties that need cleanup and the Health Department will start working on them. Lastly, all solid waste violations are listed on the Health Departments website.

The Health Department donated two boxes of mosquito dunks that can be placed in any standing water for the Village to use to help control mosquitos.

Resolution 2019-5 was read to hire Bradley Albert at part time maintenance with the same pay as \$10 per hour. A motion was by Melissa Shawver to approve the hiring of Bradley Albert with a second by Dave Stallmsith, motion passed.

Council is going to hold a public meeting on October 22nd @7pm to discuss the pool. Dustin Ford asked Council if they would fill the pool in if the community did not express interest in opening it again. Council expressed they would like to talk to the community and look over the numbers before any decisions are made, but if it doesn't open then something will need to be done.

Council rescheduled several meetings as follows:

December 3rd

January 2nd

February 4th

The next regular meeting will be held on November 4, 2019 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer