

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
October 2019 minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session October 21, 2019. Present were board members Wendy Crabtree and Doug Shawver. Also present was Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell. Visitors: Diane Evans, Mark Umphrey, Connie Kendall, Dave Albert, and Scott Jaffee

The financial report – Doug Shawver made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Wendy Crabtree, motion passed.

Old Business-

Mary Umphrey was present too discuss the new sewer hookup at 165 Front Street. The plan is to tap into the neighboring property sewer line where the trailer that burnt use to sit and written permission has been received from owner Tom Tucker. Estimates to tap into line have been received and Mr. Umphrey plans to use Holcomb Excavating to perform the work. Tyler Howell suggested installing a Y on the line and sealing the other side for future use and the Village will need to inspect before it is covered up. The line will also need to be pressure tested. A motion was made by Wendy Crabtree to approve the sewer tap with a Y installed, line inspection, and line pressure tested in with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed.

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.

Chlorine pump arrived and Tyler Howell reported he is working with Coburn Electric to get it installed.

Tyler Howell reported the application has been submitted to EPA for Steve Kendall chemistry certification and now just waiting to hear back on scheduling.

Mayor Lightfoot reported he had a meeting with Dean Ridgway at the Hatchery regarding the required backflow device by the EPA. The main issue was that The Hatchery was not aware what a backflow device was. The Hatchery is going to take care of purchasing and installing a back flow device and will contact when they have it done.

Scott Jaffee reported the RFP for Vine Street has been submitted to Marion Regional Planning for the Vine Street grant project.

Preliminary plans were presented for the water tower and the final plans are due October 31st. The board went through the draft plans with the following questions and discussions:

- Wendy Crabtree asked about the EPA signing off so they cannot come back and change things like they did with the tower. The EPA will sign off on the plans and are aware of everything with this project along with the design loan that is being obtained through them.
- Page 1 on letter C it states that the tank installer will have completed 10 installations of elevated tanks and Wendy Crabtree wanted to know if we would get references once a tank installer is picked? Scott Jaffee stated that once a tank installer is chosen the board can request references.
- Page 5 talked about continuous caulking and the question was what required maintenance would there be on the tower? Scott Jaffee stated that a yearly maintenance plan would need to be established.

- Tyler Howell reported a concern with tide flex style inlet that is 18 inches up in the tank that is shown on page WT-1. The other concern also with movement of the water in the winter due to the shape of the tower being a wider donut shape and our existing tower having a taller shape.
- Mayor Lightfoot expressed concern with the location of line being in the public right away and moving the line further into the Villages property along Half Street.
- Tyler Howell reported a concern with 2.3 feet per psi.
- Tyler Howell requested that the Village inspect everything before anything is filled in to make sure no tiles or anything were cut.
- Additionally that sand be backfilled in around the lines.
- Tyler Howell reported that page 8 he would like a pressure gauge at the tower.
- Tyler Howell wants to be the direct contact when the old tower is turned off so the Village does not run into the same issues as the Market Street project.

All questions that were unanswered Scott Jaffee will be take back to his office and will be back to the Board. The project completion will probably be spring due to the current timeline and temperatures required for painting.

New Business –

Tyler Howell reported repairs were made to the line at Forbis's on High Street Acct #169, which was dug up and ended up being the customer's responsibility, which they were charged \$124. The curb stop that was dug up had three accounts, which two of them are no longer in use so Acct #170 & 171 have been abandoned.

RCAP came in to inspect the map and they are working to make the map digital and they will be coming to exercise the valves. The six critical valves need to exercised once per year and then each year other areas throughout town will be exercised. The Village was divided into four areas and each year one of the four will be exercised.

Clerk Mary Price reported to the Board that she receive a call from Scott Steele regarding the delinquent water and sewer charges that are on his property at 131 Chestnut Street. Mr. Steele was unaware that he was being charged the base rate each month and it was being assessed to taxes because it was not being paid. The property has been vacant for many years and is now being sold and the relator stated that there is more in taxes than what the property is worth. Additionally there is a concern with access to the garage since the alley behind the property has been dug up and not usable. Clerk Mary Price told the realtor that they could attend a Board meeting if they would like to discuss the charges that were being charged based off the ordinance that was passed in 2011.

The last OWDA loan that was obtained for well repair and pump replacement will have a bi annual payment of \$1141 with the first payment due in January 2020.

The next regular meeting will be November 18, 2019 in the Village Council Room.

Chairman

Clerk