

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

January 2020 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on January 2, 2020 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Melissa Shawver, Connie Kendall, David Stallsmith, Lance Roberts, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Dustin Ford, Andrew Ford, Toni Ford, Shirley Edwards, Michael Hawkins, Debra Michael, Richard Spracklen, Clarence Greer, Kenny Price, Diane Evans, Doug Shawver, Dave Albert, and Jeff Mouser.

Larry Heiser swore in the following new officials: Mayor Dustin Ford, Council Member Lance Roberts, Council Member David Stallsmith, BPA Member Diane Evans, and BPA Member Dave Albert.

Mayor Dustin Ford opened the Meeting with a pledge to the American flag.

A motion was made by Connie Kendall to enter executive session with a second by John Boyd. The Council and Mayor all left the room and went into another room to hold the executive session. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to leave executive session with a second by John Boyd.

A motion was made by John Boyd to appoint Connie Kendall as Council President with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved with a motion by John Boyd and a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Dustin Ford appointed Lance Roberts as Council representative to the fireboard and Lance Roberts agreed.

The financial report was presented and a motion was made Connie Kendall to approve the bills with a second by John Boyd, motion passed.

Council held a discussion on purchases that are made and moving forward anything over \$50 a purchase requisition form will need to be filled out prior to the purchase with approval from the mayor or council president. Council developed the following spending guidelines:

- No approval for anything under \$50 for incidentals
- Approval from the Mayor or Council President for anything \$51-\$200
- Anything over \$201 purchase Council will need to approve at a regular meeting or hold a special meeting.

A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to approve the above spending guideline with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed. Dustin Ford has copies of the purchase requisition form for employees to use.

Ordinance 2020-1 was read to hire Larry Hesier for one year as the Village's solicitor with a motion by Connie Kendall to suspend the rule of council and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to approve the ordinance to hire Larry Heiser with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Ordinance 2020-2 was read to approve the 2020 appropriations with a motion by John Boyd to suspend the rule of council and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. A motion was made by John Boyd to approve the ordinance and 2020 appropriations with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

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Resolution 2020-1 was read to approve blanket purchase orders 1-2020 through 37-2020. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to approve the blanket purchase orders with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

Resolution 2020-2 was read to adopt the Marion County Local Hazard Mitigation plan that is for 5 years. Clarence Greer presented that he attended a meeting along with several others (John Howard, Ed Murphy, and Tom Ford) to present several projects for the Village that may never happen but would be beneficial. Clarence Greer state a couple projects they presented were power for sewage disposal during a power outage and emergency area during high water. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to approve the Resolution with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Mayor –

Dustin Ford presented that council has 30 days to nominate someone for the empty council seat and then after that point then he would appoint someone. Council discussed several candidates and taking longer than 30 days to nominate a new councilperson, because they would like to search for someone that wants the position

BPA – Tyler Howell presented the Board is still working on the water tower project and at this point there may be some delays due to CDBG funding.

Tyler Howell reported EPA would be at the plant January 16th to perform the yearly chemistry testing for Brad Albert and Steve Kendall to be certified along with Tyler.

Park & Pool – Still no interest at all regarding a pool manager or lifeguards.

Sheriff – X

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported everyone did a nice job with cleaning up from Christmas in the Village up town and he has taken down Christmas decorations.

Tyler Howell reported that typically he works fewer hours in January, February, and March to make up for all the overage he has worked the previous year. Dustin Ford reported that he would like Tyler to not use any additional help unless he or council president approves it. A form will be available for Tyler to fill out to request the usage of any additional help and the reason why.

Connie Kendall asked if the dirt behind Raushers has been spread and Tyler Howell reported it is still all mud so he cannot spread it yet.

Tyler Howell reported a tile to a catch basin on West Street and Front Street needs to be repaired.

Tyler Howell reported the garage behind the municipal building has been repaired.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Tyler Howell reported the alley behind the grocery store needs patched and repaired. All the curbs have been cleaned.

Fire & Safety – X

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Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Clarence Greer reported the North Street Project has been completed and ODOT took care of the labor and LCA paid for the tile and grading. The project costs will be split 50/50 with the LCA and the Village. Furthermore, the 2-backflow devices have been installed across from Barbey's property with the grant agreement from MID OH for \$8000. Mr. Greer reported that the remaining costs of the backflow devices was going to be split with LCA and the Village. The backflow device project is not completely done the last portion with some safety pins needs to be completed.

New Business:

Debra Michael expressed that she has a concern with Bob Howell approaching her grandchildren about their 4-wheeler. Shirley Edwards stated that the 4-wheeler has headlights and tags with everything to make it street legal. The sheriff has been out previously and stated that as long as the 4-wheeler has tags and insurance then it can be driven around town. The homeowner stated Bob Howell has approached Shirley Edwards's daughter when she was driving the 4-wheeler and she is a licensed driver. Furthermore, it was stated by Shirley Edwards that Bob Howell supposable told Brian Greene if he sees the 4-wheeler to video tape it and Mr. Greene did come down and videoed the property. The sheriff was called and the sheriff stated you are not allowed to take pictures of private property. Mayor Dustin Ford stated he would have to double check with the sheriff and get back with them but if it is street legal then it is legal for the alley and street only not anywhere else. Mayor Ford explained the Village has an ordinance that prohibits 4-wheelers in town and he provided a copy for Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Michael. Mayor Ford will be checking with the sheriff's department regarding the matter. Mayor Ford will address the matter with Bob Howell getting involved. John Boyd stated he lives at Kiwanis Village and he has seen their 4-wheeler turning donuts and kicking up dust in the J-Lenco parking lot and the homeowner denied it was them.

Council discussed what they would like to do with the ranger since it is not drivable and needs over \$3000 worth of repairs. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to put the truck on Gov Deals with a \$200 minimum bid and a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed. Tyler Howell reported he has mostly been driving his own vehicle now and Council would like him to use the dump truck for right now.

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

Motion to adjourn by Melissa Shawver with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer