

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

May 2020 minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session May 18, 2020. Present were board members Diane Evans, Dave Albert, and Doug Shawver. Also present was Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell. Visitors: Connie Kendall

The financial report – Diane Evans made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Dave Albert, motion passed.

Diane Evans made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed.

Old Business-

Tyler Howell reported that the anti scalant pump arrived and was ordered from USA Bluebook.

Tyler Howell reported that a load of dirt was delivered from Larry Butz and will be spread when the weather permits.

Tyler Howell reported that Tom Myers would be in this week to give a quote on the air conditioning on the tractor repair.

New Business –

Tyler Howell reported that the sand filter backflow actuator is not working and the replacement relay part is \$846 and the entire actuator \$2,100. One option would be to take apart another working pump that is at the plant and see if the actuator is the problem by putting it in the broken one. If the actuator part works in the broken sand filter then the board approved for Tyler Howell to purchase a new relay. The sand filters can be manually run at the plant. A motion was made by Doug Shawver to allow Tyler to purchase the parts for the pump once its figured out with a second by Diane Evans, motion passed.

The battery backup has died and it has a cost of \$400-600 and it is in place at the water plant to keep the PCL running until the backup generator kicks on.

Vine Street project was discussed with the following remarks:

1. Hydrant at the northwest corner of Chestnut and Vine Street is new and if it is removed then the Board will want the hydrant.
2. Valve #26 needs to be removed and #24 will need to stay.
3. Valve #25 is being moved all the way to High Street and there needs to be clarification on that move.
4. Quotation #2 – The Village does not use copper it needs to be C901 3 ¼ in CTS with tracer wire.
5. General notes #11 – Lists Mark's number and needs to be replaced with Tyler's number.
6. Nothing is written about the five service lines in the construction area and what will be happening with those lines during construction.

A motion was by Doug Shawver to have Tyler Howell report all the discussion remarks on the Vine Street project to Scott Jaffee with a second by Dave Albert, motion passed.

Tyler Howell reported that he ordered chlorine this month.

Tyler Howell reported that the CCR report typically needs to be completed and sent to customers in July. Tyler Howell reported that EPA wants all violations since 2018 mailed to each customer as soon as possible. The agreement was that the CCR report will go out in May and will have all the violations listed on the document and will take care of both items.

Diane Evans brought up about interest rates on the sewer loan and if we could get the rate lowered to 2.5% on the loans it would result in a savings of \$8,426 per year. A total savings of \$14,708 on interest. If the Board could save customers on the sewer rate side it could offset the water rate increase.

Diane Evans reported that Barb Stofcheck contacted her from the LCA and wanted to know if anyone needed assistance with their water and sewer bill. The Board reviewed a letter that could be sent to delinquent customers outlining they are still responsible for their bills. The board agreed to send the letter to all delinquent customers and to contact the Village office to make payment arrangements.

Acct #459 had a service line break and it ended up being the customer's responsibility.

A motion was made by Diane Evans to adjourn the meeting with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be June 15, 2019 in the Village Council Room.

Chairman

Clerk