

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

May 2020 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on May 4, 2020 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, David Stallsmith, Lance Roberts, Melissa Shawver, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Doug Shawver, Diane Evans, and Jeff Winslow

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

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

The financial report was presented and a motion was made David Stallsmith to approve the bills with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. Council would like Ric's Landscaping to mow the park every other week to cut down on cost.

Mayor –

Dustin Ford said he is getting a plan together for Access Engineering with upcoming projects with Chestnut Street and Front Street resurfacing top priority. Another possible project that could be completed would be the alley beside the old lumberyard and Council talked about just filling it back in and having the project reengineered. Two other projects would be backup generators for the sewer system and sidewalks around town. The proposed projects would be a multiple year-phased plan with grant money.

BPA – Diane Evans presented that another bid opening was held on April 24th and Caldwell Tanks came in at \$990,000 with the low bid. After looking over the numbers the project is going to come in over budget at around \$20,000. The total loan amount will need to be \$334,000 and based on 290 taps to cover the loan the cost per customer would now be \$3.20. Diane Evans reported numbers and several different scenarios to Council. All the paperwork has to be into the Ohio EPA by May 10th for a June award and the CDBG money has been secured. Connie Kendall contacted the solicitor about how to adjust the ordinance rate increase and he stated that the Village needs to wait until the project is awarded and pass all new resolutions and ordinances for any additional amounts needed.

Diane Evans reported that she has been working with Clarence Greer with contacting US Department of Agriculture and trying to get the interest rate lowered on the sewer loan.

Tyler Howell reported that he has been mapping and marking the Village water and sewer system. Tyler Howell has located all 68 valves and he will now be moving on to locate all the 300 taps. Once everything has been located then RCAP will come in to map everything with GPS coordinates. RCAP will come in once all the valves are located and they will exercise all the valves. If Council would like the storm sewer mapped then that is a possibility and they need to make a decision within the next month.

Park & Pool – No shelter rentals will be taking place at this time. Council decided to wait to sell the pool equipment at the pool since most pools will not be opening this year.

Sheriff – Mayor Ford is going to contact Mr. Cline about the hours the sheriff's department is working in the Village and the deputies not writing tickets.

Maintenance – X

Zoning – X

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Tree Commission – Council discussed to dissolve the tree committee and Council will take the responsibilities of the committee. The Arbor Proclamation will be passed once Council picks a ceremony date, location, and tree for planting.

Tyler Howell reported that all the trees up town need mulched and the lift stations so Council approved a load of mulch to be purchased.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety – Lance Roberts reported that everything has been completed at the fire station with remodeling and it is now has 24 hour coverage. In addition, a vote was taken to purchase a new ambulance.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Jeff Winslow wanted to know if anything was being done with cars beside his house and Dustin Ford reported that he is still working with the sheriff and everything has been on hold due to current pandemic. Mayor Ford stated he would call the sheriff about the property and see if they can take care of the cars.

New Business:

Tyler Howell asked Council if he could put a no ATV sign on the Village lot because the atvs are tearing up the yard in the back by the fence. Council approved for the no ATV sign.

Tyler Howell reported that there are ground hogs getting under the municipal building and Council thought he should just try to set some live traps.

Council requested the following letters sent out:

- Bradshaw on Vine Street behind the building along the alley for junk
- Property on the corner of Vine Street and Front Street – Demoris Brown (61 Vine St & 41 Front St) for junk and cars
- Cody Lowe along High Street for cars

Connie Kendall reported that the Oorang Bang June event is postponed.

John Boyd made motion to donate \$350 to the Philippi-Clement post 101 for Memorial Day expenses with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Tyler Howell brought up that Council would need to purchase some flags if they want them put up around town by Memorial Day. Connie Kendall is going to contact LCA and see what they would like to do to contribute for the flags. If we put up every flag on High St, North St, and Market St we would need 34 flags. The American flags are \$20 apiece through the American Legion and the Ohio Flags are \$17. Melissa Shawver made a motion to purchase the necessary flags if LCA does not purchase them with a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed. Council would like to put up American flags and alternate them with the Ohio flags.

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The next regular meeting will be held on June 1, 2020 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