

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

June 2020 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on June 1, 2020 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, David Stallsmith, Melissa Shawver, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Diane Evans

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 Connie Kendall and a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

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

Mayor –

Mayor Ford stated that he talked with the Sheriff about the Demoris Brown's property with the unlicensed vehicles. The deputy that is handling the case will be returning on 6/2/20 and if nothing has been done then a citation will be issued.

BPA – CDBG funding has been secured and Ohio EPA funding should be awarded in June.

Park & Pool – Betty Hecker called and wanted to know if they were going to be able to have their shelter rental on July 19th. Council did not see any issues with shelter rentals as long as residents obey all current protocols with the pandemic. Tyler Howell is going to open the park up and turn the water on for the shelters and bathrooms. A potential issue with turning the water on at the park this year is if it can be done without turning the pool water on. If the water has issued due to the pool being closed then some new plumbing may need to be done.

The Thew Shelter house needs repaired and Tyler Howell thinks the repairs will be around \$1,000. The posts are rotting on the bottom and Tyler Howell feels that he can repair them and Council approved the project.

Sheriff – Mayor Ford contacted the sheriff and they will be only coming to town 3 hours per week.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported that he put down mix on 95 to fill pot holes, mulched lift stations and trees up town, cleaned out catch basins, put down larvicide in catch basins, sprayed curbs, large amount of brush collected, diving board and life guard chairs taken down at the pool, new flags installed through town, and Bob Howell has been mowing everything the Village owns once per week.

Wooden playground equipment at the park needs to be taken down and Council approved it.

The modular building needs repaired on the south side and it would probably be a couple hundred dollars to replace the bad boards. Council approved the necessary repairs to the modular building.

Kids are still riding 4-wheelers through the gap in the fence behind the modular and Tyler Howell mentioned putting up a fence to prevent the traffic. Council approved Tyler Howell to purchase chain link fencing to close in the gap to prevent 4-wheelers. Connie Kendall made motion to approve the purchase of fencing up to \$500 with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Zoning – X

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Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Council approved Tyler Howell to paint all the lines and curbs up town.

Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Connie Kendall asked about the list of street signs that need purchased/replaced and nothing has been done or purchased at this time. Council approved Tyler Howell to purchase 9 stop signs, 4 road closed signs, and 8 cones. Connie Kendall made a motion to purchase stop signs, road closed signs, and cones with a \$700 limit with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

New Business:

Discussion was held about the Bradshaw property on Vine Street and according to the Ordinance, a letter needs to be sent about his junk behind the building. Ordinance 2003-4 is the ordinance that covers trash and junk on properties along with ordinance 2013-3 covers dilapidated buildings. Council discussed sending letters to the following properties that have issues with weeds, junk, need mowed, unlicensed cars, and run down buildings:

James Monk	190 South St	Weeds, needs mowed, & trash
Watson Investment Group	794 N High St	Weeds, needs mowed, & trash
Jack Darling	S Section St	Needs mowed
Murriel Miller	West Street vacant lot	Needs mowed
Mark Minton	268 Front St	Needs mowed
Roger Cobb	151 School Street	Needs mowed
Jeffrey Rayburn	134 Marsh Street	Needs mowed
Kip Fields	275 Vine Street	Trash & needs mowed
Richard Holcomb	81 Chestnut St	Property needs cleaned up
James Bradshaw	44 E Vine St & 47 High St	Property needs cleaned up
Brian Pendleton	61 Chestnut St	Property needs cleaned up
David Price	375 Price St	Property needs cleaned up
Mary Blankenship	175 West St	Weeds & needs mowed
Adam Irely	31 & 39 N High St	Building needs secured & repaired
Lawrence Hendricks	25 S High St	Dilapidated building
Martin Carmichael	79 E Market St	Unlicensed vehicle on property
Ric Patterson	193 School St	Unlicensed vehicle on property
David Fassler	105 School Street	Weeds & needs mowed

Connie Kendall presented a news article that states there would be an open meeting on Thursday June 4th @9am with the commissioners where they will be discussing grant money. The Village is listed in the article and Council would like some clarification what the grant money is for.

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Council discussed that if the splash were ever funded they would like to install it on the south side of the municipal building. Furthermore, they would like the new swing set to be installed in that same area in the yard.

The next regular meeting will be held on July 6, 2020 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Melissa Shawver with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer