

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

July 2020 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on July 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, Lance Roberts, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Jeff Winslow, Mr. Kasotis, and Joan Kasotis

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 Connie Kendall to approve the bills with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Mayor – X

BPA – Council discussed the Vine Street project and it was reported that the bid for the project came in \$20,000 higher than the engineer's estimate. Dustin Ford stated he would contact Diane Evans to have the BPA check on the project. Tyler Howell suggested not replacing the water lines and just focus on the valves to lower the costs.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported the fogger was serviced and he has fogged throughout town a couple times, fence was installed to block 4-wheelers, started mowing tax properties, lines painted up town, parking lot lines painted at municipal building, and old playground equipment was torn down behind the municipal building.

Two projects that were not completed yet is the municipal building repair and the shelter house post repair at the park.

Council discussed fogging for New Bloomington and what they should charge for each trip. Council all agreed to charge \$400 per trip.

Park & Pool – Jimmy Doss wants to purchase the baby pump and sand filter at the pool and is willing to offer \$200 for the equipment. Council approved the purchase of \$200 and they are willing to let Mr. Doss hook the equipment up to make sure it works properly.

The water was turned on at the park and there were several leaks that had to be repaired.

Tyler Howell reported that all the picnic tables have been put in all the shelter houses. Several of the picnic tables need to be replaced or repaired. Council would like Tyler to get a list of how many tables need repaired and how many need to be replaced and then Council will discuss a budget at the next meeting. The walking path needs the weeds sprayed and the shelter houses need cleaned out.

Sheriff – No invoices this month.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Connie Kendall mentioned that Peggy Lightfoot contacted her that the trees uptown need to be trimmed. Council as the tree commission now needs to compose a list of trees that need addressed.

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Budget – X

Street and Alley – Connie Kendall reported that South Street and Chestnut Street still needs a stop sign installed. David Stallsmith reported a sinkhole forming near Price and Swain St.

Fire & Safety – Lance Roberts reported that the new ambulance has arrived and that the alley by the fire station is in rough shape.

Buildings & Grounds – Council decided to not rent the municipal building out at this time.

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Connie Kendall brought up that John Howard sent an email regarding the terrain by Wall's field that needs leveled and Tyler Howell stated Council would need to have someone with a dozer come in and move the ground. Council would like to get some estimates to have the ground bulldozed and its 1,500 feet. In addition, John Howard stated that Council previously voted to fill in the hole by the old lumberyard along the alley and it has not been completed. Tyler Howell suggested putting riprap in the hole and then putting 2s on top. Melissa Shawver made a motion to have Larry Butz haul in the stone with a max budget of \$2,500 with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed. Tyler is going to fill in past the garage along the alley that needs access and install the guardrail.

New Business:

Joan Kasotis was present to pass the 5.9 levy paperwork for the levy to be placed on the ballot November 2020. Part 1 was read which outlines the amount that will be generated by the levy and part 2 was read which states it is necessary to place the levy on the ballot. A motion was made by David Stallsmith to pass Resolution 2020-8 (part 1) and a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed by roll call. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to pass Resolution 2020-9 part 2 and a second by David Stallsmith motion passed. Estimated amount to be generated is \$38,500.

485 N High Street needs a letter for cleanup and 161 Vine Street needs a mowing letter. Bill Redd on High Street needs a letter about junk and Kenny Bookman's property up town behind Connie's needs cleaned up. Council reviewed the list of letters that were sent out last month regarding unlicensed cars and properties that need cleaned up. Dustin Ford is going to follow up with the sheriff regarding the properties that did not comply with the letter they received.

Connie Kendall stated that there is a pile of trash that needs to be cleaned behind the Village Building up town.

Connie Kendall suggested that this year the Village have a street fair this year instead of door-to-door trick or treating. LCA will provide free food and fire department will provide free funnel cakes. Candy can be donated and treat bags can be bagged ahead of time. Council would like to wait to make any decision until they see closer to the date with the virus situation.

Connie Kendall reported that a landscape architect came to the municipal building to draw up plans for playground equipment, splash pad, shelter house, landscaping, and sidewalks all around the municipal building. LCA would take on all the costs and they would be applying for the Marion Foundation Grant.

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Resolution 2020-3 was read to hire Stephen Kendall as part time employee at the water plant with a motion by David Stallsmith and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. Steve Kendall will be covering for Tyler Howell at the plant to perform chemistry testing.

The next regular meeting will be held on August 3, 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