

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

August 2020 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on August 3, 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, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Jessica Wallace, Gary Walters, Diane Evans, Amber Pitts, Denise Potts, Amy Kerr, and Craig Mescher.

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 David Stallsmith to approve the bills with a second by John Boyd, motion passed.

Mayor – X

BPA – Lift station at the modular building had a service call for high water and nothing was found for what was causes the issue/error. \$2,000 was received for the water used at trillium farms fire. Sidewalk was repaired at Forbis’s property and in front of the Methodist Church from the water line repairs.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported all the buildings uptown have been pressure washed, modular building has been repaired, repaired the screws on the wheel chair ramp, the other entrance ramp is on its last leg and was repaired the best he could, shelter houses were pressure washed, and hydrants have all been flushed.

Windows on the south side of the library and old council room need scrapped and painted.

Tyler Howell asked what Council wanted to do for leaf pickup and they approved for 2 additional spot labor workers.

Broken window on the modular building and at this point Council is going to leave it because Tyler Howell said it was still water tight.

Park & Pool – X

Resolution 2020 – 12 was read to approve that the entire property at 350 N High Street be called the La Rue School Park. A motion was made by David Stallsmith to approve the resolution with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

Sheriff – X

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Connie Kendall reported the following trees need attention - Market Street in front of Cindy Price’s house, Chad Howell’s house on High St, and power line going through a tree on third & Swain St needs attention. Connie Kendall will be calling Don Hull’s tree service to schedule them to look over all the trees and make a plan for the tree work.

Budget – X

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Street and Alley – Alley by the old lumberyard has been filled in and Tyler Howell has smoothed it out and build a guardrail along with lowering the breather.

Lance Roberts said he received calls about the potholes on South Street so Tyler Howell is going to fill them in with the material he has out at the park.

Fire & Safety – Lance Roberts is going to talk with the fire board about painting the hydrants and if they will paint them and cover the materials.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

New Business:

Jessica Wallace was present from the Marion County Clerk of Courts and wanted to let the community know what services they provide in her office like passport photos and many other things.

Amber Pitts was present to discuss the trees in front of her house need taken care of and that a large limb fell recently on her car. Gary Walters was present from the insurance company and stated that it is typically classified as an act of God so the auto owner's insurance policy would cover the damage. Amber Pitts stated that the tree was marked years ago and nothing has been done to take care of the tree. Council was unaware of the tree being marked and Ms. Pitts stated it has a blue x on the tree. Gary Walters stated that she could try to file a claim with the insurance and an in adjuster will come out then evaluate.

Gary Walter was present to cover the Village's insurance renewal with Council and went through the policy covering all the information. The 2020 policy premium is down from the previous year because pool equipment has been removed. Council wanted the building on 36 N High Street removed because it is a vacant lot with no structure. The 2020 premium will be \$14,768 with an Ohio Advantage Premium Contribution credit of \$2,241 for a total cost of \$12,527. Council is going to review the policy and remove any items that should not be on the policy.

Craig Mescher was present from Access Engineering Solutions to cover the upcoming projects throughout town for Market Street reconstruction and several other projects.

Funding breakdown:

OPWC \$500,000

CDBG Critical \$670,000

CDBG grant allocation \$15,000

OPWC 0% loan \$65,000

ODOT Grant \$65,000

Village Share \$0

TOTAL \$1,315,000 *Documentation attached*

Resolution 2020-11 was read to approve authorize an application to the OPWC for funding for Market Street reconstruction project. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to approve the resolution with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

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The next regular meeting will be held on September 14, 2020 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by David Stallsmith with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer