

## **LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

### **September 2020 minutes**

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session September 21, 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 he delivered the paint to the Fire Department and trimmed all around hydrants so they are ready to be painted.

Tyler Howell reported that Vine Street project is completed and four new valves were installed with one valve that was removed. Ended up replacing a valve on Front Street that was found to be bad.

Tyler Howell reported that he inventoried all the supplies at the water plant and he thinks he has enough for the upcoming winter. The board approved for Tyler Howell to purchase another 2-inch high max fitting and 20 feet of 2-inch pipe with a motion by Doug Shawver and a second by Diane Evans, motion passed. Tyler Howell reported he has 17 meters at the plant.

Diane Evans reported that the USDA would not refund any debt and USDA would have been the cheapest route. The size of the utility and term of the bond is the main issue with banks not wanting to work with the Village. Our representative does have one nontraditional buyer that may be interested and could take the loan to 3.45% with a savings of \$70,000 over the 20-year loan. The Board at this point would like to move forward with the nontraditional buyer.

### **New Business –**

Diane Evans asked whom we are currently having haul stone, sand, and gravel. Tyler Howell reported we use little Richard which charges \$100 and can bring the most along with Larry Butz who is cheaper but hauls smaller amounts. Diane stated that she had a conversation with Mr. Holcomb about the matter because a community member came to her expressing that Mr. Holcomb was upset. Larry Butz was only used two times this year so far so the Board does not understand where the issue is coming from. The Board was not sure where this community member was getting such detailed financial information with requesting anything through public record.

Diane Evans brought up about how the Village and BPA is going to handle getting a new mower. The concern that was brought up was taking a new mower out to the lagoons that may tear it up and Tyler Howell stated the park was in rougher shape. The Board discussed if purchasing another piece of equipment would be wiser like a bush hog for the lagoons roughly 10 feet wide.

Tyler Howell reported that in September the yearly testing would be completed so Alloway bill be higher.

The Board decided to approve Shane Akers to have both hay fields for \$600 a piece with a 5 year contract and first choice on the land after that with a re-negotiated price.

The Board discussed having RCAP come to exercise valves and Tyler Howell stated he would feel comfortable with having them exercise the critical valves. The Board decided to hold off with RCAP.

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 October 19, 2019 in the Village Council Room.

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Chairman

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Clerk