

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

November 2020 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on November 2, 2020 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, Melissa Shawver, Lance Roberts, David Stallsmith, and John Boyd.

Guests present: None

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 Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

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

Mayor – Dustin Ford presented that the BPA is currently paying the loan payment on the tractor and he would like the Council to take over that payment because it is used primarily for Village related matters. Connie Kendall made a motion that Council would take over the tractor payment for the OWDA Loan that was obtained in 2019 with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. The tractor purchase price was \$27,500 so the yearly loan payment will be \$1,375 and it was a 20-year loan.

A motion was made Connie Kendall to pay \$1,700 towards a vehicle that the BPA is looking at purchasing with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. When the ford ranger was sold, the money was deposited into the general fund so that money will be applied to the purchase of a new vehicle.

Resolution 2020-15 was read to cover how the \$54,265 Coronavirus money was going to be distributed with \$2,500 being held for businesses and the remaining going to the Fire Department. The remaining money if it is not claimed by the businesses in town it will be sent to the fire department. John Boyd expressed that he would like to see the Cares Money used to help the community members and businesses because the Fire Department has plenty of money. A Village in Ohio used the Cares Money towards a credit on the resident's water bills. Council expressed they were unaware that the money could be used towards water bills or anything along those lines. Clerk Mary Price will be contacting Angie at the County Building to get clarification on the matter.

BPA – X

Maintenance – A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to replace the tire on the tractor with a limit of \$500 and a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to approve \$200 to be spent on any Christmas decoration maintenance with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

The earthen embankment that was built appeared to work during the last high water and will work up until around 12 feet of water. The embankment needs to be extended further east so the tree line along that area needs to be cleared. Council was ok with Tyler Howell using spot labor to help clear out the tree line. The French drain by the lumberyard worked as designed during the last high water.

The LCA ordered the backflow device (\$1,685) and this will be the last device that needs installed along the river.

Tyler Howell brought up that when the dump truck goes in for the bed replacement he will not have anything to plow with if we get any snow. The plow can be fabricated to be used on the tractor and could

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be an option for plowing during this season. A motion was made by John Boyd to approve the plow fabrication to the tractor with a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed.

Park & Pool – X

Sheriff – X

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Council would like \$1,000 moved to the tree commission appropriations line for the additional tree work that had to be performed this year.

Arbor Day ceremony was held and a buckeye tree was planted at the municipal building.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Council approved for Tyler Howell to get some street patching done around town while he has fall spot labor. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to approve the purchase of cold patch with a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed.

Fire & Safety – Lance Roberts presented a list of trees that the fire department would like to have trimmed in town. The fire department would like to see that fire hydrant in front of the Methodist Church replaced and Mayor Ford presented that the BPA is aware of the situation.

Buildings & Grounds – A letter will be sent to the prosecutor’s office regarding the 31 & 39 High Street because it is a major health hazard with bricks falling off the face of the building.

Council discussed the library uptown because it is closed and no one is sure if the branch is planning to open again. Discussion was held about moving the council room and Clerk’s office to the library building and getting rid of the modular buildings. Connie Kendall is going to make contact with the library and find out what the situation with the branch is.

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A cleanup letter needs to be mailed to 135 N Front Street for cleanup of the junk on the property.

December Council meeting will be held Tuesday December 8th @7pm

January Council meeting will be held Tuesday January 5th @7pm

Next Tuesday @7pm a meeting will be held regarding the improvements around the municipal building.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 8, 2020 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm. Motion to adjourn by Melissa Shawver with a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer