

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

February 2021 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on February 2, 2021 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, Melissa Shawver, Lance Roberts, John Howard and John Boyd.

Guests present: Diane Evans (Board of Public Affairs)

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 John Howard, motion passed.

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

Resolution 2021-2 was read to increase Tyler Howell's pay 5% which takes it to \$55,125 with a motion by John Howard and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. Tyler Howell's review was conducted at the January meeting with satisfactory results from Council and BPA.

Mayor – X

Dustin Ford updated on the Dollar store and reported that Jerry Lee has asked for an extension and that has not be granted so he has until February 28th to complete the purchase. A variance hearing will be held on February 11th @7pm regarding the amount of parking lot spaces that are required according to the zoning code. At this point, everything is moving forward as planned and they actually want to split one off the parcels so it is less land for the same price.

BPA –

Ordinance 2020-6 was read for the second reading for the proposed \$3.50 rate increase for the water base rate.

Tyler Howell reported that everyone knew the filters at the plant were at the end of life and this past week they stopped filtering. On Friday 29th the filters had to be replaced in RO1 so everything is running at the pressure it should at this point. The sand filters are having some issues and the situation is still be investigated. The north well has been cleaned, RO 1 filters replaced, check valve replaced on the north well, and a cleaning port was installed on the well. Jamison will be back soon to complete the south well cleaning.

Dustin Ford talked about a town that tore down a plant just like ours because the town could not afford the system. If the wells and RO membranes do not last 4-5 years after everything that has been done then the Village will need to look into something different because the BPA cannot keep putting the money into the plant.

Diane Evans presented that according to the last construction meeting a decision will need to be made soon on the color of the tower. If the weather holds out then the tower painting could happen in April. Council talked about just painting La Rue on tower and a shade of blue.

Maintenance – Mayor Dustin Ford presented he contacted Hilltop Lawn Center about trading in the riding mowing and they are willing to give the Village \$6,250.00. Several Ferris mower options were presented and Council is discussing if a 72-inch vs 60-inch deck would be better with 4-year warranty. The 72 inch would add an additional \$2,000 onto the price. John Howard made a motion to approve the purchase of the 60-inch Ferris ISX220000Z-61 with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed. The

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mower after trade in of the John Deere would cost \$3,649 and Council all agreed to split the cost of the mower 50% general and 50% park.

Tyler Howell reported that the dump truck is back and the alley grader has been picked up and it is in the garage uptown. Snow plowing as went smoothly with the tractor and eventually it would be beneficial to put wings on the plow to assist with moving snow.

Park & Pool – Council all agreed that the park should remain closed because people were tearing up the driveway with donuts.

Council all agreed to sell the wood shade structures at the pool to Bob Howell for a \$100 donation.

Sheriff – A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to approve the sheriffs contract for 2021 with a second by John Howard, motion passed. The rates for the sheriff will remain the same as the previous year.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Dustin Ford presented on the St Rt 95 project that they are still waiting on OPWC confirmation on the funding and if the project is fully funded then construction wouldn't start until 2022.

Dustin Ford would like Tyler to get some holes patched around town and along St Rt 95.

Fire & Safety – Lance Roberts reported that the Fire Department signed a contract with Grand Township.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to adjourn the meeting with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. Next meeting will be March 1st @7pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer