

La Rue Village Council Meeting November 1, 2021

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on November 1, 2021 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, John Howard, David Stallsmith, Lance Roberts, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Jeff Winslow and Cheryl Johnson

Opening: Mayor Dustin Ford opened the Meeting with a pledge to the American flag.

Minutes: 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 John Howard to approve the bills with a second by Connie Kendall motion passed.

Mayor –

BPA – Tyler Howell reported that it appears some type of power surge occurred at the plant on Sunday. The PLC is down and will not run. The plant is running in manual mode at this time. AEP has been contacted to investigate the situation and if a surge occurred. Owens Electric came to help troubleshoot the issue and get the plant back up running manually.

The new tower has been completed but after filling the tank the 3 water samples taken came back positive for bacteria. The tower has now been emptied and Caldwell Tank will come in and sanitize the whole tank. Site cleanup still needs to be completed and the old tank still needs to be demolished.

Tyler Howell reported they will be installing a new hydrant down town on Tuesday Nov 12th due to low flow the last time it was used. The hydrant originally was going to be used on River Street but uptown is higher priority so it will be used there.

Mayor Ford brought up that he had a conversation with BPA about the responsibility when hydrant needs to be purchased since it's the Village's property. Typically, the BPA has always purchased the hydrants and paid for installation. A motion was made by John Howard for Council to purchase a hydrant for replacement on River St with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. Council would like a list developed of hydrants throughout town and the status of their operation.

Mayor Ford reported that the application has been submitted for the retro fitting the water plant to a simpler filtration system. The project did not pass the first go around but it is still being considered for funding.

Maintenance –

Tyler Howell reported that the park has been winterized, rebuilt 3 catch basins, Christmas lights have all been checked, leaf vac is ready to go with pickup starting next week, Dollar Store hooked into the water and Sewer, snow plow has been serviced so it's ready to go, and yearly tractor service needs completed (\$500).

The cost of salt has increased so Council needs to figure out where they want to purchase salt with either bulk or bagged salt. The County can sell the Village a bucket scoop of salt for \$33 in bulk, but a shelter needs to be built or located to store the salt. Tyler Howell reported they could get a car port type of building and then get a tarp to cover the salt behind the Village building uptown. A quote for the building structure is going to be obtained so bulk salt can be obtained early in the season.

Tyler Howell asked permission to purchase some lighting in the garage building uptown so more repairs can be completed in house. Council did not see any issues with the purchase of additional lights.

Park & Pool – X

Sheriff – X

Zoning – X
Tree Commission –

Budget – X
Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety – Lance Roberts reported that fire chiefs from Marion Township, Richwood, and Pleasant all attended a meeting to gather ideas for moving forward with hiring a new fire chief.

Buildings & Grounds – X
Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Connie Kendall asked about the status of the Village building up town and the flooring installation. Frey Flooring came to give a quote but nothing has been received at this point. The ceiling tiles have been purchased and still needs installed. The bathroom is in usable condition and a wall needs to be built for the Clerk's office so it can be locked.

New Business:

Cheryl Johnson was present to ask when the state highway projects (37 & 95) are completed if electric outlets can be added to each one of the street lights with a 220 & 110amps. During the LCA event there was all kinds of trouble with electrical usage. Discussion was held about LCA covering the cost for the installation of 220 electric up town. Additionally, Mrs. Johnson asked about the status of the Redd property on High Street because there is currently someone living there. The update is the health department and prosecutor's office are working on the property because it is still condemned and no one should be living there. The other property that needs addressed is Cody Lowe on the corner of School and High Street.

Jeff Winslow reported that his neighbor is installing fencing so it will hide all the extra stuff that is accumulated in the yard.

The sheriff's office has served the property at 256 Swain Ave to remove 7 vehicles and after 10 days if no progress a summons will be issued.

A motion to adjourn by John Howard with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. Next meeting will be December 6, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer