

La Rue Village Council Meeting December 6, 2021

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on December 6, 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, Melissa Shawver, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Diane Evans & Doug Shawver (Representing BPA) Josh, Zach, and Tony were all present from the Scioto Valley Fire Department. Craig Mescher from Access Engineering.

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 John Howard and a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

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

Mayor – X

BPA – The old tower has been demolished and the old footers need to be removed. The vault on the new tower is taking in ground water so it is still needs addressed.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported the Christmas lights have been put up, park water has been moved away from the pool plumbing, tractor was serviced, and painting complete at the building uptown along with the ceiling.

Council discussed the flooring at the future Council room and they have received two quotes for the installation. Quotes received from Fissel Flooring and Frey Flooring: Frey Flooring \$7,500 for plank / Fissel Flooring \$9,700 for plank and \$5,700 for square tiling

Council would like Tyler to follow up with Fissel Flooring to find a wood looking flooring for under \$8,000. A motion was made John Howard to approve a budget of \$8,000 for flooring with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Park & Pool – Tyler Howell reported that the Village is still waiting on Jimmy Doss to repair the park restroom door frames. Someone is destroying the Park parking lot area with atvs. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to approve a budget of \$100 to purchase trail cameras to monitor the parking lot with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

Tyler Howell reported that Pheasants Forever have offered to plant wild flowers and grasses at the park by the sledding hill. A motion was made by John Howard to approve the project proposed by Pheasants Forever with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Sheriff – X

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Bulk salt was purchased from the County and the salt shed that was already behind the Village building was repaired for the salt to be stored in. Tyler Howell reported he repaired the salt spreader again and its running currently but it is getting old. The cost for a salt spreader would be around \$800. Tyler Howell expressed his concern if he puts the salt spreader on the tractor if he would have issues with the weight distribution and balance. Suggestion was made to have someone like Parrott's look over the tractor with weight and distribution. A motion was made by John Howard to purchase another salt spreader and have the tractor equipped with anything it needs to safely be on the road to plow with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Dustin Ford reported he has spoken with the Health Department about the Redd Property and they would be here with the sheriff to evict the current people trying to live there. The Sheriff and Health Department came and could not make contact the residents so they stated they would not be coming back. Mayor Ford stated he would be contacting the sheriff's office again and possible the prosecutor's office since it's a condemned building and no one should be living at the property.

The old catholic church property will have the sheriff visit this coming week to address the issues at the property.

The sheriff's office reported to Mayor Ford that 256 Swain Street is showing progress with cleaning up cars and he would be visiting the property again this week.

New Business:

Representative from the Fire Department were present to discuss the email that was received from CSX wanting to close the Front Street railroad crossing. The Fire Department has major concerns with the closing of the crossing because it would decrease their response times and require them to go out and around to cross the tracks. The Railroad sent the Village an email reporting they will be repaving the crossing along with repairing the bridge and they would like to close the Front Street railroad. Council all agreed the information at this point is very vague and it is a public safety matter if the Front Street is closed. The Fire Department and Council were all on the same page that the Front Street crossing should not be closed.

Craig Mescher from Access Engineering was present to discuss the Village's projects. The road elevation will be adjusted along 95 as needed, but it will still flood in certain areas when the town gets high water. The meeting in January a complete set of plans will be available. Mr. Mescher reported that Market & High Street pump stations will get generators. Additionally, a new piece of playground equipment will be included in the project. All the construction should be completed from March 2022 through October 2022. Council discussed the funding that has been applied for the retrofitting of the water plant. John Howard reported that he spoke with Tracy Richardson regarding the La Rue Water Plant and she would like further information from Access Engineer regarding the application that has been submitted so she can look into the situation. EPA funding is still going to be pursued for a backup with the water plant project. Water lines replacement may be easier to get funding at this point with the available money, but still keep the retrofitting project on the table. John Howard asked if Craig Mescher would send an email to Tracy Richardson regarding the water plant funding and he stated he would send something over. Another project that needs to be considered and maybe included at some point with funding is the dredging of the lagoons.

A motion was made by Connie Kendall to increase the credit card limit to \$5,000 with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

2021-4 was read to hire Michael Swartz as the Village Solicitor from October 2021 through December 2022. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to suspend the rules with a second John Howard, motion passed. A motion was made by John Howard to approve the Ordinance with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

A motion to adjourn by John Howard with a second by John Boyd, motion passed. Next meeting will be January 3, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer