

La Rue Village Council Meeting August 1, 2022

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on August 1, 2022 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, John Boyd, David Stallsmith, Lance Roberts, and Melissa Shawver.

Guests present: Mary Snyder & Board of Public Affairs Representatives Diane Evans and Doug Shawver.

Opening: Mayor 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 Melissa Shawver and a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

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

Mayor – Mayor Ford reported that the State Route 95 project was proposed to start August 1st. There is going to be a large amount of fill coming from the project so it was suggested to have it dumped into the swimming pool area. The millings from the asphalt will be sold @ \$5 per ton so Council would like Tyler Howell to secure 2 truckloads because it can be used on alleys.

BPA – Diane Evans reported that she contacted Access Engineering and they reported that 90% of the engineering is completed for the water plant, but they have not heard anything from the commissioners about paying the engineering cost. At this point it is unknown what the commissioners are doing even though they verbally approved to cover the engineering costs. The commissioners have basically said they would get back to the Board but they have been silent. Diane Evans has met with the commissioners several times and talked with Evie at Regional Planning and still hasn't gotten an answer. RCAP sent an email that EPA would offer 50% forgiveness loan and 50% loan at 0%. At this point the control plan needs to be completed to proceed with EPA funding. If the board does not proceed with the engineering then the whole project stops so they feel like they have to proceed. The engineering cost is \$183,000. Aqua Water is still exploring the plant as well and the Board has not heard anything back yet if they are going to make a proposal.

Resolution 2022-5 was read to authorize the Mayor Ford to enter into an Ohio EPA Water Supply Revolving Loan Agreement. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Melissa Shawver and a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed. A motion to approve the resolution as written was made by Connie Kendall with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported that he was out fogging over the weekend. There are enough supplies for 6 more fogs this season. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to approve the purchasing of more fogging material up to \$3,000 with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

The roof paint for the Village Building uptown has increased in cost and is now \$79-\$89 per bucket. The whole roof would take approximately 30 buckets so it would be a costly project. Tyler Howell suggested spot treatment and caulking to cut the cost of the project and then keeping an eye on it. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to complete spot patching with a budget up to \$1,500 with a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed.

A quote from Grindell Masonry was presented for \$21,000 to complete all the repairs on the exterior of the Village building parapet wall. Tyler Howell reported that Jimmy Doss quoted \$5,000 for the same repairs. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to approve hiring Jimmy Doss to fix the parapet wall on the Village uptown building with a quote of \$5,000 and second by Lance Roberts, motion passed.

Park & Pool – The lions club donated materials that are being stored in the pool house for the Thew shelter house roof repair. Tyler Howell reported that he may be able to get the work done with Bob

Howell and Zach Winslow assistance. If the repair cannot be completed with Village employees then it will be contracted out.

Council approved to have the sand filter that's in the pool house listed for sale on Gov Deals.

The dry hydrant at the park does not work properly so Council wasn't sure if it is something that needs to be addressed and repaired. Council was not sure if the fire department utilizes the hydrant and what repairs need to be done so Tyler Howell is going to look into the situation.

Sheriff – X

Zoning – A variance hearing is scheduled for August 3rd @ 7pm for 131 Chestnut Street.

Tree Commission – Connie Kendall reported that the tree trimming company was in town last week.

An arbor day tree needs to be ordered and planted this fall.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Tyler Howell reported that they put around 1.5 tons down on street patching. Council discussed the condition of Front Street and what sections of the road were the worse. An estimate from Earthworm is going to be obtained so Council can decide how much work they can complete.

Tyler Howell reported that he had to directly order the paint for street lines because it is no longer available in store.

Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – Mayor Ford presented a lease agreement for the modular building located at 350 High Street between the Village and the LCA. The lease amount will be the monthly cost of utilities and all maintenance will need to be completed by the LCA. Council all agreed with the lease and at the July meeting it was already approved for Mayor Ford to sign the agreement.

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

The following properties were placed in the newspaper on July 29, 2022 for violation of ordinance 2003-4 (junk accumulation) and they have until August 12, 2022 to comply:

- 1.) Bradshaw - 44 Vine Street
- 2.) Cody Lowe - 285 High Street
- 3.) Demoris Brown - 61 Vine Street

Clerk Mary Price emailed Bailey Higgins and she reported that once August 12th comes and they are not cleaned up then the Village can clean up the property or hire someone to complete the work. The cost can be assessed to the property taxes.

Mayor Ford reported that 285 High Street has been turned over to the prosecutor's office and they are contacting the owner (Don Fielder).

Clerk Mary Price updated Council on the Steve Dashner driveway situation. Bailey Higgins has taken over the situation and has contacted Mr. Dashner to discuss the matter. Mrs. Higgins also contacted FEMA about the situation and they have reported the driveway is not permitted because it was not approved ahead of time. The situation could actually cause the Village issues with future funding because of the violation. Mr. Dashner was told by Mrs. Higgins that the driveway needs to be removed immediately.

New Business:

265 River Street had a party this past weekend and it was reported that the noise was extremely loud. However, no one contacted the sheriff regarding the situation. The Village has a noise ordinance that restricts the noise past 11:00pm.

A representative from Council needs to attend the Sunshine Law training to cover all elected officials during their term. Clerk Mary Price presented a list of in person training that are available. Additionally, it was researched that there is a 3-hour online training that can be done.

A motion to adjourn by Connie Kendall with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. Next meeting will be September 1, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer