

La Rue Village Council Meeting September 1, 2022

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

Guests present: Mary Snyder, Craig from Access Engineering, & 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 John Howard 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 an update on St Rt 95 is that the crew would like only residents that live on the street to drive on it. Tyler Howell presented pictures for Council to view of items that have been completed. Craig from Access Engineering reported that all the under-ground work has been completed so now the road work will begin with tearing the road up and will just be gravel to drive on. Additionally, it was discovered that a sanitary line runs through a 20-inch storm sewer line by the old lumber yard. The storm sewer tile doesn't appear to have any outlet. The location of the lumber mill to the storm tile and the stability of the structure is an issue. One solution that Craig suggested was running new sanitary sewer line around 80 feet but the project doesn't have much extra money available. Craig estimated the cost of running the sanitary line at approximately \$10,000. Council all felt that particular area in town is very important so they would like to explore running the additional sanitary line. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to approve the additional project to raise 80 feet of sanitary sewer line with a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed. If the lumber mill is ever torn down then the storm sewer line should be addressed that runs along that area. In the original plans some center sections of the road asphalt were going to be saved but at this point things have changed due to the condition of the asphalt so that is going to add \$20,000-\$25,000. The project had \$50,000 contingency built in and the additional asphalt should fall into that.

Craig from Access Engineering reported that OPWC money will be available July 2023 for State Route 37 road repaving and construction would be fall 2024 and into 2025. Council all agreed they would like to proceed with St Rt 37 repaving. The OPWC application is due October 12th so Craig is going to get the Resolution prepared for the October council meeting. St Rt 37 is going to be completed in phases so budget wise it can be kept within the funding available so loans shouldn't have to be obtained.

BPA – X

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported the catch basin on Front Street has been removed, roof project and coating has been completed, equipment at the park has been listed on Gov Deals, going to purchase up to 60-80 tons of asphalt millings from St Rt 95, quote for fogging was received and came in slightly under budget, and street lines have all been painted.

Park & Pool – Mayor Ford presented that the pool as been filled in with materials from the St Rt 95 project debris.

Sheriff – X

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Mayor Ford presented that Richard Holcomb was told to poke a hole in the Davis Tile to explore and ended up doing more work than what was approved or that Council was aware of. The work that has already been completed could be up to \$3,000 but Council is not aware of where the work is even being done and it is unclear who even approved the work. At this point no invoices have been submitted so it is unclear what all exactly has been completed. Holcomb did find a blockage in the tile and it was removed, but the problem is that the project was not approved and no quote was ever presented. Council agreed that with the work that was already completed they will pay Holcomb. The main issue is communication between Holcomb and the Village with regards to the project and prior approval from Council. Council agreed to have Holcomb wrap up what he currently has torn up and then moving forward Council would like a quote and communication for further work. Council doesn't feel any work that he completed was done out of malice but there is a process that has to be completed with prior approval and quotes. Tyler Howell is going to contact Richard Holcomb to get an update on the whole project so he can pass the information to Council.

Tyler Howell would like Council approval to bring a dumpster in for the property cleanup because there is too much to haul to the transfer station. Also, the transfer station will not take a majority of the junk that is on the properties like lawn mowers. Council would like Tyler Howell to coordinate with the sheriff when he has the dumpster hauled in to cleanup.

John Howard agreed to complete the online sunshine law training as Council representative.

New Business:

Council would like a new appropriation added for drainage in 2023 and set it at \$10,000.

Council all agreed to hold Trick or Treat on Saturday October 29th from 5-6:30pm.

A motion was made by Connie Kendall to enter executive session at 8:51pm to discuss facilities with a second by John Howard, motion passed.

A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to leave executive session at 9:20pm with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

Resolution 2022-6 was read to advertise for bids for the water plant with a motion to suspend the rules by Connie Kendall and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. A motion to approve Resolution 2022-6 was made by Melissa Shawver and a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

A motion to adjourn by John Howard with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. Next meeting will be October 3, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer