

La Rue Village Council Meeting November 10, 2022

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on November 10, 2022 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, David Stallsmith, John Howard, Lance Roberts, John Boyd, and Melissa Shawver.

Guests present: Diane Evans, Barb & Ed Stofcheck, Mary Snyder, Scott Ballenger from Aqua Water, and Anthony Mancari.

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 Connie Kendall and a second by David Stallsmith, 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.

A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to increase the Street fund budget and appropriations by \$1,817,000 for the Market Street project with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

Mayor – X

BPA – X

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported that Christmas in the Village will be held on Dec 8th 6-8pm and they would like the road closed that evening.

Tyler Howell reported that he got wire strung across the road downtown with Mid Ohio donating the material and AEP donating the labor. The wire will be used to hang banners or Christmas lights on.

Tyler Howell reported that has been working mostly on Christmas lights and picking up leaves.

Park – X

Sheriff – X

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Tyler Howell reported that the Arbor Day tree was planted at 350 High Street.

Arbor Day Proclamation approved and will be held on November 10, 2022.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety – Lance Roberts reported that the street project beside the station is complete. A forest fire had to be attended to and taken care of this month.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Barb Stofcheck was present to discuss with Council about the proposed park at the old Village Municipal Building. Council all agreed to proceed with the project at the proposed location at 350 High Street.

Tyler Howell reported on Market Street project and that all the concrete work is done, man holes have all been completed, and some dirt just needs to be finished. The catch basin at the cooperation limit needs to be reconfigured because the way it is currently installed it will not function properly. The catch basin should have had a sump as part of the original project design.

A letter was received from Steve Dashner regarding the driveway at 414 High Street. In the letter he states that he has removed the driveway stone that he installed.

Council discussed the junk properties and follow up on the status:

- Demoris Brown has been cleaning up his property so Council is going to hold off at this point.
- Cody Lowe (Owner- Don Fielder) property at 285 High Street still needs junk removal. The junk vehicles on the property would need to be removed by the sheriff's department. Council wants to have Tyler Howell order a dumpster and coordinate with the sheriff to have the junk removed from the property. A letter was sent to the property and unsigned so a newspaper ad was placed in the Marion Star for cleanup.

New Business:

John Howard reported that at the river end of the Lauther Tile, we need to get the opening of the tile cleared out, it's about 30% blocked right now. While we are there, he would like someone to use a hoe or something long and reach into the tile and drag out any buildup out of the tile to improve the exit flow. Then we can re-evaluate in the spring to see if we need to jet the line out going back towards town. Furthermore, we need to backhoe out two or three scoops of material at the Davis tile backflow preventer to improve exit flow there. It has gotten fairly built up around it. This is the backflow at the river. An estimate for the project should be less then \$1,000 and completed in the same day. A motion was made by Lance Roberts to approve the project for up to \$1,000 with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Dustin Ford reported that the grant application for south section of St Rt 37 has been moved out of the County and is going to the next round.

A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to enter into executive session @7:44pm to hold water plant contract negotiations with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

A motion was made by John Howard to exit executive session @9:18pm with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to approve the Village's solicitor to proceed with the finalizing of the purchasing agreement with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

Council agreed to hold a public meeting on November 28, 2022 @ 7:00pm and then informational flyers will be mailed out with the December utility bills for customers that could not attend the public meeting.

A motion to adjourn by John Boyd with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. Next meeting will be December 5, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer