

La Rue Village Council Meeting January 10, 2023

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on January 10, 2023 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: David Stallsmith, John Howard, John Boyd, Lance Roberts, and Melissa Shawver.

Guests present: Diane Evans and Doug Shawver representing the Board of Public Affairs. Matt Bayles.

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 David Stallsmith, motion passed.

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

John Howard was appointed as Council president for 2023.

Resolution 2023-1 was read to approve the blanket purchase orders 1-36. A motion to suspend the rules was made by John Boyd with a second by John Howard, motion passed. A motion was made by John Boyd to approve the resolution as written with a second by John Howard, motion passed.

Ordinance 2023-1 was read to approve the 2023 appropriations. John Howard made a motion to suspend the rules with a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed. Motion to approve the ordinance as written by Lance Roberts with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Mayor – X

BPA –

Resolution 2023-2 was read for Council to accept the bid from Aqua Water. A motion to suspend the rules was made by John Howard and a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed. A motion was made by Lance Roberts to approve the resolution as written with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 absent council member.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported that he plowed some snow, salted, and took down the Christmas lights.

Park – X

Sheriff – Matt Bayles wanted to touch base with Council and discuss some programs that are available. One program that Kevin Davison with the sheriff's office is going to be in charge is a Safe Guard Seniors Program that allows seniors to be checked on once per week. Another program is an inmate work program where nonviolent inmates can complete community service around the area. The Village can sign up for the inmate program if we have any projects.

Another topic that Mr. Bayles brought up was coverage in the Villages and the deputies aren't signing up because the money is below their current pay. Caledonia decided to increase the pay for the deputies to help increase the coverage to \$50 per hour (\$45 goes to the deputy and \$5 to the county). It is completely up to each Village what they would like to do with our 2023 contract and increasing the pay for deputies. The Village Council tabled the sheriff's contract and will discuss in February.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X
Budget – X
Street and Alley – X
Fire & Safety – X
Buildings & Grounds – X
Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Mayor Ford reported that he spoke with Don Fielder the owner from 285 High Street and he has now signed the property over to Cody Lowe. The Village Council has invited the prosecutor's office to the February meeting to discuss the delinquent taxes and the condition of the trash on the property.

Tyler Howell reported that he has spoken James Bradshaw about the option of purchasing the Christmas tree and small lot it sits on. The LCA and Lions Club are having discussions on donations to help with the purchase. Council is going to wait until The LCA and Lions Club comes back with what they are willing to contribute.

New Business:

Application for placement of farmland in an agricultural district was received from the Auditors Office for Jeff Wall's property. The Village Council will need to hold a public meeting to complete the application on February 6th @7pm.

A motion to adjourn by Melissa Shawver and a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed. Next meeting will be February 6, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer