

La Rue Village Council Meeting October 2, 2023

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on October 2, 2023 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: David Stallsmith, Connie Kendall, John Howard, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Mary Snyder, Judy Cobb, Gina Piacentino, and Diane Evans (BPA representative), Chief and Assistant Chief from Scioto Valley Fire Department.

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 John Howard to approve the bills with a second by Connie Kendall motion passed.

Mayor – X

BPA – Diane Evans presented that starting in November the sewer bills will be postcards.

Tyler Howell reported the lift stations generators are all installed and running. The old generator has been placed online.

Tyler Howell reported that the plumbing in the Council building needs to be replaced so the building can be metered. Estimate for the project would be a couple hundred dollars. Council approved the project to repair the plumbing.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported that he painted the swing set at 350 High Street. Possible lights to be installed at 350 High Street for improved security was discussed and Council all approved the new lights.

Tyler Howell reported that the leaf vac is charged and ready to go, back flow device installed and some finishing ground work needs done, and picnic tables taken from up town and moved back to the park.

Council all agreed to contact a new Company to get a quote for the unfinished work around that Richard Holcomb has not completed.

Park – Tyler Howell reported that inmates will be painting the dug outs and Hunts Fencing is working on a quote for the fencing repairs around the fields. Connie Kendall presented that the gazebo needs stained at the park and the Tony Harrah sign needs painted.

Sheriff – Mayor Ford stated that the sheriff stills needs to get the Village the contract.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Connie Kendall is going to contact the Tree Company to remove the tree in from of Mary Snyder's property and the one across the street.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Mayor Ford is going to follow-up with the State about the repaving along St Rt 37 and the Village is going to pay for the materials.

Fire & Safety – X
Buildings & Grounds – X
Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

St Rt 37 Critical Infrastructure Funding was not approved so that project will not be moving forward. The Village can reapply again and perhaps the tearing down of the burnt building can be included in the new application. The reasoning for the funding being denied was that the project was not critical enough, surveys were out dated, and the pictures did not show enough proof. Mayor Ford is going to reach out to the Engineering Firm and find out what the status is since the Village has not heard anything from them.

LaRue community playground ribbon cutting October 15th @3pm.

New Business:

Gina Piacentino was present from The Conservancy District regarding the project along River Street with copies of the two easements for the project. Property locations for the easements Dry Creek Properties LLC and Steven Cobb.

Melissa Shawver presented to council that she is concerned with the property at 453 High Street that is located next to her rental property. The property has trash and other things on the front porch which is attracting cockroaches. A letter will be sent to the property owner of the property – Steve Dashner.

Judy Cobb was present to talk with Council about her property situation and present Council with a stack of petitions she has gathered from community members. Mrs. Cobb expressed her concern with the lack of support for her business. She expressed that John Howard has been the only member to come in and talk with her and buy a pizza. Mrs. Cobb expressed her concern with someone getting hurt and critters in the building that may come over to her property this winter. Council agreed they will continue to talk with the Landbank and Village Solicitor to see what the Village can do in the matter. Discussion was held about contacting the health department about the rodents.

Connie Kendall presented that LCA would like to purchase 6 trash cans for the new playground area at 350 High Street. The LCA would like to know if Council would be willing to add the service onto the Village's Rumpke Account to have those trash cans serviced. Council agreed to add the service to the Village's Rumpke account.

Connie Kendall presented that LCA would like to have the Village develop the large open grass area at 350 High Street into a soccer field. Once the land is leveled then the LCA would purchase the goals and soccer field. Additionally, the LCA is going to purchase 2 concrete corn hole boards.

Connie Kendall presented that the Fire Department would like a key box installed on the building at 350 High Street so the Fire Department has access in case of an emergency. Since the Village owns the building the LCA has brought the matter to the Village Council. Council didn't have a problem with installing the box. A motion was made by John Howard to buy a box for 350 High Street and 86 High Street with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

John Howard reported several projects that Tyler Howell needs to address: Terry Ditch where it goes under Section Street needs to be cleaned out (Lowry Property), drain on Vine Street on the east end needs to be cleaned, railroad viaduct on the north side has grown up and needs cleaned out, and seeding any areas in town that have been torn up before winter.

A motion to adjourn by John Howard and a second by Connie Kendall motion passed. Next meeting will be November 6, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer