

## La Rue Village Council Meeting December 4, 2023

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on December 4, 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, Lance Roberts, and John Boyd.

**Guests present:** BPA 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 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** – Mayor Ford presented he would like to hold a meeting December 20<sup>th</sup> @6:00pm to discuss personnel for 2024.

**BPA** – Diane Evans brought up that the Board is going to put around \$200,000 into cds with Park National Bank. Diane Evans also brought up that she spoke with Evelyn at Regional Planning about grants for the remaining sewer repairs that need to be completed with estimates around \$35,000-\$40,000.

**Maintenance** – Tyler Howell reported that leaves and Christmas lights are mostly what he has completed in November. The property on Half Street that Council wanted mowed has been completed.

Council is still waiting on Holcomb to jet some lines and a couple other pending projects.

**Park** – New security light has been installed by the playground @350 High Street.

**Sheriff** – X

**Zoning** – X

**Tree Commission** – X

**Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – Tyler Howell reported that he needs some supplies to fix stop signs. A motion was made by John Howard to approve \$600 for street signs supplies with a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed.

**Fire & Safety** – X

**Buildings & Grounds** – X

**Regional Planning** – X

**Old Business:**

ARPA money needs to be allocated by December 2024 and the money needs to be spent by December 2025.

No update on tearing down the old hardware store.

Council discussed the burnt property uptown and gathering a quote for an estimate to tear down. Mayor Ford is going to look into the Ordinance for dangerous buildings to figure out what

process needs to be held. Council just wants to gather all the information to figure out if anything can be done.

Connie Kendall brought up that Council previously discussed renaming the park at 350 High Street. Council is going to gather the community's input.

**New Business:**

Connie Kendall reported that she spoke with Becky Nelson who works at Kings Saver which is owned by Fresh Encounters and they are interested if Council would like to open a market in town. If Council is interested then they would like a written letter stating that the Mayor and Council is interested. Fresh Encounters - Mike Needler – PO BO 1007 Findlay OH 45849

Council discussed Christmas in The Village and why it wasn't going to be held this year and moving forward what could be done to bring it back.

A motion to adjourn by John Boyd and a second by John Howard, motion passed. Next meeting will be January 3, 2024 at 7:00pm. Council is going to invite a solicitor to the next meeting to swear in the Mayor and Board members.

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer