

LaRue Village Council Meeting January 10, 2024

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on January 10, 2024 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, Andrew Trihaft, and John Hickman.

Guests present: BPA representatives Diane Evans, Mary Snyder, Maria Ford

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 Andrew Trihaft, motion passed.

The financial report was presented and a motion was made John Hickman to approve the bills with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

A motion was made by John Hickman to nominate John Howard as Council president and no second, motion turned down. David Stallsmith made a motion to nominate Connie Kendall as council president with a second by Andrew Trihaft, motion passed.

Resolution 2024-1 was read to approve POs for 2024 with a motion by John Howard and a second by Andrew Trihaft, motion passed.

Ordinance 2024-1 was read to approve 2024 appropriations. A motion was made to suspend the rules by John Howard and a second by Connie Kendal, motion passed. A motion to approve the ordinance as written was made by John Hickman and a second by John Howard, motion passed.

Council members sworn into office – Mayor Ford, David Stallsmith, Andrew Trihaft, and John Hickman.

Mayor – X

BPA – Diane Evans reported that delinquent sewer bills were certified to taxes per Ohio Revised Code. \$200,000 was placed into a CD.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported that he got the stop sign faces ordered, dump truck all cleaned up and yearly maintenance completed, and tractor has some repairs completed on the hood due to a crack.

Tyler Howell reported the hardware store demolish should be bid out this month.

Christmas lights that are strung across the road need to be upgraded to commercial grade lights in the future.

Park –

Sheriff – Council discussed the sheriff coverage in town and getting a speed radar sign in town to help detour speeding.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Tyler Howell reported there are some alleys addressed. Council discussed if they want to purchase any equipment to help lay out the stone and sift it. Tyler Howell presented about selling the roller and purchasing other usable equipment. A motion was made by John Hickman to sell the roller with a second by John Howard, motion passed. A motion was made by John Hickman to purchase stone (411s) for the alley behind hatchery with a second by Andrew Trihaft, motion passed.

Council discussed the permissive tax application that will be due in February. A motion was made by Connie Kendall that we roll over the permissive tax money with a second by John Hickman, motion passed. Front Street is top priority right now for street work so Council would like Tyler Howell to get a quote for Front Street repaving.

Fire & Safety – Mayor Ford appointed Andrew Trihaft as council representative to the fire board.

Buildings & Grounds – X
Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Mary Snyder expressed her appreciation to Council for getting the dangerous trees removed near her house.

Mayor Ford reported the buckeye tree came in and will be planted at the old park when weather permits.

Dustin Ford reported that Evelyn from Regional Planning sent an email about gaining ownership of the burnt buildings and it was reported that it would be a lengthy process. Diane Evans reported that she golfs with some friends that are insurance agents and she brought up the burnt building situation to get their opinions. They highly advised that the property owner of JC's should be suing their own insurance company. The compliance person Mrs. Evans was talking to says if the Village's solicitor told the Village to not touch the building then council should be very careful because a lot of unnecessary liability could be taken on.

No status update on Holcomb for jetting. Tyler Howell contacted John Slaughterback to get a quote for jetting the lines.

New Business:

Maria Ford reported they were at the park last month and witnessed 4-wheelers driving on the stone path so Council discussed making sure there are signs posted prohibiting that activity.

A motion to adjourn by John Howard.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 7, 2024.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer