

LaRue Village Council Meeting July 1, 2024

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on July 1, 2024 in the Village Council Room. Present were Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, Andrew Trihaft, Maria Ford, David Stallsmith, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Lance Roberts, Joann Kasotis, Diane Evans, and Mary Snyder

Opening: President of Council, Connie Kendall, 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 Andrew Trihaft and a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

The financial report was presented and a motion was made Andrew Trihaft to approve the bills with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed.

Mayor – X

BPA – Diane Evans reported that the pump station clean out project has been completed. One of the treasury bonds is going to be maturing in July and the Board is going to add \$50,000 on to the CD. So, the total investment will be increasing to \$250,000.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported that last month he helped with the oorang bang event, mowed, the project in front of 123 High Street was completed, gator arrived, and the quote came in for the Village sign at \$825. A motion was by Andrew Trihaft to approve \$825 for the Village sign with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

A sink hole is developing near 123 N High Street out in the road and it is being monitored at this point.

Park – Tyler Howell reported that baseball for youth had a tournament and the trash cans were all overflowing so he instructed them to take some trash cans from in town to the park. Council discussed getting a dumpster at the park for next season.

Sheriff – Maria Ford reported that she contacted the sheriff's office about the village getting a report and they are looking into the matter.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety – Andrew Trihaft reported the fire station is looking into getting a device that will allow the tornado siren to be turned on remotely.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Old Business:

No updates on the side of Coonies building because that is the Landbanks project still.

New Business:

Resolution 2024-6 was read to declare it necessary to levy a renewal of an existing tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation. A motion was made by Andrew Trihaft to suspend the 3 reading rule with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed. A motion by Maria Ford was made to approve the resolution as written with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. 4 ayes in the roll call vote: Maria Ford – aye, David Stallsmith – aye, Andrew Trihaft – aye, John Boyd – aye, John Hickman – absent. Joann Kasotis reported the Village will generate \$26,000 from renewing this levy.

Lance Roberts reported to council that on his lot along Front Street there's an area over top the backflow device that's dipping down so it needs some dirt hauled in. He said if the Village would get some dirt then he would level it out and plant grass seed. Tyler Howell is going to look at the area and see how much dirt is needed. Lastly the tip of his lot is being mowed by Bob Howell and he said he doesn't need to mow that because he can mow it himself.

Resolution 2024-5 was read to approve using the ARPA money for the catch basin project near 143 Market Street in the amount of \$25,259.72. A motion was made by Andrew Trihaft to suspend the 3 reading rule with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed. A motion was made to approve the resolution as written by Andrew Trihaft and a second by David Stallmsith, motion passed.

Mary Snyder reported that she is concerned with the condition of the town and so many properties that need cleaned up. It was reported by another community member that the Pendelton property along Chestnut Street has a large amount of trash bags piled up around the back of the house. The health department should be coming to visit the Pendelton property. Council discussed how to get the town cleaned up and the Village needs a new solicitor that can help enforce the Village ordinances. Council discussed getting dumpsters and placing them in different areas of town and Tyler Howell can monitor the dumpsters. Council picked July 27th to bring a dumpster in from Josh Daniels to cleanup the Marsh addition area of town. Tyler Howell is going to make a flyer with a map and Connie Kendall is going to post the information online.

Council approved to pay out Tyler Howell's remaining unused vacation time at 80 hours.

Connie Kendall reported that the LCA has a quote to build a shelter at the park by the municipal building. She reported that if the Village wants electric run to the shelter then Council needs to start thinking about that. LCA is getting a quote to get metal siding on the modular building and a window fixed.

Special meeting scheduled on Monday July 8, 2024 @7pm to pass the 2nd resolution for the levy.
Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2024.