

## LaRue Village Council Meeting November 4, 2024

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on November 4, 2024 in the Village Council Room. Present were Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, John Hickman, Andrew Trihaft, Maria Ford, David Stallsmith, and John Boyd.

**Guests present:** Jennifer Knapp

**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 David Stallsmith and a second by John Hickman, motion passed.

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

**Mayor** – X

**BPA** – X

**Maintenance** – Tyler Howell reported the following: barber shop building project was completed, maple tree was purchased and planted, blower & saw was purchased, leaf collection has started, two dead trees were cut down, asphalt work completed around catch basin at School and High Street, and old play ground has been torn down at 350 High Street.

Tyler Howell reported The Lion's Club wants to plant a Christmas tree on the Village's new lot up town (39 High Street). Council didn't see a problem with the tree and discussed a location on the lot. Additionally, Tyler would like to tear down the block building at the rear of the property and install a fence along the north property line.

Council approved a budget of \$800 for Christmas light expenses with a motion by John Hickman and a second by Maria Ford, motion passed.

Backup camera was installed on the dump truck through Ziebart. The Village will be using the \$1,000 safety allotment from the insurance company to cover the backup camera along with purchasing reflective vests and fire extinguishers for the vehicles.

**Park** – X

**Buildings & Grounds** – X

**Sheriff** – Andrew Trihaft reported there were some issues raised about dirt bikes in town and at this point the sheriffs department stated residents should call in if they see issues.

**Zoning** – X

**Street and Alley** – X

**Budget** – X

**Tree Commission** –

**Fire & Safety** – Andrew Trihaft reported the Fire Department received grant funding for thermal imaging and there is currently a burn ban in place.

**Old Business:**

Craig from Access Engineering will be present at the December meeting to provide a report on St Rt 37 project and it's currently in an environmental review process.

Tyler Howell is going to contact the company that quoted the project in front of Greg Fields to get an update when they will be completing the project.

**New Business:**

Jennifer Knapp brought a copy of the Village's complete policy and she reported that she added the new shelter house to the policy for \$30,000 valuation.

Christmas in the Village is December 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm downtown.

Tyler Howell reported that The Night at The Museum was held in town last month and was a very successful event.

Letter needs to be sent to 265 River Street regarding chickens on the property.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2024