

LaRue Village Council Meeting March 3, 2025

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on March 3, 2025 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, John Hickman, Andrew Trihaft, Maria Ford, John Boyd, and David Stallsmith.

Guests present: Diane Evans and Mary Snyder

Opening: Mayor Dustin 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 David Stallsmith and a second by Connie Kendall, 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 – None

BPA – Diane Evans reported that the contract with Marion County Sanitary Engineer was expiring and they predicted the rates would go up. However, the flow rate is currently down so instead of the contract going up it is going to stay the same and they are going to add an additional visit to the system each month.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell was able to get the mower purchase down to \$8,012 and the dealership suggested the Village look at trading in the mower every 2 years.

Tyler Howell reported this month he has completed some necessary street patching also completed cleaning and painting of snow equipment.

Council discussed the trash service and issues the Village is having with trash not getting picked up. Council all agreed to cancel the uptown & park pickup and proceeding forward Tyler Howell will empty those cans and take them to the dumpster.

Council wants the Village's lot beside coonies surveyed so the fencing project can be completed.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Budget – X

Tree - X

Commission – X

Sheriff – X

Street and Alley – The street paving company should be in this month to complete the permissive tax road work.

Tyler Howell reported the drain/catch basin at the intersection of Front & Market Street needs to be replaced. An estimate for roughly \$1,400 was calculated for the parts and labor. Tyler felt that he could complete the work himself. A motion was made by John Hickman to approve \$1,500 for the catch basin repair with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed. The job will be paid for with street funds.

Zoning – Bob Howell has resigned as zoning inspector. Mayor Ford suggested that Tyler Howell would be a good candidate for the zoning inspector since he's around town so much. Council wanted to make sure it's not a conflict of interest before proceeding forward.

Park – Tyler Howell suggested to the Baseball For Youth they could store the equipment for the fields in the old pool concession stand building to clear space in their building by the fields. Council didn't have a problem with that.

Tyler Howell reported that he is going to contact a contractor to get a quote to cleanup and level the old pool area that was filled in. Additionally, the pool house needs to be addressed because the roof is leaking, there's a sand filter still

inside, and metal siding still inside for the Thew shelter house. The kiddie pool needs to be leveled out and filled in. Tyler Howell and Council are all going to get quotes for the work around the old pool.

Fire & Safety – Andrew Trihaft reported that the Fire District met with someone about billing for Medicaid and how they can bill the federal government for service calls.

Old Business:

Jack Vanbibber did not show to the meeting with a contract.

New Business:

A motion was made John Hickman to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters @8:14pm with a second by Andrew Elswick, motion passed.

A motion was made Andrew Trihaft to exit executive @8:45pm with a second by John Hickman, motion passed.

A motion was made by Maria Ford to approved for a \$750 uniform allowance with a second by John Hickman, motion passed. i

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2025