

## **LaRue Village Council Meeting May 1, 2024**

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

**Guests present:** Mrs. Hickman and Mary Snyder

**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 Connie Kendall and a second by John Hickman, motion passed.

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

**Mayor – X**

**BPA – X**

**Maintenance** – Tyler Howell reported he replaced some signs that were knocked down, mowing in full swing, landscaping completed around town, cleaned up around the bleachers at the park and laid gravel, and he laid stone along South Street.

A motion was made by Connie Kendall to purchase 10 more flags and 2 large flags for each park with a second by Andrew Trihaft, motion passed.

Mayor Ford presented that Tyler needs a piece of equipment to use for around town so the dump truck and tractor won't be driven around so often. A proposal was made for a John Deere Gator with an estimate for \$9650 + some additional addons with the government pricing. John Hickman wanted to get an additional quote to add on a sprayer. A motion was made by John Hickman to approve the purchase for \$11,000 for a John Deere Gator, 2-year warranty, and power lift with a second by Andrew Trihaft, motion passed. The cost of the item will be split between general, street, and highway fund. Council decided to just purchase a weed sprayer separately. A motion was made to approve a \$500 limit for a sprayer by Andrew Trihaft with a second by John Hickman, motion passed.

**Park** – The tee ball visitors dugout needs to be cleaned out due to mud buildup. Tyler Howell reported that he will be fixing up the concrete area around the cart memorial at the park.

**Sheriff** – Council requested that Mayor Ford contact the sheriff for a report of what they are doing while they are in patrolling in town.

**Zoning** – X

**Tree Commission** – X

**Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – X

**Fire & Safety** – X

**Buildings & Grounds** – X

**Regional Planning** – X

**Old Business:**

X

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2024-3** to approve spending ARPA money for the replacement of the storm drain at the intersection of High & School St by B.L. Excavating Services and street repairs on St Rt 37 for \$7,500. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Connie Kendall and a second by John Hickman, motion passed. A motion to approve the resolution with a motion by Connie Kendall and a second by John Hickman, motion passed.

**Resolution 2024-4** to approve spending ARPA money on road repairs along St Rt 37 for \$2,500 near 123 High Street and other areas around town. A motion to suspend the rules was made by John Hickman and a second by Connie Kendall motion passed. A motion to approve the resolution with a motion by John Hickman and a second by Andrew Hickman, motion passed.

**Resolution 2024-5** was read to approve CDBG funding for the South High Street Reconstruction Phase 1 Project. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Connie Kendall and a second by John Hickman, motion passed. A motion to approve the resolution with a motion by Connie Kendall and a second by Andrew Trihaft, motion passed.

Connie Kendall requested that the streets from Section to Market St will be closed for the Oorang Bang on June 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>.

Tyler Howell would like Council to make a parking spot outside the village building as a designed municipal parking spot so he can use it when he needs to loan and unload materials, council approved.

Next Meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2024.

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer