

LaRue Village Council Meeting May 5, 2025

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on May 5, 2025 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, John Boyd, John Hickman, and David Stallsmith.

Guests present: Diane Evans (BPA Representative), Mark Hardin, Joann Kasotis, 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 Connie Kendall 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. 2025 budget documents were presented and approved by council.

Resolution 2025-2 was read to approve the renewal 5.9 mil levy with a motion to suspend the rules by Andrew Trihaft and a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. A motion to approve the resolution as written was made by John Hickman and a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Joann Kasotis certified the estimated property tax revenue amounts.

Resolution 2025-3 was read to approve the ballot language for renewal 5.9 mil levy with a motion to suspend the rules by Andrew Trihaft and a second by John Hickman, motion passed. A motion to approve the resolution as written was made by Andrew Trihaft and a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Mayor Ford presented that Council needs to get out and talk with the community about the levy being just a renewal.

Mayor – None

BPA – Diane Evans reported that the parts for the South St pump station have arrived and the county will be installing everything once they are available.

Maintenance –

Tyler Howell reported that he has been working on the tile on the vacant property beside Coonies.

Pictures were shared from the street patching by Pave Works and Tyler Howell reported that the work was not satisfactory so Council agreed to send a letter regarding the matter.

Street and Alley –

Tyler Howell reported a quote from Earthworm for Front Street chip & seal work (St Rt 95 to River St the quote is \$11,606). The main issue is that the patching from Pave Works is not correct so the chip and seal has to wait until everything is resolved.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Sheriff – X

Budget – X

Tree – X

Commission – X

Fire & Safety – Andrew Trihaft reported that the fire district levy will be placed on the November 2025 ballot.

Zoning – A motion was made by Andrew Trihaft to hire Tyler Howell as the zoning inspector with a second by John Hickman, motion passed. Council will need to discuss the payment structure moving forward for the position.

Park –

Tyler Howell reported that he laid stone around the ball field concession stand and he also had to repair the toilets in the bath house because they were vandalized.

Old Business:

Council discussed the junk properties around town and what can be done to get the community looking better. Sending letters is not effective and people are not taking action. Council is going to discuss these matters with potential solicitor on May 19th.

New Business:

Mark Hardin reported that he lives on Swain and he is concerned with the drainage when it rains and the water running towards his property. The drain near his house is not functioning properly when it rains to remove the water. Mr. Hardin presented an example of the kind of drain that could be installed to better move the water. Council is going to have Tyler Howell investigate by digging up the current drain to figure out what can be done.

May 19th @6:30pm a special meeting will be held with Samantha Hobbs to discuss the solicitor position.

Mowing letters to send:

161 Vine Street

171 Vine Street

Council discussed the Memorial Day service because the community has expressed the concern with it ending. Tyler Howell is going to make some contacts to see what he can get pulled together. Matt Applefeller is still going to put the flags at the cemetery.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2025