

LaRue Village Council Meeting July 7, 2025

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on July 7, 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:** 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 John Hickman 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 John Hickman, motion passed.

Mayor – None

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported an update on the catch basin project at the end of Front Street.

Tyler Howell is going to get a quote for blinking lights for street barriers.

Tyler Howell reported that the tractor is being repaired with a quote for \$1,700 to fix the axle. The tractor is currently worth \$40,000 - \$45,000 and a brand-new tractor would be roughly \$15,000 over that. Quotes are going to be gathered.

Street and Alley – Tyler Howell presented that Marion County is offering to sell old stop signs because they were required to replace every sign in Marion. The signs are still in usable condition and they are charging \$25 per sign. A motion was made by Andrew Elswick to purchase 30 signs with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed.

Tyler Howell reported that he will be installing a dead-end sign by Section Street.

Tyler Howell presented to Council that if they wanted to purchase decorative flower holders throughout downtown, he would need a budget amount set. Additionally, they would like power installed to the poles.

BPA – The insurance quote for additional liability coverage was received for \$1854. Aqua is going to cover the cost and all current contracts will remain the same with Tyler Howell being contract labor.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Tree – X

Budget – X

Park – X

Commission – X

Sheriff – X

Fire & Safety – Andrew Trihaft reported the fire department has been completing safety training & 174 runs to date.

Zoning – Tyler Howell reported that zoning has been busy with several people wanting to construct new houses along with 3 new apartments up town. He has been working with them regarding zoning and flood regulations.

A motion was made by John Hickman to approve the zoning inspector pay to be set @\$1,300 with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed. The pay for zoning inspector will be payable each July from the general fund.

Old Business:

Council approved Tyler Howell's vacation time payout of 65 hours.

New Business:

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2025