

LaRue Village Council Meeting September 2, 2025

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on September 2, 2025 in the Village Council Room. Present were Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, Andrew Trihaft, Maria Ford, John Boyd, and David Stallsmith. **Guests present:** Diane Johnson, Angie Sayer, & Craig Mescher

Opening: Andrew Trihaft 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 Maria Ford, motion passed.

Public meeting held @7pm to present the proposed zoning code change. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to approve the zoning code change with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed.

The financial report was presented and a motion was made Connie Kendall to approve the bills with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. Appropriation code 1000-620-396 was added to the appropriations with a budget of \$20,000 to cover street expenses for repaving and street lighting. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to approve the appropriation with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed

Mayor – None

Maintenance – Tyler Howell updated on the planters downtown and the electric installation. Maria Ford presented about some planters she found that the Amish will construct. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to purchase the planters and the electric with a budget of \$4,000 and a second by Maria Ford, motion passed.

Tyler Howell presented that BPA is wanting to purchase a mower attachment for the tractor and they wanted Council to contribute. Council discussed and at this point they are not wanting to contribute until more information is available.

Street and Alley – A motion was made by Connie Kendall to purchase the street sweeper for \$9,799 and to increase the State Highway budget by that same amount with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed. State highway budget & appropriation has been increased by \$9,799.

Front Street chip and seal has been completed.

Council all agreed to have Tyler Howell install stone around the curve on High Street when coming in town on the north end of town.

Tyler Howell reported that the material from the street project is being hauled to the lagoons to build up a road that can be used when hauling brush.

Park – Tyler Howell shared a picture of the repairs he completed at the park around the pond.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Tree – X

Budget – X

BPA – X

Commission – X

Zoning – X

Sheriff – X

Fire & Safety – Andrew Trihaft reported a back up squad was purchased.

Old Business:

Diane Johnson was present to talk with Council about Christmas in the Village and the two potential dates to hold the event will be either December 11th or 18th.

Angie Sayer wanted permission continue with the veterans' banners throughout town since she is no longer a member of LCA. She will continue putting out the form for community members to purchase the banners. Council already approved the purchase of the brackets for the banners.

Craig Mescher was present to update on the St Rt 37 project. The main topic was discussing the parking along downtown and what direction to install the spots with the bigger trucks that park along the street and stick out. Additionally, Mr. Mescher wanted council's approval to have backup permission for a loan if something comes up unexpected when the road gets tore out. Council at this point does not feel comfortable giving permission for any type of loan so if something comes up they will hold a special meeting to discussion.

New Business:

A motion was made by David Stallsmith to approve Dustin Ford and Mary Price to sign for the tractor loan with a second by John Boyd, motion passed. Council would like to set the payment schedule for an annual payment to be paid in July each year. The tractor loan will be obtained from Mount Victory Bank with a 10-year term.

John Boyd made a motion that Council wave the Barber Shop rent until the street construction is completed with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2025