

LaRue Village Council Meeting October 6, 2025

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on October 6, 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, and David Stallsmith.

Guests present: Judy Cobb, Austin Primavera, Debra Michael, Mike Hawkins, and Shawn Benson.

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 Andrew Trihaft, motion passed.

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

Mayor – None

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported that a majority of his time has been dealing with the street project. The new tractor should arrive during the week of the October 6th.

Shawn Hall is going to help Tyler Howell during leaf pickup.

Connie Kendall made a motion to approve up to \$500 for Christmas lights with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

The down town planter boxes are going to be over budget by \$1,000 and Council all agreed to move forward with the project.

Street and Alley – Tyler Howell provided an update on the progress of the State Route 37 project in the absence of Access Engineering at the meeting. It was discovered that the curb near Mike Field's property was installed too high due to a miscalculation in the original engineering design. The engineering firm has taken responsibility for the elevation error and has agreed to remove and replace both curbs to meet proper specifications. Specifically, the downtown block will be removed and repoured.

Mr. Howell emphasized the importance of closely reviewing all invoices moving forward. He highlighted that the primary causes of delays have been engineering-related issues, particularly with the base and curb installation.

The construction company reported that they would need to temporarily depart for two weeks to attend to another project but plan to return toward the end of October to resume work. As for the final topcoat, it may not be applied until spring, meaning the road will reopen with a rough coat for the winter months, as the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is unlikely to lay asphalt during the colder season. Mayor Ford has requested that Regional Planning be updated on the current issues encountered, ensuring they are fully informed of the situation.

Buildings & Grounds – X
BPA – X

Budget – X
Zoning – X

Commission – X
Park – X

Sheriff – X

Tree – Council voted to purchase arborvitae trees for the planter boxes throughout downtown.

Fire & Safety – Andrew Trihaft reported YTD 323 runs.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ordinance 2025-2 had its 1st reading to enact an ordinance prohibiting overnight street parking in the downtown area.

Ordinance 2025-3 was read to adopt the cybersecurity policy. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Connie Kendall with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. A motion to adopt the ordinance and policy as written was made by Connie Kendall and a second by Andrew Trihaft, motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2025