

LaRue Village Council Meeting November 3, 2025

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on November 3, 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: Craig Mescher

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 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.

Mayor – None

Maintenance – Tyler reported that all the conduit has been installed uptown, the street sweeper is working great, the tractor has arrived, and the leaf collection box has been put on and leaf collection will start this week.

Park – Fencing was damaged at the park and the quote was \$5,300 for repairs so a claim has been made with the insurance company. The Village has a \$1,000 deductible.

Street and Alley – The curve on St Rt 37 at the edge of town needs to have the ditch tapered out because it is too difficult to mow.

Buildings & Grounds – X
BPA – X

Budget – X
Zoning – X

Commission – X
Tree – X

Sheriff – X
Fire & Safety – X

Old Business:

Craig Mescher was present to discuss the St Rt 37 project and the delays that occurred. Mr. Mescher reported they will be paving the initial base layer weather dependent next week and the finish layer will not be completed until the spring by ODOT. The finish layer will be 1.25 inches that will have to wait until the spring because the asphalt company will stop making product. Temporary lines will be painted on the road.

Craig Mescher reported that Access Engineering changed hands 6 months ago and something that will be changing is that the new company will bill as the project moves along with items like the application fee. Previously Access Engineering would wait for the funding to come through for items like the applications fee and the new company will not be doing that process. So basically, the Village will have to pay upfront because the engineering firm is not taking the gamble if the project gets approved or not. Garman Miller is the new company's name.

New Business:

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

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2025