

LaRue Village Council Meeting January 6, 2026

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on January 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 Hickman, and David Stallsmith. **Guests present:** Sheriff Bayles

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 Maria Ford, motion passed.

The financial report was presented and a motion was made by John Hickman to approve the bills with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed.

Mayor Ford swore in the following members to Council: Connie Kendall, John Hickman, and Maria Ford. The following members to the Board of Public Affairs: Doug Shawver. Council has 1 vacant seat and the Board of Public Affairs has 1 vacant seat.

A motion was made by Connie Kendall to nominate Maria Ford as Board President with a second by John Hickman, motion passed.

Ordinance 2026-1 was read to approve the final appropriations for 2026 with a motion by Andrew Trihaft to suspend the rule with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. A motion was made to approve the ordinance as written by John Hickman with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

Resolution 2026-1 was read to approve purchase orders #1-28 with a motion by John Hickman and a second by Maria Ford, motion passed.

Resolution 2026-2 was read to adopt the Marion County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan with a motion by John Hickman and a second by Maria Ford, motion passed.

Mayor – None

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported Christmas lights will be coming down this week, fencing was installed by Coonies, all equipment has been winterized with oil changes, couple snow removals completed, and he needs to finish painting the garage at 350 High Street.

Park – Tyler Howell reported some of the dugouts at the park need some repairs completed this coming year, the park sign needs to be painted, several crab apple trees out front of the park need to be removed, and there is a pile of dirt that needs to be moved. Tyler Howell estimated around \$500 to complete park projects. A motion was made by John Hickman to approve \$600 for park repairs with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed.

A motion was made by John Hickman to get a handicap porta potty at 350 High Street with coming t-ball season with a second by Andrew Trihaft, motion passed.

Street and Alley – X
BPA – X

Buildings & Grounds – X
Tree – X

Budget – X

Commission – X

Zoning – Tyler Howell reported all zoning figures have been submitted for the year.

Fire & Safety – Andrew Tirhaft reported the fire department ended the year with 411 runs. The levy money will go towards payroll increases and the other part will go towards apparatus.

Sheriff – Sheriff Bayles was present with the 2026 contract and the pay will stay the same as last year. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to approve the contract with a second by David Stallsmith.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A motion was made by John Hickman to increase the spot labor rate to \$12.50 with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Council requested a letter be sent to David & Richard Spracklen regarding the old lumber mill property.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2026