

## LaRue Village Council Meeting May 4, 2026

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on May 4, 2026 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, Andrew Trihaft, and Maria Ford. **Guests present:** None

**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 Andrew Trihaft and a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

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

**Mayor** – None

**Maintenance** –

Tyler Howell reported he received the official quote for the Barber Shop flooring replacement @\$4,172.22. A motion was made by Andrew Trihaft to approve the project with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed. Mark Poling is working on replacing the front door to the Barber Shop.

The James Monk property deed should be arriving because the Village officially owns it now. The property had the trailer removed and Tyler Howell is still cleaning up the property.

Tyler Howell shared a LaRue entrance sign that was created by Crickside Products and Council would like to have 2 more made. The entrance signs will be installed when coming into town along all the St highways.

Tyler Howell reported the utilities came this week to disconnect everything around the burnt buildings. A letter was sent to Judy Cobb and the pizza shop's insurance regarding the demolition. Judy Cobb signed over the rights to demolish and the insurance company is still not cooperating and has reported their legal team is still reviewing the matter. The Village is still moving forward with the demolition and once completed a lean will be placed on the property per the Village's ordinance. Auto Owners is the insurance company.

Tyler Howell reported they started installing the vinyl fencing on the vacant lot besides Coonies and also river rock installed along the south perimeter line.

Tyler Howell reported he will be installing all new poles, brackets, and flags.

Tyler Howell suggested moving the downtown planter box trees out to the park and planting flowers in them.

**Park** –

Tyler Howell reported and shared all the projects he has completed at the park – painted dugouts, repaired fencing by the dugouts, painted concession stand, and new Anderson field sign was installed.

**Street and Alley** – The street sign at Market & Swain need to be replaced. Tyler Howell reported there are several street signs around town that need attention so he will get a list put together.

St Rt 37 final paving coat should take place starting on Wednesday 5/6.

**Buildings & Grounds** – X

**BPA** – X

**Budget** – X

**Zoning** – X

**Commission** – X

**Sheriff** - X

**Tree** – X

**Fire & Safety** – Andrew Trihaft reported one of the fire engines is out of commission and is getting repaired.

**Old Business:**

The Village's proposed Dora will not be implemented because there are not 2 liquor permits to qualify for the legislation.

**New Business:**

Council approved the summer lunch program to be held this summer in the parking lot @350 High Street.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2026