

LaRue Village Council Meeting August 3, 2026

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on August 3, 2026 in the Village Council Room. Present were Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, Andrew Trihaft, John Hickman, and Maria Ford.

Guests present: Dillion Wyatt from Mckeever & Associates, Henry Miller,

Opening: Council President Maria 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 by Andrew Trihaft to approve the bills with a second by John Hickman, motion passed.

A motion was made by Andrew Trihaft to add the following council members to the Richwood Bank signature card: Andrew Trihaft, Maria Ford, Connie Kendall, and David Stallsmith with a second David Stallsmith, motion passed. Additionally Dustin Ford, Mary Price, and Doug Shawver will remain on the signature card.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported the dirt hill by the old pool location has been leveled out, shelter houses have been cleaned up, council decided to remove the wood bridge over the walking path and install a tile along with stone, jetted tile near Mark Hardin's property with a cost of \$775 for the equipment rental,

Tyler Howell suggested the following catch basin repairs & replacements – north side Vine Street west of McCormick Street, southeast corner of Vine & Section Street, and the northwest corner of Vine & Chestnut Street. Tyler Howell stated that he can replace & relocate the problem catch basins. Council discussed the steep delivery cost it takes when equipment is rented from Holmes and potentially purchasing a trailer instead. Council is looking into the cost for a used trailer to pickup equipment when it is rented. Roughly \$1,000 per catch basin. A motion was made by John Hickman for the supplies cost up to \$3,000 with a second by Andrew Trihaft, motion passed. A motion was made by John Hickman to approve the purchase of a trailer with a budget up to \$4,500 with a 10,000-weight limit with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. A motion was made to rent the equipment to replace the catch basins by Andrew Tirhaft with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Tyler Howell reported that he has spoken with Republic about bringing a dumpster for \$130 per month. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to eliminate service with Rumpke with a second by John Hickman, motion passed.

Buildings & Grounds – X **Budget** – X **Commission** – X
BPA – X **Sheriff** - X **Park** – X

Street and Alley – X
Zoning – X

Tree – JT tree service came and completed all the remaining work.

Fire & Safety – Andrew Trihaft reported that an insurance inspector came to look at damage to one of the engines. Marion township currently has the fire stations backup squad.

Old Business:

Mckeevers & Associates was present to discuss the preliminary work with the High Street Project. Due to the grant cycle the project is estimated for spring of 2028. The engineering estimated fess will be \$7,500 for the preliminary engineering work for all 3 phases.

Connie Kendall reported the community foundation grant was submitted for lights at the ball park.

New Business:

September 19th Council has been invited to a community wide picnic with the other organizations in the Village. A motion was made by John Hickman to allow \$100 to purchase supplies for the modulars with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

A motion to approve the insurance renewal was made by Andrew Tirhaft with a second by John Hickman;o, motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026 (Date Change)