

**LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
**December 2019 minutes**

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session December 17, 2019. Present were board members Wendy Crabtree and Doug Shawver. Also present was Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell. Visitors: Diane Evans, Connie Kendall, Scott Jaffee, and Dave Frank.

**The financial report** – Doug Shawver made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Wendy Crabtree, motion passed.

**Old Business-**

Scott Jaffee presented a timeline for the water tower project and at this point, an additional time line has been added because of CDBG funding delay. The time line is attached to the meeting minutes with the red timeline being worse case due to the CDBG funding. CDBG has reported they have already allocated all the money this year so nothing will be available until 2020. Scott has looked into the CDBG funding, there are two projects that may fall through, and if they do then there would be enough funds to cover the water tower and bump up the timeline. If the Board has to wait until 2020 for CDBG funding then funds will not be available until September of 2020 and tower construction completed first part of 2021. The board would like Scott to check on the EPA funding to make sure if the timeline gets extended that the EPA grant would still be available. Scott reported they are submitting plans to EPA this week for the PTI (permit to install).

Vine Street water line cost proposal from GPD Engineer was much higher than Gleespens Engineering cost estimate so they have contacted Evie at Regional Planning to get additional funding. The estimated cost from GPD Engineering was \$85,000 – \$100,000 and the original estimate was \$60,000 several years ago from Gleespen Engineering.

Chlorine pump has been installed and Tyler Howell reported he was able to wire it himself after contacting the manufacture.

Tyler Howell reported he still needs to replace the other chlorine pump, antiscalant that is completely down, and lastly the ortho pump is not calibrating correctly. A motion was made by Wendy Crabtree to approve the purchase for a new antiscalant pump and a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed.

**New Business –**

Tyler Howell reported that he attended an EPA assessment management seminar the first week of December. The Villages assessment management report has to be submitted by December 20<sup>th</sup> and all the changes the EPA is implementing will start in 2020. Tyler Howell went over the assessment management report with the Board page by page. EPA requires life expectancy of all equipment and the Villages plan to replace when the time comes.

Changes to the Rules and Regulations that need made:

- Outlining an amount that can be spent on repairs with a dollar amount and when a meeting needs to be called to get Board approval.

EPA has reported to Tyler that The Board needs to hire an additional person that knows how to run the plant in case of Tyler's absence. The EPA would like the Village to move forward with finding someone or it could result in violations from them. The Board additionally needs to hire some that can assist Tyler with completing all the updates and requirements that need to be completed. A motion was made by Doug Shawver to move forward with finding the necessary people that are needed with a second by Wendy Crabtree, motion passed.

Tyler Howell reported that new board members and the mayor are all welcome to come to the plant to see what all goes on and get a better understanding.

Tyler Howell presented the 2020 outlook:

- Water tower funding and completion
- Assessment management completion
- Waterworks vehicle repair or replacement (out of service since September)
- 3 hydrants need replaced
- Hiring 1 more person to assist at the plant
- Completing a yearly metrics
- Setup valve exercising system
- Reach agreement with Marion County Sanitary
- Sludge study at the lagoons
- Working water maps and RCAP will complete the mapping but we have to locate everything

EPA is coming January 16<sup>th</sup> to test Steve Kendall on the chemistry testing.

The shut off valve at Renee Davis's property on North Street needs dug up for repair because service at the property cannot be shut off. The property is delinquent on payments and they are not in communication with the Village so service will be shut off once the repair is completed.

Spencerville is the plant that is most like ours and the operator is Jim Cave if an emergency ever occurred and Tyler Howell wasn't available.

The next regular meeting will be January 20, 2019 in the Village Council Room.

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Chairman

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Clerk