

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
April 2021 minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session April 21, 2021. Present were board members Diane Evans, Dave Albert, and Doug Shawver. Also present was Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell. Visitors: Connie Kendall

The financial report – Diane Evans made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed. Diane Evans made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with a second by Dave Albert, motion passed.

Construction meeting was held @7:00pm to cover the status of the water tower:

- Tower steel completed
- Painting crew delivered all the equipment for sand blasting and painting
- Painting will begin on the inside of the tank
- The Board needs to decide which side of the tower to paint La Rue wording
- Dave from GPD will be conducting interviews with the painters for prevailing wages
- Jennifer from RCAP needs copies of the employees interviews up to this point
- The contractor is required to coordinate with ODOT for when the old tower is torn down
- Everything is still on schedule for the new tower and tear down of old tower
- Diane asked if the alley next to the site would be repaired and GPD said yes it will be part of the site repair work
- Hydrant will be installed by the water tower and the Board didn't realize it was part of the plans

- **Question for the next construction meeting** – Has a site sample at the new tower been completed?

Old Business –

The leak in town was located at Renee Davis's property and has been shut off to temporarily solve the problem. Holcomb is scheduled to come in to repair the connection at that property. Tyler Howell estimated Holcomb at 2 hours for the line repair at Davis's and around 16 hours for the hydrant replacements. Hydrants to be replaced are middle hydrant on River Street and hydrant in front of the Methodist Church (#46 & 36).

The Board is going to contact Rocky Lowe to attend the next meeting to review and finalize the contract.

A 7 foot flail mower was purchased from green camp township and will be used at the lagoons.

New Business –

Diane Evans reported she contacted North Lewisburg about a meter replacement program they got funding for and how they were able to complete the project. The federal funding information is going to be sent over so the Board can review it and try to move forward with maybe the same project.

Delinquent water and sewer amounts will be certified to taxes every quarter per the board's request.

The Board discussed the grocery store and area above the store having separate meters because Tim Studer wants to only be billed for one meter since he owns the whole building. The Masonic Lodge has left the upstairs portion of the building and Mr. Studer does not want billed for two meters. The Board stated that since there are two separate addresses and per the rules and regulations, Mr. Studer will continue to be billed for both meters.

Diane Evans brought up that the breather tile by Cindy Price's house is getting close to traffic running over the vent cover so Tyler Howell is going to look at it.

The Board would like \$42,000 transferred over to the reserve fund to cover the upcoming July 2021 OWDA loan payment. Additional \$7,035 transferred each month to prepare for the January 2022 OWDA loan payment and \$1,022 for the upcoming 2022 water tower new loan.

The Board discussed the hydrants because the BPA use to get \$300 many years ago for maintenance of the hydrants and at some point that assistance stopped. The question was raised should the Village help support the maintenance of the hydrants or the fire department since they receive tax money. The topic was tabled at this point and The Board would like Lance Roberts to approach the Fire Board since he is the Council representative.

A motion was made by Diane Evans to adjourn the meeting with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed. The next regular meeting will be May 17, 2021 in the Village Council Room.

Chairman

Clerk