

LaRue Village Council Meeting December 11, 2024

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on December 11, 2024 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, John Hickman, Andrew Trihaft, Maria Ford, David Stallsmith, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Craig Mescher

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 David Stallsmith and a second by John Hickman, motion passed.

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

Mayor – Dustin Ford presented he will be sending all the documentation to the insurance company for the safety equipment reimbursement program reimbursement (up to \$1000 allowed).

BPA – Tyler Howell reported that the South Street pump station had issues with shutting down so Marion County came out and completed the repairs. The County will be getting a quote to upgrade the pump station.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported leaf collection is finished, flags have been taken down and more poles needs to be purchased next year, and Christmas lights are up. Tyler Howell reported on fencing for the vacant lot at 31-39 High Street and PVC fencing is around \$3,000.

Buildings & Grounds – A Credit Union contacted the Village about the old Cash & Carry properties and if the Village was interested in purchasing any of the lots. The lots are going to be appraised this coming week and Mayor Ford brought up the old meat locker could be used for storage.

Park – X

Sheriff – X

Budget – X

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety – Andrew Trihaft reported the Fire Department had 334 service calls this calendar year and everyone received a 3% raise.

Old Business:

Craig Mescher presented to Council that the Village was awarded the \$700,000 in neighborhood revitalization. The project scope will cover the first part of St Rt 37 and also cover the parking lot at 350 High Street. The project has 1.3 million in grant money and additional money from ODOT in paving. The end of January more details on the project will be available regarding bidding and scope of the project. Marion County will handle all the bidding documentation because the Village has CDBG funding and everything will run through them. Bidding will happen late February into March and then construction will be April through end of October.

The Village Council is still looking for a solicitor. Connie Kendall mentioned she forwarded an email with contact information for the bar association and Mayor Ford will be making contact them.

New Business:

Council discussed adding a street light by the alley near 61 Market Street. A motion was made by Andrew Trihaft to install the new street light with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2025