

## LaRue Village Council Meeting February 3, 2025

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on February 3, 2025 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, John Boyd, and David Stallsmith.

**Guests present:** Diane Evans, Mary Snyder, Craig Mescher, and Jack Vanbibbler

**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 David Stallsmith, motion passed.

### **Mayor – None**

**BPA** – Diane Evans reported the parts have been ordered for the South St pump station.

**Maintenance** – Tyler Howell reported the knox boxes were installed at the municipal building and mods and the keys placed inside, he’s been working with Access Engineering to review the St Rt 37 project, Aqua is going to replace the hydrant at High & Vine Street, and he is investigating quotes for new flags with equipment. Lastly Council needs to decide what they want to do with the mower before mowing season comes. A motion was made by Connie Kendall that Council purchases a new mower from Holmes Rental for \$12,080 with a second by John Hickman, motion passed. The mower will be paid with the general fund.

**Buildings & Grounds** – X  
**Sheriff** – X

**Budget** – X  
**Zoning** – X

**Tree** - X

**Commission** – X

**Park** – Tyler Howell reported he is working with Baseball For Youth Program because they are needing a new counter top in the concession stand. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to approve \$250 with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

**Street and Alley** – Paving estimate for permissive tax came in at \$14,700 to patch sections throughout the Village. The BPA has offered \$5,000 towards sections that need repaired from previous water line breaks. A motion was made by John Hickman to approve the street projects with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed.

### **Fire & Safety** –

#### **Old Business:**

Craig Mescher was present to update the Village on the St Rt 37 and discussion was held about drainage and curbs along the south portion of the highway. Council all agreed since there’s currently no drainage and curbs they are ok with leaving it the way it already is. Tyler Howell reported he reviewed all the plans for the 37 project and eliminated all the unnecessary things and items that will be included with what the state is doing when they replace the south bridge. Council will need to wait until the project is bid out for final amounts because right now we just have the engineers estimate. Timeline for bidding will be in March or April and right now things are held up because the state is delayed with sending out documentation.

#### **New Business:**

Jack Vanbibbler was present to introduce himself and offer his services to the Village. Leslie Farrell in the office will be the main point of contact if we need anything. For services performed it will be billed at \$125 per hour. Mr. Vanbibbler will provide the Village with the resolution and contract to hire him at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Resolution 2025-2** was read to approve the DKMM joint solid waste management district 5-year plan with a motion to suspend the rules by John Hickman and a second by Andrew Trihaft, motion passed. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to approve the resolution with a second by Andrew Trihaft, motion passed.

A motion was made Andrew Trihaft to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters @8:33pm with a second by John Hickman, motion passed.

A motion was made Andrew Trihaft to exit executive @9:04pm with a second by John Hickman, motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2025