

## LCA Meeting Notes 3/8/22

Present: Mary A Snyder, Connie Kendell, Diane Evans, Dick Spracklen, Ed and Barb Stofcheck, Cheryl and Eric Johnson, Mike Fields, Rhonda Burggraf, Mark Poling, John Haupt

Dick Spracklen lead us in prayer.

Sec. report approved as read

Mark made a motion to approve funds to pay Ryan Eisley for electrical upgrades to the outlets

Connie seconded the motion; motion passed

Mike Fields gave an update on his potential purchase of the hardware store building.

Barb advised the group of the proposal from Richwood Bank about building the LCA website. Discussion held. Cheryl made a motion for the Bank to build the website and for the monthly fee to be paid by direct withdraw from the LCA account; Mary seconded; motion passed;

Village: If someone is to buy the modular, must be removed outside of the Village; LCA can lease the building and rent it out; quilters interested in going in with us but then tabled the discussion; Masons are willing to help with the utilities; decision doesn't need to be yet;

John (Jackie) Haupt came in and gave an update on his efforts to purchase the LaRue Cash and Carry. He owns Yummy Yolks Egg Farms and Crafty Coop. If he buys the building the Masons can have the space upstairs back.

Tim wants \$400,000 for the store. John needs \$40,000. He has \$15,000 saved up. John talked about his potential business plan.

Dick indicated that the Masons will not go back to above the market.

If LCA leases the building, then any repairs will need to be done by us. The grass will continue to be cut by the City.

Mark said that if the community can use the building it should be maintained. But there are other storage options out there other than keeping the village building.

This issue is tabled until other agencies are on board to financially support the ongoing lease of the building.

Connie nominated Amy Kerr for the office of VP; Dick Spracklin seconded the nomination; nominations closed; Amy is elected VP.

Diane discussed the issues of water quality in the Village; there is a lot of iron in the water; the water filtration system was installed irregularly (80%/20% how the water is filtered through sand filters); the filters need to be changed much more often than originally believed (11 months instead of 5-7 years); filters are very expensive and some parts now can't be found; they are now cleaning the filters to get more life out of them; a representative from Artesian Pioneer gave some proposals on what to do with the plant; RCAP works with the EPA; two EPA reps came to look at the plant; quote from AP to redo the plant \$980,000. They may apply to the EPA for funding; but funding is not available until 2023;

Commissioners did not promise to help financially with the fix of this problem; Commissioners said that they would consider helping, but no promises; Diane spoke to Evelyn (regional planning) and then she made an appointment to talk to the Commissioners next week. The EPA approved the original plans for the water plant. That may help with the EPA helping us to find some funding to fix the problem. Just to fix the electrical side of the problem is approx. \$400,000. A complicating factor is the long lead time needed to get the filters. Expect periods of time when the water quality will be up and down. Village needs the funding to work on this project.

Treasurer's Report from Connie: \$56,883.17. Connie ordered jerseys and t-shirts. Two food trucks paid. One in the mail. Twenty-four crafters. Connie had to increase the credit line on the debit card to \$2,000.

Mark found ducks to replace the missing ducks. He found ducks through Rhode Island Novelty Classics (through Walmart) \$20/dozen; the group discussed ducks that float/don't float/or float upside down.

Duck race will not be done in the river per the fire department.

Brian Thomas is the new fire chief.

Josh to meet with the RR about them (RR) closing front street crossing.

Does our insurance cover the beer garden? Barb will talk to Jennifer at the Insurance Co.

Barb talked to the Historical Society. They can provide an actor to be Walter Lingo for the Bang. Barb to loan her history book to the HS for reference.

Cheryl is working on putting together a "practice" for a team to reenact a football practice.

Bank sent her a proposal for a street banner. One, two sided banner \$520 and \$150 design work.

Overhead street Spots in Marion above St. Rt. 95 and Delaware Ave. are open for the weeks before the Bang. \$50/week for a banner. Monday through Sunday.

Village bought a projector but Connie may ask LCA to pitch in to buy a new projector.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm