Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2013

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 7:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall.

Council Members Present: Mark Eagleson, Bruce Eagleson, Juan Arroyo, Ray Hoover, Greg Kenner

Also present: Bill Eberhard, Attorney and Laurie Miller, Clerk Treasurer

Council Member B. Eagleson made a motion to open the regular meeting with flexibility, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Kenner made a motion to approve minutes from the meeting of October 21, 2013 Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sara Rhodes was present to recap the ADA Compliance Transition plan. It was noted that the council had discussed two options, with Ms. Rhodes recommending Option #1. Option 1 would phase in building updates over 10 years and Right of Way improvements over 30 years. Member Eagleson made a motion to approve the plan, and instructing Atty Eberhard to have a resolution to approve and sign at the November 18th meeting. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Court: Atty Eberhard stated that the deadline for establishing a court would be 12-31-2014, electing a judge with the 2015 elections. Stated that an email will be sent to each council member that will include the last ordinance we looked at regarding establishing the court.

WASTEWATER: Gave a report on the sludge land application process.

Water: Reported that Beer & Slabaugh are on schedule for the Fillmore Water line project. There will be a meeting to discuss the project later in the week.

Supt Leu brought cost/spec sheets for pickup trucks available locally. (LaGrange Co Dodge and Preferred Auto) West Park Auto has also been contacted. Scrap value for the old truck has been estimated at between $300.00 and $500.00 by local scrap companies. The council suggested that Leu put together a ‘spec’ sheet with what he wants in a truck and get quotes for a more specific vehicle. They also suggested putting up the old truck for bid to sell.

Discussed Homer’s Services finished patch work in town. Also stated that AWWA has contacted the clerk about an old invoice (from 2009) that was not paid. They sent the invoice to another utility, and it was found during an audit. The Council stated that we should verify that the invoice was not paid by us or any other entity, then pay at the next meeting.

FIRE: Presented a report on run reports for 2013. Also met with the Township Trustees on goals for purchasing a new ladder truck, they have agreed to purchase a nozzle for the brush truck. Looking at options for charging for first responder runs, and taking quotes on painting the fire station interior for 2014. Reported that the “Haunted Fire Station” was a success.

POLICE: Snyder wants to meet with the council regarding ordinances and setting priorities on which ones they want the police dept to focus on. The council set a meeting for November 25th at 7:00 pm.

Will be working with North Central on a fuel price contract for 2014, would like to know if the council still wants to pursue that option. Member Kenner made a motion to move forward with it, Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Has started the ADA compliance changes in the Police offices. Asked the Street dept to look at the cement slab by the office to do repairs.

**PUBLIC WORKS** *(STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):*

- **Park** - No Report
- **Cemetery** - No Report
- **Street** - Terry Paulus has officially resigned as of October 31, 2013. The Dept has begun taking applications. The council asked Weir to narrow the applicants down to 3 and bring them to the council for approval.
- Reported that the downtown parking lot is finished, but waiting on the final signs to arrive for installation.

**CLERK:** Discussed the Christmas party and gifts.

**ATTORNEY:** Presented and discussed a skateboard ordinance. The new ordinance gives private lots the option to post “no skateboarding” signs. After reading the ordinance and discussion, Member Kenner made a motion to pass the ordinance. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented an ordinance addressing Terrorism, after reading the ordinance, Member Kenner made a motion to approve and sign it. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Member Kenner made a motion to have the Attorney look into what a Town Manager could do for the Town of LaGrange and make a recommendation. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Eagleson gave an update on bulk tank property. (Brownfield). It was noted that it did not sell at the last tax sale. The county wanted to know if the Town was interested in taking it. Member Kenner made a motion that he did not see that it would be in the best interest of the Town at this time. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**  
Member Kenner made a motion, seconded by Member B. Eagleson to allow claims. Motion carried

**ADJOURN**  
Member Kenner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member B. Eagleson. Motion carried.