



Meeting Minutes – November 18, 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, Greg Kenner, Juan Arroyo, Ray Hoover

Also present: Bill Eberhard, Laurie Miller

Absent:

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

Council Member Kenner made a motion to approve minutes from November 4, 2013 meeting. Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: Gave a monthly report, the plant is doing well. Council asked Jeff Moore for an update on the storage issue. Moore stated that he is still looking at options.

Water: Met with Beer & Slabaugh, INDOT and Fillmore Equipment for a construction meeting. There may be a change order coming that will save some money. The project is 2/3 complete. Also winterized the park. Will meet with the Town Marshall on specs for a truck. Also discussed: Masonic Lodge possibly connecting to the town water, the RV sewer drop at the Fair Grounds, Miller's Merry Manor's maintenance of their fire protection service.

Attorney Eberhard presented a letter to address a reimbursement agreement for Fillmore Equipment's water line expenses. After review, Member Kenner made a motion for President Eagleson to sign the letter. Member Arroyo seconded the motion, motion carried.

FIRE: Chief McClish asked who the design engineer was for the Fillmore water line project was. It was stated that DLZ did the engineering.

POLICE: Special session set for November 25th at 7:00 pm to discuss which ordinances the Council wants to focus on in regards to ordinance violations. The Police Department will be enforcing these ordinances beginning in 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS (STREET, CEMETERY, PARK):

Park – Winterized

Cemetery – No report

Street: Still receiving applications for the vacated position. Will be conducting interviews and bring the top candidates to the council.

Christmas decorations will be going up the week of Thanksgiving.

Cemetery workers have been helping with branch and leaf pick up.

ATTORNEY: Asked the council if they wanted to revise the "Off Premise Furnace Use" ordinance. Currently the ordinance only addresses residential use. A company in the industrial park would like to install this type of heat source. After discussing the matter, and stating that the smoke from the heat would still impact residential areas, Member Kenner made a motion to abide by the current ordinance and not allow the use of off premise furnaces in town. Member Hoover made a motion to re-evaluate the Town's burning ordinance, stating that we need to look at the state statute that addresses these issues. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed the proposed sidewalk obstructions ordinance. Council stated they would like time to review it and discuss it again at the December 2nd meeting.

Presented a resolution accepting the proposed ADA Transition plan as presented by DLZ on November 4, 2013, or Ordinance #2013-11-18. Member Kenner made a motion to do so, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed establishing a Town Manager position. The council feels that there are some management projects that could benefit from having a Town Manager. Member Kenner made a motion to move forward with a job description and finding funding for the position. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Asked the Council to consider an executive session to discuss evaluations of employees. The meeting was set for Monday, November 25th at 6:30 pm.

CLERK: Requested the council consider a street light at the corner of Michigan and Fairview Ct. PWD Weir stated that he was already looking into the issue. It needs to be determined if NIPSCO or REMC would service this light. He will report back to the council in December.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

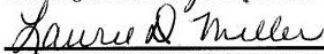
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

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.


Mark Eagleson, Town Council President


Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer