



Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2012

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, Bill Eberhard, Greg Kenner, Juan Arroyo

Absent: Ray Hoover

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

Council Member G. Kenner made a motion to approve minutes from the November 5, 2012 meeting, Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER: Monthly report given to the council. No violations and the plant is working at about 21% capacity.

Water: Reported that the Town of Shippshewana sent a letter thanking our employees for their help during a water main break.

Added a customer on Lakeland Drive. Will be repairing a line on Union Street.

FIRE: Radios repaired, 800 & VHF, repairs were done under bid price. Truck repairs are in process, new tires are on the pumper truck.

Discussed which council member would be the representative for the Fire Dept. Member Kenner made a motion to appoint Juan Arroyo, Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

POLICE: Presented a monthly details report. Chief Deputy Sprunger requested the council consider Nick Dubea for the new police deputy position. He has given the department many hours of volunteer duty. Member Kenner made a motion to table the matter until the council can review his credentials or resume.

Street Dept: INSafe will be coming to review the Street Dept for safety issues on Tuesday, November 20th. The new bucket truck will be picked up soon. Asked about sidewalk repairs and obvious issues. The Council advised Supt Weir that all sidewalks belong to the property owner. There are limited funds available for property owners to borrow thru the town to repair the sidewalks. Also the Council on Aging has been looking in to the situation.

Cemetery: No report

Park: No report

ATTORNEY: Gave a report on what it takes to establish a "Town Court". It could only be established every 4 years, with the next opening in 2014.

CLERK: Stated that Sam Miller, Michiana Auto has contacted the Town Hall regarding the 2 lot's the town owns in Northwood Addition. He would like to see the drive on the lots closed. The Council discussed the situation, and stated that they felt that this would land lock the property and they were not interested in doing that.

Requested that the council appoint someone to the LEDC replacing Mike Rowilson. Member G Kenner made a motion to appoint Mark Eagleson, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In discussing the Town Employee Christmas party, Laurie Miller stated that she normally puts together the centerpieces and the Town reimburses her for them. The cost is \$5.00 - \$10.00 each depending on the sizes used. Member Eagleson made a motion to buy the items from Ms. Miller. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented a "Redistricting Ordinance" numbered 2012-11-19A. Precincts in Town will remain the same under the ordinance. Member Arroyo made a motion to approve the ordinance, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Heard an update on the progress of the downtown parking lot. Water & Sewer lines will be started soon.

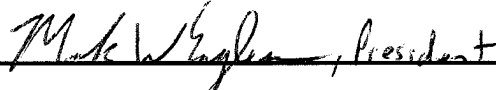
Set an executive session to discuss employee evaluations (end of year) for Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Member G. 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, Temporary Clerk