



Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2012

Opening:

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

Council Members Present: Mark Eagleson , Greg Kenner, Ray Hoover, Richard Greene, Bruce Eagleson, Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard

Absent: Michael Rowlison

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

Council Member R. Greene made a motion to approve minutes from the May 21, 2012 meeting, Member B. Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob Shanahan was present to give a report on the Town BZA meeting held on May 29th. The Vet Clinic will be installing solar panels. The County does not have any regulations to date on solar panel arrays, they are working on the issue.

Bob Long of "Butcher Bob's" was present to ask the council to authorize a permit to expand his building and business. This will bring him up to code to do USDA Inspections. Member B. Eagleson made a motion to approve the permit authorization, Member Greg Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER - Received bids for maintenance to one clarifier.

Advanced – Clarifier only: \$4440.00; Clarifier and scaffolding: \$4990.00

Preferred - Clarifier only: \$4550.00; Clarifier and scaffolding: \$5895.00

The maintenance will be done to one clarifier, then when that is finished and back running, the 2nd one will be looked at. Member Kenner made a motion to go forward with Advanced. Member Eagleson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Moore then reported that several of the buildings will be needing roofing repairs, he is gathering information and quotes for the project.

Water: Looking at rehab of high service pumps. With the current hot, dry weather water use is up to what is normal for later in the summer. Also working with Ken Martin to repair leaks at the fairgrounds.

FIRE: No report

POLICE: Reported that K-9 Macy had to be put down due to illness. Discussed the large drug arrest by Nick Dubea. Discussed promoting Deputy Sprunger to "Chief Deputy Marshal", with a pay increase of \$3900.00. Member Kenner commended Sprunger for his hard work, and made a motion to approve Marshal Snyder's request for a pay increase. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried. A wage and salary ordinance amendment, 2012-06-04 was introduced. Member Kenner made a motion to approve and sign the amendment. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street Dept: Bids were opened for the 2012 Street Improvement Project.
API - 93,165.65 Phend & Brown \$127,910.60

Member Hoover made a motion to table the bid award until the St Supt can review the bid documents and report back. Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cemetery: No report

Park: No report

ATTORNEY: Presented the council with "Anti Nepotism" ordinances for review. The state of Indiana is mandating that all cities and towns address the issue.

CLERK: Presented quotes to repair the Town Hall Parking lot.

Excell Paving : 6430.00

Homer's Services: 5244.00

Deputy Clerk Laurie Miller stated that Homer's did the project several years ago. Member Greene made a motion to approve having Homer's do the work, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Miller will contact Homer's and request that they be in contact with the Fire & Police Departments and work out a way so that emergency vehicles will be able to get in and out.

Reported that the St Joseph River Basin has requested their yearly donation of \$100.00. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request, Member Kenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presented permit authorizations for Ron Troyer and Lowell Hostetler for new decks and other home improvements. Member B. Eagleson made a motion to approve the permits, Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION: George Bachman requested a meeting to discuss bringing sewer lines to the town from the town of Howe.

Ray Hoover asked if it would be possible to add a shredder service to Spring Clean up next year. The Clerk's office will gather information on the issue and bring it back to the council.

Greg Kenner asked about the status of the parking lot downtown (former Meek's Jewelry lot). It was stated that the lot will need some preliminary work, the St Supt will be looking into it and report back. Bill Eberhard will contact LoraLee Taylor about the engineering aspect of the project.

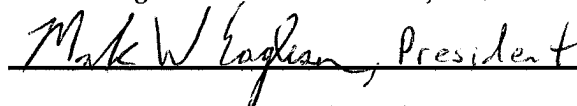
It was noted that there would be an interest in having Christmas lights and decorations be put up in the southern section of downtown (south of the US20 Stoplight). Curly will contact NIPSCO to see what needs to be done.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Member R. Greene made a motion, seconded by Member Kenner to allow claims. Motion carried

ADJOURN

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



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Attest: Laurie Miller, Deputy Clerk