



Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2014

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

**Council Members Present:** Gregory Kenner, Juan Arroyo, Raymond Hoover, Suellyn Mickem

**Also present:** Laurie Miller, Clerk Treasurer; Bill D. Eberhard, Jr, Town Attorney

**Absent:**

President Kenner opened the meeting at precisely 7:00 pm.

Council Member Arroyo made a motion to approve minutes from the June 23, 2014 meeting. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Eberhard was instructed to open sealed bids titled “2014 Street Improvements”

API – Crack/Fill only	\$1.56 per pound (estimated 4000-5000 pounds)
Pulver Asphalt –Mill & Resurface	\$26126.00
Reith Riley – Mill & Resurface	\$38628.00
Niblock –Mill & Resurface	\$20693.01
API – Mill & Resurface	\$25625.00

Public Works Director Weir asked to review the bids and will make a recommendation later in the meeting.

**WASTEWATER:** Recent storm left 4 lift stations without power for approx. 16 hours. The dept was able to get them emptied via a third party. Reported on other issues that occurred during the same period. Member Hoover asked if the lift stations should be updated to be able to accommodate a portable generator. Moore stated that they could, but it would be costly when they can have a waste hauler come in and pump them out as needed. Getting information on new generators were discussed.

**Water:** Attached a map dating back to the 1800’s. Reported that Mark Miller has been helping the Street Dept with storm clean up, installed a yard hydrant at the ball diamond. Miller’s 90 probation period is now up. Leu stated that he is happy with his work performance.

**FIRE:** Gave a monthly report on details worked. Would like to call a meeting of Department Supervisors to discuss the recent Tornado to see what can be done to improve our reaction to these situations. Member Mickem noted that she was pleased with the quick response of the town’s employees.

**POLICE:** Marshal Snyder reported that Deputy Michael Sprunger has stepped down from the “Chief Deputy” position. When he was promoted to the position in 2012 he was given a \$3900.00 per year increase in pay. Snyder asked the council if they wanted to leave his pay as is, or revert back to the previous pay. After discussing the issue, Member Mickem made a motion to reduce the pay by the \$3900.00 per year. More discussion was held. Member Hoover then seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Snyder then discussed the “Live Fire” Software he would like to purchase for training. The software. The purchase will be paid from the Local Law Enforcement Continuing Education funds. There would be the possibility that we could re-coup some of the costs by having training sessions for other departments. Member Hoover made a motion to proceed with the purchase, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Would like to look into the purchase of a truck for the Police Dept. The vehicle could be used during snow emergencies to help with the town parking lot, clearing paths for emergency vehicles, etc.

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

Park: Park fencing was damaged at the park. A claim has been turned in to the insurance. Would like to get permission to have Warren Fence to repair all damage along with the work they were already cleared to do. The council gave approval.

Street: Recommended API to do the Crack Fill project, and Niblock to do the Mill & Resurfacing at \$20693.01. Member Hoover made a motion to approve these recommendations. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. .

Also discussed:

- \*The trees lining Grant Street
- \*INDOT coming into town to help with storm damage pick up
- \*Thanked John Leu for the extra help
- \*Amber will be taking the test for the CDL license
- \*Farmer's Market Grant

**Town Manager:** Gave a positive review for water dept employee Mark Miller. Requested that the council approve a .25 increase in pay. Member Hoover made the motion to do so, Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried

Also discussed:

- \*Lutheran Church downtown beautification project
- \*INDOT Sidewalk Grant
- \*DLZ -water/sewer lines in Woodland Hills. Will need to do a rate study if we want to do a bond to fund the project
- \*Need to do an assessment of damaged trees in town to prevent further issues
- \*Caucus will be July 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to fill the vacated seat on the council.

**CLERK:** Will be working on the 2015 Budget, reminded everyone to get their input in now. Member Hoover requested a special meeting to go over what will be added to the budget. A meeting was set for Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. After that portion of the meeting, the council requested all department supervisors to be present for a debriefing on how they handled the July 1<sup>st</sup> Tornado.

**ATTORNEY:**

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Marshal Snyder stated that we did receive \$8000.00 from the prosecutor's office for equipment. The Council would like to see a letter of thanks sent to the Prosecutor's office.

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**

Member Arroyo made a motion, seconded by Member Mickem to allow claims.  
Motion carried

**ADJOURN**

Member Arroyo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Hoover. Motion carried.

  
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Gregory Turner, Council President

Attest:   
Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer