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Meeting Minutes - April 18, 2016

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

Council Members Present: Juan Arroyo, Raymond Hoover, Suellyn Mickem, Edna Bowser, Deborah Naylor

Also present: Laurie Miller, Steve Clouse

Pursuant to a notice of hearing dated April 4, 2016, a hearing was held on April 18, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of considering the assessment of any fine for ordinance violations previously determined to be occurring at the location of: 502 East Michigan Street, LaGrange, Indiana (the real estate herein). The LaGrange Town Enforcement Board now finds as follows:

1. Notice of the hearing was properly given to the property owners of the real estate, namely: Scott and Lisa Jordan.
2. Scott Jordan appeared in person at the hearing, and acknowledged that he and his wife, Lisa, were each given notice of the hearing, and that Scott represented the interests of he and his wife jointly.
3. LaGrange Town Marshal Rich Snyder appeared on behalf of the Town of LaGrange.
4. The following evidence is presented relative to persisting ordinance violations at the real estate,
 - (a) Photographs of the property since January 18, 2016, which depicted the accumulation of garbage and trash upon the real estate.
 - (b) A copy of a search warrant executed on March 19, 2016 at the real estate, as well as, supporting documents which indicate the recovery illegal narcotics and paraphernalia from apartment #2;
 - (c) Search warrant dated April 8, 2016, and supporting documents which demonstrate the recovery of illegal drugs and paraphernalia from apartment #1.
 - (d) A news article from the *New Sun* dated April 16, 2016, which reported the existence of additional drug activity at the real estate beyond that which was set forth in the search warrants.
 - (e) Testimony of Town Marshal Rich Snyder showed numerous calls to the real estate since January 18, 2016 to address continued complaints of ordinance violations at the real estate.
5. The property owner, Scott Jordan, stated that he has been aware of the violations, and, in his opinion, has done all he is capable of doing in order to comply.

6. Property owners living in the neighborhood gave statements concerning their observations and the persistent and continued ordinance violations at the real estate.
7. There have been ninety-two (92) days lapse since the Board's findings on January 18, 2016.
8. The persistent and continued nature of the ordinance violations, demonstrate that the violations upon the real estate are classified as the "worst of the worst".
9. Enforcement Board Member Edna Bowser makes a Motion to Impose the maximum fine of \$2,500.00 per day, from January 18, 2016, until the real estate is no longer in violation of Town Ordinances. Enforcement Board Member Suellyn Mickem seconds the Motion of Board member Bowser. The Motion passes by a vote of 5-0.

The hearing adjourned and the Council moved on to the regular Council meeting.

Member Mickem made a motion to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Mickem made a motion to approve minutes from the meeting. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- o Received & discharged 11.590 million gallons of treated wastewater – 21% of design capacity
- o Ordered a part to repair a lift station at the cost of \$500.00

Water:

- o Met with owner and contractor for a new account north of the Catholic Church
- o 107 S. High Street will be demolished within the next couple of weeks.
- o Town Park; 4H ballpark; and Brown Park are now all on.

POLICE:

- o Noted that Deputy Stewart has started working
- o Reserve Academy is complete and will hold graduation at the Circuit Court

FIRE:

- o Decent turnout for the annual fish fry

Town Manager:

- o Quotes for new equipment for the Street Department:
 1. Truck Body: Norris Truck - \$86,018.00; Wiers International -\$87,623.00
 2. Equipment for the truck: WA Jones: \$86,422.00; Lindco \$90,046.00 (did not meet specs)
- o Recommended purchasing from Norris & WA Jones for a total of \$172,440.00. Member Hoover asked Eagleson to look into used equipment.
- o Discussed Holding ATJ's tax abatement paperwork due to a tax appeal that has been filed.
- o Presented the abatement for Becky & Garry Miller LLC; noting they are in compliance. Member Hoover motioned to allow the abatement, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- o Presented permit authorization forms for Bob & Deb Schlemmer to build a storage building on their property at 911 S Poplar Street. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- o Received appraisals for the purchase of the Bobilya property. Discussed having a Redevelopment Commission meeting to discuss.
- o Discussed other areas that could be made into TIF areas
- o Discussed the US20 project and contracts with INDOT engineers. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the contracts, member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Will be viewing an Asset Management webinar on Indiana Road Funding sources.
- Asked the council to approve a Mutual Release form for Joshua Miller regarding the sale of lots in Northwood addition. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the signatures, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK:

- Gave the council new email addresses and instructions on how to set up preferences for use on phones/computers.

ATTORNEY:

- Presented closing documents for the sale of 212 W. Steuben Street. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the documents, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

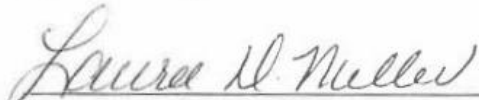
OPEN DISCUSSION:

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Hoover made a motion to approve claims, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Member Hoover made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion Carried.



Juan C. Arroyo, Council President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer