



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes – September 6, 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, Bill Eberhard

The Regular Meeting was opened by Vice President Suellyn Mickem. President Arroyo arrived at approximately 7:15.

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

Council Member Edna Bowser made a motion to approve minutes from the August 15, 2016 meeting. Member Deb Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:** No Report

**Water:**

- ❖ Turned on the Food & Clothes Basket at the new location and the old “Fisher” garage
- ❖ New sewer only account at the Catholic Rectory & new water only at 512 Hawpatch
- ❖ Retired 220 S. Townline Rd, home to be torn down
- ❖ MRO & Dental reports completed and submitted to IDEM
- ❖ CCR Registration sent to IDEM
- ❖ Contacted 22 lead &: Copper testing sites
- ❖ Treated 14.4 MG in the month of August
- ❖ Discussed the water standing in the parking area of McDonald’s.

**POLICE:**

- ❖ Presented a monthly details report for the month of July 2016
- ❖ Discussed K9 activities & presented photos
- ❖ Looking for approval to send Nick Dubea and Austin Bontrager to K9 Cops Training in Louisville KY in November. The Prosecutors Office has agreed to reimburse the Town for expenses. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the training, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Continuing work at 502 E Michigan – regarding ongoing ordinance violations.
- ❖ Discussed the incident of a weapon being discharged. Officer Dubea was on administrative leave until the State Police could investigate the matter. He has been “unofficially cleared” and is back to work.

**FIRE:** No Report

**Street Dept:**

- ❖ Presented the council with a list of tasks and projects worked on thru September 6, 2016

**Town Manager:**

- ❖ Opened bids for the sale of the Cemetery’s 1997 Dodge truck.
  - Don Harker: \$2500.00
  - Nelson Grate: \$151.00 above the highest bid, not to exceed \$3151.00
  - Darren Rathburn: \$2600.00
  - Summit City Landscape & Supply: \$3650.00
  - John Martin: \$1200.00Member Hoover made a motion to award the bid to Summit City Landscape & Supply for \$3650.00, Member Bowser seconded the motion, Motion carried
- ❖ Discussed repairs needed at the skate park. Park may need to be closed until repairs can be made for

safety reasons. Discussed taking down the fence and allowing bikes. The Town Manager will check with our insurance carrier for guidance on the issue.

- ❖ Requested the streets surrounding the courthouse, excluding Detroit Street, be closed for the Sheriff's Department's Trick or Treat event on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the closing for approximately 5 hours to allow for the event, set up and clean up. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLERK:**

- ❖ Asked the Council to consider upgrading water meters to the radio read type. Also suggested that the upgrade be funded by the Wastewater's General Improvement Fund. It was stated that Sewer bills are calculated by the amount of water used, therefore, the Sewer department should have been sharing in the cost of meters but has not until recently. The Water department has stated that the Sewer only meters would be the first to be replaced. The approximate cost for meter replacement, radio read equipment, software upgrades for the entire town would be \$220,000.00. This would be spread out over 5 or more years. The first year cost is estimated at \$40,000.00 - \$50,000.00. We will have bids at an upcoming meeting. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the expense being paid from the General Improvement fund, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ 2017 Budget hearing has been set for Monday, October 3, 2016, and the Budget adoption meeting will be Monday, October 19, 2016.

**ATTORNEY:**

- ❖ Working on the Wastewater Bonds refunding
- ❖ Gave an update on the Jordan suit

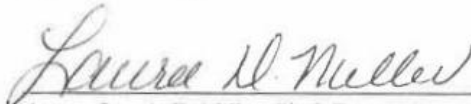
**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- ❖ Discussed Emergency sirens upgrades, locations, and funding the project. Fire Chief McClish has 2 locations in mind, the cost of the sirens would be \$19,000 - 25,000 each.
- ❖ Discussed downtown restrooms. Member Hoover motioned to have the building at 117 S Detroit (Former Tattoo shop) appraised. Attorney Eberhard will look into Eminent Domain. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

  
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Juan C. Arroyo, Council President

  
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Attest: Laurie D. Miller, Clerk Treasurer