



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2017

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

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

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

Council Member Bowser made a motion to approve minutes from the January 2, 2017 regular and January 6, 2017 Executive meetings. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Forest River Tax Abatement – Public Hearing: Attorney Eberhard stated that the Tax Abatement meeting will be postponed for now.

Jamison Shaffer – Skate Park – not in attendance

DLZ – Presented proposals for 2017 street repairs. Proposals include 3 areas –

- Area 1: East Michigan Street - between Detroit & N Poplar Street
- Area 2: East Fenn St – between S. Poplar & S Railroad Street
- Area 3: East Seymour Street – Between Detroit St and S Poplar Street

Holly Miller, DLZ; gave a presentation regarding the proposal. After discussion of the proposal, and why these repairs were determined to be in the most need of repairs above others, Member Hoover made a motion to approve the proposal.

Member Bowser also made a motion to table the issue so the council could review the streets and make a determination.

Member Mickem seconded Member Bowser's motion to table the issue. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DLZ then presented a proposal to provide assistance with the preparation of the Town of LaGrange Roadway Asset Inventory. Member Hoover made a motion to approve DLZ doing the Preparation of Roadway Asset Inventory; Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DLZ also presented a Letter Agreement for Preparation of INDOT Title VI – Technical Assistance Guide. They recommended this be for review only at this time.

Mobilitie – Kevin Dunn: Gave a presentation and submission for a proposed deployment in the public right of ways for an antenna that communicates with wireless devices. Council suggested that they look at the possibility of locating the antenna in the Cemetery where we could also use it for our proposed Early Warning sirens. The antenna would be 95' or less in height. After a short discussion, Member Mickem made a motion for Mr. Dunn to work with the Town Manager on the antenna being placed in Greenwood Cemetery, and using the antenna for our siren. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was also stated that if this location is not acceptable, Mr. Dunn would need to return for further approval.

WASTEWATER:

- Received & Discharged 9.167 mg of treated wastewater
- Monthly reports submitted to IDEM
- No Sanitary Sewer Overflows or Permit violations for December
- Discussed a noncompliance issue for January 2017. The issue has been corrected.

Water:

- Rules & Regulations have been updated
- Replaced generator set block heater

- Met with Forest River contractors to rehab their fire protection

POLICE:

- Discussed the possible resignation of one officer on the department and asked the council for authority to proceed with pursuing applications for a replacement. Council stated that their approval.

FIRE:

- Recommending the sale of "Squad 15" to the Waterloo Indiana fire department for \$10,000.00 as offered with an inter-local agreement. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the sale, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Reported that the Town of Huntertown has a 1991 International/Med-Tec rescue truck for sale. They are asking \$150,000.00 including equipment. It would be a significant upgrade from our current Rescue truck. The truck was available to look at on January 12, 2017, all council members were notified via email of this meeting. The department volunteers have agreed that this would meet their current needs for a newer Rescue vehicle. Member Bowser made a motion to purchase the vehicle from the Town of Huntertown with an inter-local agreement, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Working on an equipment replacement schedule
- Will be interviewing 2 prospective volunteers at the next officer's meeting.

Town Manager:

- Requested approval for Region 3A to assist in a grant application for a USDA Grant for the early warning sirens. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the request, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented a street/curb cut permit application for Indiana Fiber Network for the installation of ducts for fiber optic cable. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the permit, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked the council to make an appointment to represent them with Region 3A. Member Hoover made a motion to appoint the Town Manager, Mark Eagleson, Member Bowser, seconded the appointment. Motion carried.

CLERK:

- Stated that the Town of LaGrange Annual Financial Report is complete and will be advertised in this week's Standard & News. Presented a copy of the report as advertised, to the council for review.
- Reported that the family of William Hamilton has asked about acreage around the cemetery, and if the town of LaGrange had an agreement to purchase. Attorney Eberhard will contact them.

ATTORNEY:

- Reported that the potential buyer of 502 E. Michigan Street has backed out of the offer. There is a new party interested. Attorney Eberhard stated that he asked that the agreement include the following: New Siding or painted/ garage torn down, windows and outside renovations be complete by August 1, 2017. That the home be no more than a duplex (2 family unit) and that the town would reduce the fines to \$5000.00. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the agreement as stated, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Requested the council set an executive session to discuss a contract that is about to expire. Meeting was set for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm.


OPEN DISCUSSION: Discussed the new lighting in the town hall parking lot

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

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



Juan C. Arroyo, Council President



Attest: Laurie D. Miller, IAMC, CMC
Clerk Treasurer

