



# TOWN OF *LaGrange* INDIANA

Laurie D. Miller, Clerk/Treasurer  
Mark W. Eagleson, Town Manager  
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Meeting Minutes – April 3, 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.

Redevelopment Commission Member Mickem made a motion to open a Redevelopment Commission Meeting to hear an annual report from the commission Secretary/Treasurer Laurie Miller. RDC Member Arroyo seconded the motion carried.

Reported as follows:

TIF NORTH	Revenue: \$171988.13	Expenses \$303063.67	Balance: \$1680660.78
TIF South	Revenue: \$ 14804.27	Expenses: \$-0-	Balance: \$ 46125.53

RDC Member Mickem made a motion to accept the annual report, RDC Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried. A motion by Member Hoover was made to close the RDC meeting and move forward with the regular meeting. Member Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried

*Mark W. Eagleson*  
Mark W. Eagleson, RDC President

*Laurie D. Miller*  
Laurie D. Miller, RDC Secretary

Council Member Mickem made a motion to open the regular meeting as a Public Hearing to discuss additional appropriations as presented:

### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF LAGRANGE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Town of LaGrange, LaGrange County,  
(Name of Taxing Unit) (County)  
Indiana, that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in  
excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at 1201 N Townline Rd,  
LaGrange Indiana, at  
(Location)

7:00 o'clock p.m., on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2017.

Fund Name: <u>Rainy Day Fund</u>	AMOUNT
Major Budget Classification:	
Personal Services	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____
Other Services & Charges	\$ _____
Township Assistance	\$ _____
Debt Service	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ <u>15,000.00</u>

TOTAL for Rainy Day Fund: \$ 15,000.00

Fund Name: <u>TIF NORTH</u>	AMOUNT
Major Budget Classification:	
Personal Services	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____
Other Services & Charges	\$ <u>150,000.00</u>
Township Assistance	\$ _____
Debt Service	\$ <u>850,000.00</u>
Capital Outlays	\$ _____

TOTAL for TIF NORTH Fund: \$ 1,000,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (Department). The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated February 23, 2017

Laurie D Miller, Clerk Treasurer

There being no comments from the citizens present, Member Mickem made a motion to approve the additional appropriations, and close the Public Hearing. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 March 21, 2016 meeting and the Special Session on March 22, 2017. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Eberhard opened sealed bids for the sale of a 2009 Chevrolet Impala

1. Jack Thompson \$3000.00
2. Jeremy Ober \$ 555.55
3. Dale Baker \$1000.00
4. John Marlow \$ 400.00
5. Chicago Motors \$ 307.00

A motion was made by Hoover to sell the car to Jack Thompson for \$3000.00, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:** No Report

**Water:**

- Finalized plans with INDOT on the US 20 project
- Nitrate testing results are in

**POLICE:**

- Working with Parkside School on parking issues on Canal Street
- Discussed ordinance violations on Mountain Street

**FIRE:**

- Gas/Carbon Detector ordered
- Worked with Parkview and the Red Cross to deliver and install smoke detectors
- Neil Taylor has completed and passed a 1<sup>st</sup> Responder class. Would like the Town to reimburse him for the class expenses. Peyton Ritchie is also taking an EMT class, and will be requesting reimbursement upon passing.
- Fish/Chicken fry on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm

**STREET:**

- No parking sign in the alley by Lewis & Lambright has been installed
- Received bids for a 38'x40' Hoop Building for Salt Storage as follows
  - a. Shetler Construction \$63720.00
  - b. J&L Custom Builders \$60800.00
  - c. Regal Builders \$56600.00

- Also received bids for the following renovations at the Street Department facility

Company Name	Part. Remodel	Interior	Siding	Total
a. Shetler Const	\$22360.00	\$16280.00	\$23700.00	\$62340.00
b. J&L Builders	\$23900.00	\$15680.00	\$20130.00	\$59710.00
c. Regal Builders	\$20480.00	\$14440.00	\$20370.00	\$55290.00

Council discussed several options, including new construction behind the Town Hall, including the possibility of making the Town Hall property part of the TIF district and using TIF funds to construct the new facility. The roof of the street department building is currently leaking and will need to be repaired regardless, as well as storage for salt is needed as soon as possible, as the previous building has been unusable for nearly 2 years. Member Mickem made a motion to award the complete bid to Regal Builders (both projects) as they are the lowest bid. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Requested permission for Brad Ringler and John Marlow to attend Street Sweeper maintenance school. Member Hoover motioned to approve the request, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Town Manager:**

- LaGrange Girls Youth league will be using the town park
- Cemetery staff will be testing a product that slows the growth of grass to lessen the need for trimming around gravestones as often
- Presented tax abatement filings for AquaZone, they are complete and in compliances. Member Bowser made a motion to approve and sign the forms, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked for approval for an Annexation Stipulation for Brent Frey on Grant Street Extended. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the stipulation agreement, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed new annexation rules going thru the state legislature.

**CLERK:** Requested that the council consider re-establishing the Town's Cumulative Storm Sewer fund to prepare for future drainage repairs that may arise when doing street projects. Member Hoover motioned to approve the plan, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:**

- Discussed different types of Tax Increment Financing districts, such as Tourism and Housing
- Will be contacting Parkview Hospital regarding the plan for sidewalks to the Town Hall.

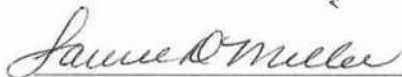
**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Mike Cole asked about further plans for lighting along Townline Rd.
- Discussed the empty building south of Eberhard & Weimer and the renovations of the building to the north of the same business.

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:** Member Mickem made a motion to approve claims, Member Bowser 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, IAMC, CMC  
Clerk Treasurer