



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
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Meeting Minutes: - July 2, 2018

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 D. Eberhard, Jr

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

Member Edna Bowser motioned to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Deborah Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Suellyn Mickem made a motion to approve minutes from June 18, 2018. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nancy Block, representing the LaGrange Farmer's Market addressed the Council. She would like to apply for grant funds thru Region 3A to construct a pavilion on the Town Hall property. She has estimated the cost of the building at \$5,000.00 and another \$5,000.00 in labor. Ms. Block was told that there was a 30' easement to consider on the south end of the property, where she was proposing the building to be. After discussing the options, Block was asked to bring a more specific plan to the council at a later date to be reviewed.

Linda Stanton representing the Northwood Homeowners Association addressed the Council. The association had questions regarding the proposed annexation of their neighborhood. Attorney Eberhard addressed their concerns, noting that the initial request from the council was that the association get 100% of the residents to consent to annexation, and that has not happened at this time. The homeowners have been in communication with the LaGrange Health Dept, LaGrange County Regional Utility District and the County Commissioners regarding their septic processing issues. A meeting with county and town officials was proposed. Attorney will also check to see when the signatures on the annexation proposal go "stale".

**WASTEWATER:**

- Town Manager Mark Eagleson proposed an apprenticeship program for Catlyn Helmuth. Council asked if we could require an employment contract prior to the apprenticeship program. The program includes: 4000 hours of documented on the job training over a 2 year period; 288 hours of classroom or online training (over 2 years), a title change to Maintenance Supervisor, and wages set to reflect an hourly journey worker wage rate. He will be able to obtain a Class III license in a 3 year period. Membership in Alliance of Indiana will help defray the cost of classes and the program. Member Hoover made a motion to move forward with the apprenticeship program, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Water:**

- Consider stubbing a large water main on Central west of Townline for future use, during the US20 project. Cost will be approximately \$5400.00. No right of way will need to be purchased and will not interfere with the work on US20. Member Hoover motioned to approve the project, Member Naylor seconded the motion, Motion carried.
- Noted various projects completed in a written report to the council.
- Requested the council consider the purchase of a gas powered golf cart for use by the part time person. Discussion on the work status of the employee, hours that will be needed, and other vehicles available. Member Bowser made a motion to put the purchase be put on hold for now. Member Hoover 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed users on the water line going to Greenmark Equipment.

**FIRE:**

- Reported on fire incidents in May

**POLICE:**

- Working with the attorney on ordinance violations.

**STREET:**

- Provided the council with a list of tasks and projects completed.

**CLERK:**

- Waiting on capital assets lists for 2019 to begin the Town budget.

**Town Manager**

- Working with Tech Solutions on a security system for the town park. This system will allow for other locations, such as the Town Hall and downtown.
- Region 3A has a grant program to replace vehicles thru a VW emissions violation. We may have vehicles that would qualify. Member Hoover motioned to apply for the funds, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Working with the Presbyterian Church on sidewalk and curb improvements. These improvements will help with water pooling in the area (Michigan & High Streets). Quotes were presented as follows: D&S Builders - \$2450.00; JP Custom Concrete \$5640.00; Peterson Concrete LLC \$19,600.00. Member Hoover made a motion to continue working with the group, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed a tree that fell on a car during a storm.

**ATTORNEY:**

- No report


**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- None Noted

**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, IAMC, CMC  
Clerk Treasurer