



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: October 15, 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 Bowser made a motion to approve minutes from Monday, October 1, 2018 and Tuesday, October 9, 2018 (executive session, and managerial meeting after) Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:**

- Jeff Moore presented a monthly report for September 2018 to the council
  - ❖ Received & discharged 13.113 million gallons of treated wastewater
  - ❖ All reports submitted as required
  - ❖ No parameter violation for the NPDES Permit
  - ❖ Presented quotes for a DO Sensor/Display replacement as follows:
    1. Hach \$5610.70
    2. USA Bluebook \$5412.45
    3. BL Anderson \$6542.00

Moore recommended purchasing the DO Sensor system from Hach, noting that USA Bluebook no longer supports the system and BL Anderson is a higher price. Would also like to purchase the weather shield from USA Bluebook for \$204.60 as an add on feature. After discussing the options, Member Mickem motioned to purchase the equipment as recommended by Moore, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Water:**

- Interim Supt Mark Miller reported that he now has 2/3 of the hydrants flushed, the water quality is good.
- Will be working on winterizing necessary areas in town
- Working on getting quotes for well and high service pump rehab projects.
- Preferred Maintenance has looked at the salvaged furnaces and will be able to use one of them to restore heat in the Water Treatment facility.
- All known water leaks in town are now repaired.
- Repair of the fire Hydrant on Union & Fenn Streets is 95% completed
- The Clerk presented Ordinance #2018.10.15 amending the 2018 Wage & salary Ordinance. After discussing the changes, Member Hoover motioned to adopt the Ordinance. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Member Hoover then made a motion to appoint Mark Miller as the permanent Water Department Superintendent and increase his wage per the amended 2018 Wage and Salary ordinance.
- Member Bowser then motioned to offer Bradley Clark the open position with the Water Department. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**FIRE:**

- Corn School went well, without issue
- Johnson Township borrowed tables for their fish fry
- Escorted middle school football team thru town after winning championship game
- Received confirmation of DNR Grant
- Met with Bloomfield Trustee to discuss the refurbishing of Tanker 16. They have approved the funds to cover their share. Member Hoover made a motion to proceed with the refurbishing of the truck. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**POLICE:**

- No Report

**STREET:**

- Presented a list of tasks and projects completed as follows:
- Assisted with US20 project - sewer line replacement
- Picked up sticks, yard waste and did sewer line locates
- Discussed removing a tree on the property (or in the alley east of the property) that Parkview owns at Townline & US20. Contact NIPSCO to see if they would remove it, since it is in the power lines.

**CLERK:**

- Presented the September Bank Reconciliation verification to the council After Review, Member Hoover made a motion to accept/approve the documentation. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Reminded the Council of the Retirement party for John Leu coming up on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Manager:**

- Received 1 bid for the rental for 19 acres at Greenwood Cemetery. Mel and Matt Boyle bid \$70.00 per acre, or up to \$100.00 per acre in \$5.00 increments as necessary. Member Hoover motioned to have the Town manager to refuse the bid, and make a counter offer closer to \$100.00 per acre. Motion was seconded by Member Mickem. Motion carried.
- Discussed available dates for the council to tour the St Joe Water Treatment facility. Mark Eagleson will contact DLZ to see if they can arrange for the tour on October 31<sup>st</sup> in the morning.
- Park cameras still on back order
- Discussed the timeline of the 2019 Community Crossings Grants
- Options for a mausoleum at the cemetery, and road repairs for 2019
- Presented an Annexation Stipulation for the Pena' household and business on North State Rd 9. Member Hoover motioned to approve the signing of the stipulation, Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:**


- Presented an agreement to keep on John Leu part time to assist Mark Miller as needed. Member Hoover made a motion to adopt and sign the agreement, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Seeking approval from the council to facilitate an agreement between property owners, vendors and insurance companies in regards to the downtown fire in 2017. Council consensus was to allow the attorney to do as requested.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:** Member Mickem 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