



TOWN OF
LaGrange
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2018

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 7:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall.

Council Members Present: Juan Arroyo, Suellyn Mickem, Edna Bowser, Deborah Naylor

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill D Eberhard, (via telephone call)

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 November 19, 2018. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jean Fremion McKibben of the Veteran's Headstone Project gave an update on Veteran's headstones restored in Greenwood Cemetery. Three were completed in 2018, making a total of 49 since 2012. The group appreciates the council's contribution to their project, and requested a monetary contribution for 2019. Member Bowser motioned to make a donation of \$1500.00 to cover 7 headstones and flag holders (as needed) in Greenwood Cemetery. Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried. McKibben also stated that there are 786 veterans in Greenwood Cemetery from various conflicts.

WASTEWATER:

Water:

- Received the final quote for Pump #3 rehab, Peerless Midwest \$8,210.00. Noting that the low bid was North American Pump, of Wawaka IN, Member Mickem motioned to award them the rehab project. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented a wastewater charge adjustment for Erin Colin; 405 W North Street. There was a water leak that went into the basement. Member Mickem motioned to allow the 14000 gallon adjustment, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Receiving quotes for new tires for the Dodge truck.
- Would like approval to receive quotes for an additional vehicle for the department. Council approved the request.

FIRE:

- Gave an incident report for November. 24 total runs.
- Updated the council on the breakfast with Santa. Served 350 people, collected \$850.00 plus pantry items and handed out 180 gift bags for the kids.
- Met with both township trustees (Clay and Bloomfield) to discuss the need to pay firefighters for medic (first responder) calls. Both Trustees expressed interest in allowing the payment for the runs, they will consider contributing to it in 2019 with a re-negotiation of their contract. The Council held a lengthy discussion regarding the matter. Attorney Bill Eberhard instructed the Clerk to contact the State Board of Accounts to get their opinion on the legality of the matter. Council tabled the matter until the clerk can verify the information.

POLICE:

- Received the official letter of resignation of Deputy Todd Johnson. Last day of employment was November 30, 2018. Council discussed the contract with Johnson, comp time, and paid time off accumulated.
- Requested approval to offer the open deputy position to Andrew Schwartz. Schwartz was one of the final applicants in an earlier process. Would like to set starting salary at \$1635.59 bi-weekly, the same as

another officer with the same experience. Member Naylor made a motion to approve offering the position to Schwartz at the rate requested. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Would like the council to consider an ordinance regulating bigger trucks parking on streets in town.

STREET:

- Gave a report on daily jobs completed
- Discussed accident with employee driving the vehicle involved.
- Leaf pick up completed.

CLERK:

- Presented Ordinance 2018-12-03 – 2019 Wage and Salary Ordinance. No changes to holidays or benefits. Member Mickem motioned to accept and sign the ordinance, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Ordinance #2018-12-03B – Transfer of funds to the Rainy Day fund. The ordinance will allow \$100,000.00 to be transferred to the Rainy day fund. Member Naylor made the motion to approve and sign the ordinance, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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- Quotes for a V-Plow for the Bobcat: Truelove Brothers, Inc \$3789.50; Bobcat of Fort Wayne \$3998.61, Archbold Equipment & Bobcat of Warsaw- no response. Member Bowser motioned to purchase the plow from Truelove Brothers per bid; Member Mickem seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Bid notice for Cemetery land rental: Received one bid from Omer Lambright at \$90.00 per acre. Member Mickem accept the bid with a letter of understanding and 2 year agreement. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Working with INDOT on Community Crossing Grants awarded
- Watching CERES Solutions fuel prices. Will be committing for 2019 soon.

ATTORNEY:

- N/A

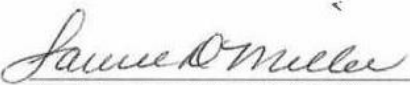
OPEN DISCUSSION: N/A

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

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



Juan C Arroyo Council President



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