



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: April 1, 2019

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, Deborah Naylor, Fred Romer

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill D. Eberhard, Jr
Absent: Catie Gayheart

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

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

Council Member Hoover made a motion to approve minutes from March 18, 2019. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DLZ - Holly Miller requested approval for signatures for contracts to begin work on the Community Crossing Grant Project for 2019. Member Hoover made a motion to approve the contracts to be signed, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Miller then discussed the 2023 Hawpatch Street improvement project. Approval needed for the timeline. Member Hoover motioned to approve and sign documents presented, Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. There were spaces for three (3) council members to sign. Signatures were President Arroyo; Vice President Hoover and Member Deb Naylor. All members present voted in approval of the project.

WASTEWATER: No Report

Water:

- Now using the newly rehabbed high service pump
- Flushing newly rehabbed and re-plumbed well #3. Will be taking bacteria samples nextweek.

FIRE:

- March Run Report
- Fish Fry on Saturday, April 6th from 4-7 pm.
- Requested approval for 4 officers to attend the annual FDIC conference in Indianapolis. Cost is \$85.00 each. Noted that this is a trade show, not training. Member Naylor motioned to approve the attendance of 4 officers at \$85.00 each. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Working with Gary Mast on knocks boxes for the county buildings.

POLICE:

- Updated council on March activity

STREET:

- Presented a quote for taking a tree down at Townline and Central Avenue. Three companies were contacted, only one responded. Professional Climbers of White Pigeon MI quoted \$2200.00 for complete work, including clean up, or 1800.00 if we clean up. Everage Tree Service and Klopfenstein Tree Service did not respond. Member Hoover made the motion to have Professional Climbers take the tree down, and our Street Dept clean up at a cost of \$1800.00. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK:

- Presented March Bank Reconciliation certification for council approval. After review of the documents, Member Hoover motioned to accept and sign the certification. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked for a Redevelopment Commission meeting to meet a reporting deadline. Meeting was set for Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Town Hall at 4:30 pm.

- Presented a wage and salary amendment, Ordinance #2019-04-01, amending how the Police Deputies are paid. This changes from Salary to hourly. Member Hoover made a motion to adopt/approve the amendment on first reading, waiving all further readings. Member Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. All members present voted in favor of the amendment.
- Member Hoover asked what the Cemetery Endowment Fund was, and what it is used for. The Clerk stated that it was established in the 1930's as an operating fund, to operate Greenwood Cemetery. The balance in the fund is currently in a longer term CD, where the quarterly interest is deposited into the Cemetery fund for expenses. The Attorney will look at the documents that established the Endowment fund and report findings to the council.

Town Manager

- Working on quotes for a new mower for the cemetery.
- Boys 14U baseball league will use the ball field on Mondays for practices
- Hoping to get the park restrooms open soon, weather permitting.
- RR Visual will be videoing the sewer lines on Poplar Street on April 9th & 10th.
- Led a discussion on the property on 200N that is owned by Dave Nyhoff. He would like to have it re-zoned to residential to develop a housing complex. The Building and Zoning office is looking for a recommendation prior to moving forward with the rezoning. There was discussion on water main extension permits that would be obtained from IDEM, and whether or not that would be an issue. Member Romer made a motion to give a favorable recommendation for the project. Member Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

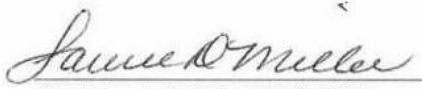
- Working on the re-zoning as noted previously
- Fire Contracts have not been signed by the Township Trustees
- Working with DLZ and Farm Bureau Insurance on a sidewalk issue.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Discussed the empty/foreclosed housing issue in town.

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

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


 Juan C Arroyo, Council President


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