



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: February 3, 2020

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

**Council Members Present:** Raymond Hoover, Fred Romer, Catie Gayheart, Diane Cameron and Carolyn Glick

**Also present:** Laurie Miller, Bill D. Eberhard, Jr (via phone)

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

Member Romer motioned to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Romer made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Treasurer Laurie Miller opened bid packages for the LaGrange Park project.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Splash Pad</u>	<u>Playground</u>	<u>Pavillion</u>	<u>Concrete</u>	<u>Total</u>
R Yoder Construction	\$ 279,624.00	\$ 263,773.00	\$ 30,133.00	\$ 23,770.00	\$ 593,770.00

Notes: includes all equipment, engineering, prep work, ground work, re-seeding, installation of all equipment. Also noted that the proposal is an approximate bid for a design build project. A final project cost will then be figured after complete design and engineer plans are developed.

PlayPros	INCLUDES STAMPED ENGINEERING PLANS, EQUIP/INSTAL EXCAVATION, SIDEWALKS, CONCRETE PAD				\$ 409,885.75
USA Construction	\$ 339,690.00	\$ 395,200.00			\$ 734,890.00
MidStates Recreation		204,245.00			\$ 204,245.00

Member Romer made a motion to table and review the bids received, Member Gayheart made a second to that motion. Motion carried.

Town Manager Mark Eagleson then opened sealed bids for the 2020 Community Crossings Street Projects (Walunt Street).

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Part #1</u>	<u>Part #2</u>	<u>WATER LINE</u>	
			<u>RELOCATION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Niblock	\$ 595,716.00	\$ 228,355.00	\$ 13,250.00	\$ 837,321.00
API	\$ 767,630.00	\$ 338,350.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 1,119,980.00

A motion to table the bid to allow representatives from DLZ Engineering to review the bids and make a recommendation later in the meeting was made by Member Romer, motion was seconded by Member Glick. Motion carried.

Stacy Merrifield was present to request authorization to connect to the Town Sewer and water utilities for a single family dwelling on 8 acres located at 375W 050N. Member Glick made a motion to approve the request, pending an annexation stipulation being signed, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Baker Tilly presented the results from the latest water rate study. Council discussed how much of an increase would be appropriate considering some unknown expenses that are pending. Discussed additional fees of 14.9% for out of town customers as well as a fee for hydrants for those customers. It was noted that currently "in town customers" are paying an additional property tax that pays for all the town hydrants (in and outside town limits). A fire protection fee would lower

that burden on taxpayers. Member Cameron made a motion to move forward with a 35% increase, as well as the 14.9% out of town fee, and the additional out of town fire protection fees. Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Baker Tilly also presented the contract for the Rate Study, including a multi-year capital asset plan. Member Romer motioned to approve the contract, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:**

- Due to the change in sludge removal, we are no longer using the Agri-gator. The department would like to advertise the equipment for sale. Member Romer made a motion to list the equipment for sale by sealed bid, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Received quotes for the Replacement of the Effluent Flow meter as follows:

Franke Environmental Services, LLC	\$3025.00
Gasvoda & Associates	\$4623.00
HP Thompson	\$5440.50

Noted that the current equipment is failing at 18 years old. Member Cameron motioned to replace the meter, purchasing from Franke Environmental. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WATER:**

- Received quotes for inspection of the south Tower as follows

Dixon Engineering	\$2975.00
Pittsburg Tank and Tower	\$2725.00
Suez	\$1,000.00 (Inspection only)

Sup. Miller advised that Dixon Engineering has done this particular job in the past. Would like to stay with the same contractor if possible. Member Romer made a motion to award the work to Dixon Engineering, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Received quotes for leak detection as follows:

ME Simpson	\$6750.00
American Leak Detection	No Response by deadline given
Bloodhound	No longer does leak detection
Indiana Leak Detection	Not able to do the work as required.

Member Romer motioned to move forward with ME Simpson, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Pumped 14,653,000 gallons of water in the month of January 2020, in January 2019, 12,002,000 was pumped.

**FIRE:**

- Fire run report for January
- Working on renewing the department ISO rating

**POLICE:**

- Received a resignation letter from Deputy Tommy Gross. He indicated that he would remain on the job until a replacement can be found. Member Glick made a motion to begin the application process, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried
- Discussed the ordinance violation notification process.

**STREET:**

- Discussed chip sealing streets with no curbs or sidewalks. Will discuss a price with the county highway department, if they are still willing to help with the project.
- DLZ made a recommendation to award Niblock the Walnut Street project bid. Member Glick made a motion to award the bid of \$837,321.00 to Niblock, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed a need to purchase a new Hi\_Flow skid loader with an asphalt planer and broom attachments. Street Supervisor Mike Rosendaul gave an overview of what the equipment could be used for. It would be shared by all departments. Rosendaul was asked to get quotes for the equipment and report back.

**CLERK:**

- Presented December 2019 Bank Reconciliation for council approval. Member Romer motioned to approve the report verification. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented an ordinance establishing a "Park Donation" Fund. Member Romer made a motion to approve the Ordinance, now known as 2020.02.03, on the first reading, and waiving all further readings. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked for a meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm to discuss and make a decision regarding the park renovation bids.

**TOWN MANAGER:**

- Cemetery has been busy with funerals the last few weeks.
- Locked in a price for fuel for the year with Ceres Solutions.
- Met with Farmer's State Bank regarding their parking lot west of the Post Office. Will be meeting with their board of directors soon.

**ATTORNEY:** All attorney information has been discussed throughout the meeting.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

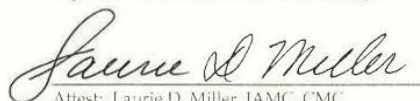
- Kerry McKibben asked if his property along 100E can be “un-annexed”. The Attorney can research the matter and report back.
- Member Glick discussed hosting an “Earth Day” at the park.
- Member Cameron mentioned the need for 2020 Census workers.

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:** Member Romer made a motion to approve claims, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Member Romer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion Carried.



Raymond Hoover, Council Vice President



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