



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: April 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 7:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall. (Zoom meeting also advertised)

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

**Also present:** Laurie Miller, Bill D. Eberhard, Jr

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

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

Council Member Romer made a motion to approve the March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 30, 2020 minutes, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER: No Report**

**WATER:**

- **Flow Tests for the Fire Department are completed.**
- **ME Simpson has completed the leak survey. Twelve different leaks were located, eight were old hydrants. Ones that can be repaired will, the others will need to be replaced.**
- **The South Tower inspection is scheduled for late April.**

**FIRE: No Report**

**POLICE:**

- Equipment Install quotes:  
Waymire Fleet: \$9457.58  
Line-x: \$9626.39  
John Jones Fleet: \$12,627.00

Marshal Snyder asked approval for Waymire do the installation.

Member Romer motioned to allow Waymire Fleet to do the installation of the equipment. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

- Updating other equipment:  
Watchguard in-car video system: \$ 5605.00  
Motorola 4500 800 mhz in car radio \$ 2500.00 (from Rocky Mountain Communications)

The Department is unable to get 3 quotes for Watchguard video system because they do not sell through different suppliers. This brand and the software being used is compatible with what the other vehicles use.

Member Cameron motioned to approve the Watchguard Video equipment purchase, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

Regarding the Motorola 4500 radio, this is a refurbished radio with a warranty and all the updates for the next updating the state of Indiana will do, comparable radios are not available. This radio can still be purchased new for \$6400.00.

Member Cameron then motioned to purchase the Motorola radios from Rocky Mountain Communications for \$2500.00. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

- Received a \$500.00 donation for Personal Protection Equipment and homemade masks.

**STREET:**

- Received the price on chip sealing of three streets. The total price to do Industrial Parkway, Nursery and Townline Rd (us20 south) would be \$16,427.00. This is just material only no charge for labor or fuel.

The price on the Total patch (dura patching) is \$605.50 per tank full. It looks like everything could be done with 2 loads. The total price would be \$1,201.00. 1 full tank is 250 gallons of oil and 11 tons of crushed 11 stone.

Member Romer made a motion to approve the County Highway to Dura patch the streets noted. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

Council would like more information on the chip and seal project.

- The NEISWD will be closing the composting site and move it to the Transfer Station at the old landfill location. Council would like to see a quote on a chipper.
- Member Glick noted that the Street Department has been very helpful in regards to putting together information for the parks new parking lot. They also cleared brush at the new park location.

**CLERK:** Presented Bank Reconciliation reports for February and March of 2020 for signature. Member Romer made a motion to approve the reports, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

Presented Ordinance 2020.04.06(A) Regarding a change on making daily deposits during the current Covid-19 emergency. The ordinance will allow the Clerk's office staff to take deposits to the bank twice per week, instead of daily. This will lessen exposure. The Clerk will follow a set internal control policy to keep the deposits safe. Member Romer motioned to approve the ordinance on first reading, waving all further readings, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

The State Board of Accounts has set an exit interview regarding their recent audit of the 2017 and 2018 records. The meeting will be at the Town Hall on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**TOWN MANAGER:**

- **Cemetery:** I will be asking that you approve the purchase of a new Grasshopper mower for the Cemetery from Van Gorder Sales for \$12,945.00 less the trade in allowance of \$2,545.00 for our 1989 John Deere for a total cost of \$10,400.00. Did request a quote from Outdoor Concepts of Bluffton IN and Rouch Outdoor of Three Rivers MI. Did not receive a response from either business. Member Romer made a motion to purchase the mower from VanGorders as quoted. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call.
- Presented the site Plan for the old Lord's Seed/Co-op Elevator. Roger Diehm now owns the property. He is planning on removing the old Mill & Office and putting up a new 75' X 100' building. The Plan Commission is requesting a recommendation for the project. Member Romer made a motion to give a favorable recommendation to the County, pending drainage issues being resolved and approved by DLZ, for the project. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call.
- Discussed the application for a loan from the State Revolving Fund for the proposed new water treatment plant.
- API will need to complete the Poplar St project by the end of May to be eligible for the next round of Community Crossing Grant application process.
- Discussed an event being planned by the Emerging Leaders of LaGrange County on June 20, 2020. A rough outline included: Closing Lafayette Street from High to Detroit from 12-11 pm, a Beer Tent on the east side of Lafayette ST, run by Fireside. A dunk tank, bounce houses, and cornhole games on the grassy lot on the east side, pending owner approval. Council would like the Town Manager to get more details on the beer tent before approval.

**ATTORNEY:**

- Working with the town manager on a contract for Shannon McLeod (Priority Project Resources, Inc). They are writing the OCRA Grant for the water treatment plant.

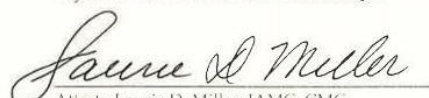
**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Member Carolyn Glick requested approval to obtain port-a-potties for the Splash pad for the summer months, pending being able to use it. She would like to get them from Avail, a local company that quoted \$203.25 per month, including supplies and weekly cleaning. Quotes from Taylor Rental \$260.00 and VRT Enterprises \$230.00. Member Romer motioned to use Avail for the service, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

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

**ADJOURN:** Member Romer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call.

  
Raymond Hoover, Council Vice President

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