



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: Monday, June 1, 2020

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

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

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 Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Romer made a motion to approve the May 18, 2020 and May 28, 2020 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Newly appointed Wastewater Superintendent Catlyn Helmuth thanked the council for the opportunity to be the Plant Manager after the termination of the contract with Inframark, Inc. Helmuth asked for direction on what the council is looking for in reporting updates at council meetings. President Hoover stated that in the booklet Inframark provided, one of the last pages had a summary, and that would be sufficient. Member Cameron also suggested some testing results.
- Requested a full time assistant as soon as possible. Recommended Sue Detweiler for the position. Detweiler is currently working at the plant as well as the Cemetery.

WATER:

- Still working on the Union Street leak.
- Scheduled to bore a new water line for the Church of God next week.
- Spoken with the manager at ME Simpson about the leak survey. They are backed up on work due to the Covid19 Pandemic.
- North Water Tower is scheduled for an inspection. Received the report for the south tower, to do all repairs it will cost approximately \$525,000.00. Held a discussion on what should be done first and why. Also discussed what Mediacom equipment is in use.

FIRE:

- Met with trustees, town clerk and Fred Romer to discuss a long term plan for the fire department. Townships are willing to pay 25% (each) of Turnout Gear and Air packs, however the Page to Text program is seen as an administrative cost, and should be up to the town to cover. Townships are also covering the cost of AED Defibrillators. Member Glick made a motion to purchase the "I am Responding" program for the fire department at a cost of \$3120.00, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Member Romer then made a motion to purchase Turnout Gear and SCBA equipment from 5 Alarm at the cost of \$55,832.00 (Town share is ½ the total cost of 111,664.00). Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE:

- Speed signs have been moved to Poplar Street.
- Discussed news releases from the department.

STREET:

- Helped the Water Department with the service at Union & Seymour ST.
- The Street Sweeper is back and back on the schedule for this week.
- Installing a storm water drain at 106 W Steuben St, before a new sidewalk is installed.
- Also worked on: Landscaping projects, spraying weeds, asphalt work, mowing at the Town Hall and Park.

CLERK:

- **Public Hearing set to apply for additional appropriations for June 15 at the regular meeting.**
- **Working on the 2021 Budget, asked the council to meet with their departments for budget input.**

TOWN MANAGER:

- Discussed adjusting pay for Sue Detweiler. She will be transferring from the Cemetery to the Wastewater soon. This position requires an extra set of skills so, the Town Manager is requesting an increase in pay of .50 per hour. Council discussed the details of the position and reasoning for an increase. Member Cameron made a motion to approve the increase for the said employee, to take effect at the time of the transfer. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Romer then made a motion to have the job opening at the Cemetery be advertised. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed a pay adjustment for Catlyn Helmuth. His position is changing from Maint Supervisor to Wastewater Superintendent, taking on more responsibility. A \$2.00 per hour increase for Helmuth was recommended, and another increase of \$2.00 per hour when Helmuth when he passes his certification testing. Member Romer made a motion to approve this request, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed putting signs at the park warning people that they are playing at their own risk. The town is not taking measures to disinfect playground equipment. Member Romer made a motion to move forward with the signage, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Presented a resolution to re-open town offices and public facilities. Council discussed the pros and cons of opening due to the current situation. (Covid19 outbreak).

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Discussed problems with the recycling center location and debris that comes with having the facility. Looking at alternatives due to the re-construction of Walnut Street.

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

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


Raymond Hoover, Council Vice President


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