



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: Monday, July 6, 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 (Zoom), 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 June 15, 2020 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Discussed the purchase of a truck for the Wastewater Dept. Council indicated approval for the Town Manager to pursue the purchase of a vehicle.
- Working on quotes for generator upgrades for the lift stations.

WATER:

- Two of the four fountains are now on and being metered. Working on fixing leaks around town.
- Installed a new meter pit setting for Parkview at the corner of Townline and US 20.
- Union Street project is scheduled for the 11th and 12th of July. Due to businesses in the area needing to be shut off, the leak will be fixed on the weekend. A leak at Grant and Mountain is also on the schedule for repairs.
- One leak on the survey is under St Rd 9, we want to make sure all of our valves will work to shut the leak off. A new valve would serve to isolate other leaks in the area without having to have massive shutdowns. Quotes for valves needed are as follows:

Construction Services of Indiana - 6" Valve insertion -\$5540.00; 6" wet tap \$650.00 TOTAL: \$6190.00

EJP - 6" Valve insertion - \$5861.00; 6" Wet tap- \$725.00 TOTAL: \$6585.00

Culy Contracting - \$7200.00; 6" wet tap - \$700.00 TOTAL: \$7900.00

Member Romer made a motion to purchase the needed items from Construction Services of Indiana at a total of \$6190.00. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- Reported on fire incidents and department activities
- Turnout gear and air packs have been ordered.

POLICE:

- Working with the Town Attorney to put together an educational opportunity for the public to learn about police procedure. The seminar would be for 10-15 citizens, chosen thru an application process. More details to be announced soon. Looking for council approval. Member Romer made a motion to approve the seminar, with a limit of 15 attendees, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed a proposed fireworks ordinance. The ordinance would limit when fireworks would be allowed in the town.

STREET:

- All new signs are up for the new playground area. Crosswalks will be added once the parking lot is completed.
- Discussed a waiver to address liability when taking out trees on private property

CLERK:

- Updated the council on the Park Project. The Splash Pad has been delayed.
- Discussed the possible need to do a rate study for the Wastewater rates. Member Romer made a motion to contact Baker Tilly to do a rate study, seconded by Member Cameron. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Community Crossings Matching Grant Program has been suspended until September 2020
- Working the Play Pros on electrical needs for the park.
- DLZ has suggested we include the new water main replacement from Lake Street to Michigan Street in with this years Walnut St project.
- NEISWD will be relocating the recycling center to the "LaGrange Convenience Center", located at the old landfill as of July 10th. Alternative town locations were rejected.
- Discussed a "2020 On Call Contract with DLZ. Member Glick made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Member Romer. Motion carried.
- Working on problems with the Poplar Street project.

ATTORNEY:

- Working ordinances as follows
 1. Declaratory Resolution for Keller Development (former Preferred Auto property on S. Detroit Street). Council will finalize the resolution after the Zoning meeting on July 21, 2020.
 2. Ordinance regulating the length of grass and weeds. This ordinance is designed to expedite the process of getting tall grass/weeds taken care of. Will present it at the July 20th meeting.
 3. Fireworks Ordinance. Needs to be compliant with State Law, yet meet the needs of the town. Concerns are veterans with PTSD, fireworks landing on personal property causing fires, and noise. Will be making adjustments and will present again at a future meeting.
 4. Excavation and Restoration of Streets. (Cut permits)
 5. Water and Wastewater Tap permits and application process. This will create a more organized system of tapping into the system.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Holly Miller, DLZ discussed a Water Treatment plant priority list.
- Discussed specs for a unified trash hauler for the Town of LaGrange. Specifically noted was the need for recycling services.

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