



TOWN OF
LaGrange
INDIANA

Laurie D. Miller, Clerk/Treasurer
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Meeting Minutes:

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 August 3, 2020 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing for a tax abatement for Keller Development was held. Danielle Biberstine, Keller Development Representative gave a presentation on the project at 709 S Detroit Street. Member Romer made a motion to approve the tax abatement, seconded by Member Glick. Motion carried.

Tony Reigling requested a "Positive Recommendation Letter" for two (2) variance requests that will go before the LaGrange County Board of Zoning. One will be for a property line setback to allow for coolers on the back side of the building at 814 S Detroit Street. The second request regarded the number of parking spaces available. Each request was discussed, Member Romer made a motion to give a positive recommendation for the property setback, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Romer then made a motion to give a positive recommendation for the parking variance, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- All reporting submitted to the state for the month of July
- A WETT testing for the plant was completed. The testing failed on the ceriodaphnia test. We are waiting on results of the second round of testing.
- Presented two quotes for electrical work on the generator project. (Lift Station work).
 1. Byler Electric \$8818.53 (Sturgis MI)
 2. Service Electric \$7785.00 (Fort Wayne)It was noted that Byler Electric is the preferred provider. They have done work for the Town and know our systems. The third vendor did not meet the timeline requirement to quote. Member Romer motioned to approve the purchase from Byler Electric, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WATER:

- Fixed a leak on N Maple Street
- Installed a hub for the new Habitat for Humanity house on Walnut Street
- Presented the 3rd quote for a Chlorine Pump from Gasvoda \$1410.00. Member Glick made a motion to approve the purchase of a pump from Gasvoda, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- Town Manager Eagleson noted that the Fire Chief contract is up this year. The options are to sign another contract with the current chief (Dave Elick) or open the position for applications. After discussing the issue, Member Romer motioned to take applications until September 18, 2020. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE:

- Working on ordinance violations

STREET:

- Road work on Townline south of US 20
- Assisted the Water dept with leak repairs
- Doing preventative sanitary sewer maintenance
- Discussed several concerns regarding ordinance violations.

PARK:

- Splash Pad construction has started.
- Applied to the Dekko Foundation for a grant for the park project, we were awarded \$25,000.00.

CLERK:

- Presented Bank Reconciliation reports for July 2020 for approval Member Romer made a motion to approve the documents, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER:

- DLZ needs a decision on the restroom option at the new water plant. Town Attorney Eberhard recommended unisex restrooms and locker room.
- Requested the council grant approval for President Hoover to sign the PER prior to the next meeting if necessary. Member Romer made a motion to grant signing authority (PER) to Hoover, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Soil and Water Conservation would be willing to donate a pine tree (Christmas Tree) to the Town, we would be responsible for getting it delivered and planted. Member Cameron is working with a nursery in Middlebury, and believes the quality of the tree is much better. The cost of the tree is \$469.00. Delivery and planting a tree from Soil and Water Conservation could cost more than the quoted tree. Member Cameron made a motion to purchase the tree, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the upcoming "Big Summer Bash" event put on by the Emerging Leaders of LaGrange County. They have met all the health department requirements, as well as town requirements for the event. It will be held on Saturday, August 22nd from 1-10 pm.

ATTORNEY:

- Working on Town Code
- Discussion on barking dogs and how many pets should be allowed per residence in town.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Fire Dept is working with WNDU on the "Stop means Stop" campaign for school buses

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