



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: February 15, 2021

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, and Diane Cameron

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill D. Eberhard, Jr (Zoom)

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 February 1, 2021 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Received the new truck, it is a big upgrade for pulling pumps.
- Reports are all submitted
- Continuing work on Sewer Use Ordinance with the attorney
- Had an ammonia spike at the plant, partly due to cold weather. It is still well under the limits.

WATER:

- No major leaks due to the cold weather so far
- Seeking guidance on employees installing radio read meters in homes after Covid19 vaccinations. Council stated that as long as the property owner/residents are willing they would be in favor of moving on with the installs.
- Working with the office staff on billing issues.

FIRE:

- The December 7, 2020 minutes noted a deadline of February 15, 2021 to discuss paying for medic runs in 2021. Attorney Eberhard is working with Chief Elick to set guidelines for who and how many are needed on the runs. Eberhard asked for an extension of the deadline to finish up. Member Romer motioned to grant an extension to April 1, 2021. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Gave a run total and breakdown of incident types in a report for January 2021
- Working on approval from the county health officer (Dr. Pechin) to hold the annual fish fry fundraiser.

POLICE:

- **Provided quotes for 2021 Dodge Durango police pursuit vehicle.**

Bobilya Chrysler in Coldwater, MI	\$33,769.00
<u>Shepherds Chrysler in Auburn, IN</u>	<u>\$34,768.00</u>
Kelly Auto in Ft. Wayne, IN	\$33,893.00 State Bid
Fletcher Chrysler in Franklin, IN	\$33,856.00 State Bid
John Jones in Salem, IN	\$35,152.00

Member Cameron made a motion to purchase the vehicle from Shepherds Chrysler in Auburn, noting our established relationship with the dealer. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **Provided quotes for equipment / labor to install the lights, sirens, computer mount, transport cages, etc.**

Waymire Fleet in Indy, IN	\$9550.56
Tri-State Line-x in Angola, IN	\$12,915.01
John Jones in Salen, IN	\$11,198.00
First Response, Hometown, IN	\$10,980.54

Member Glick made a motion to purchase the equipment, including installation from Waymire Fleet. Member

Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Provided information on other equipment needed, noting that we have been purchasing an update refurbished mobile radio for half of what a brand new one cost, there is only find one company that will sell us the Motorola APX 4500 mobile radio refurbished for \$2100.00, new ones are over \$5500.00. Also, the car video system, which is what we currently have in the vehicles which is WatchGuard, this company only sells through one place in our region. Marshall Snyder recommends purchasing a new Watchguard 4RE / Vista video camera from Watchguard Systems for \$5605.00. Member Glick made a motion to approve the purchases. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Working with the street department to get vehicles moved for snow removal. Also working with the Cemetery to curb snowmobile use in the cemetery.

STREET:

- **Changing out the Bobcat per the exchange program.**
- **Clearing streets of snow has taken up the majority of their work days.**

PARK:

- **Working on quotes for fencing, landscaping and internet for cameras at the park.**
- **Discussed a grand opening event for the splash pad in May.**

CLERK:

- **Presented the following quotes for video equipment for Zoom meetings and virtual training for the office:**

Television - if possible, we are asking to have a size and price limit to purchase at a local store.

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| 1. Walmart.com - 75" Samsung | \$898.00 (Class 4K Crystal UHD Led) |
| 2. BestBuy.com - 75" Samsung | \$799.99 (Class 7 Series 4K UHD) |
| 3. Amazon.com - 75" Vizio | \$1598.00 (Series Quantum X 4K LED HDR) |
| 4. Walmart.com - 75" Vizio | \$778.00)V755 4K Smartcast TV |
| 5. Meijer.com - 75" Samsung | \$899.00 (Class 7 Series UHD) |
| 6. Meijer.com - 75" LG | \$799.99 (4K UHD LED) |

Member Romer made a motion to allow no more than \$1000.00 to purchase a television from a local vendor. Member Glick seconded the motion.

Laptop (to be used only for video conferencing)

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| 1. Quill.com | Acer Chromebook 314 | \$249.99 |
| 2. Amazon.com | HP Chromebook 14" | \$249.00 |
| 3. Amazon - | Asus Laptop L210 Ultra Thin 11.6" | \$189.99 |
| 4. Staples | Acer Chromebook 11.6" | \$199.99 |

Member Glick motioned to purchase the Asus Laptop from Amazon, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mobile Cart

We are recommending the OnKron because it appears to be sturdier and will hold more weight

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| 1. Onkron.com | Holds 55" - 80" screens, up to 200 lbs | \$295.99 |
| 2. Amazon.com | Holds 32"-75" screen, up to 132 lbs | \$149.99 |
| 3. Displays2go | Holds 40"-80" screen, under 110 lbs | \$180.99 |

After discussing the options, Member Romer motioned to purchase a cart after the other equipment is purchased, to be sure of the weight and size limits. The motion includes a \$500.00 limit. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Smart Video System

Reviewed the specs of each option. They appear to be basically the same, both with good reviews.

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| 1. Amazon.com Owl Pro | \$999.99 |
| 2. Amazon.com CoolPro | \$599.98 |
| 3. Owlabs.com Owl Pro | \$999.99 |

Member Romer made a motion to purchase the CoolPro system from Amazon, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Presented the bank reconciliation reports for verification. Member Romer motioned approval for President Hoover to sign the form, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Reported that Amy Riser and the Clerk will be attending virtual training the second week of March.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Discussed the soil boring report for Greenwood Cemetery.
- Having an issue with snowmobiles in the cemetery. They are causing damage to grass and some of the new foundations.
- Asking approval to pay Niblock their final payment of \$38,292.34. The project is now complete. Member Romer made a motion to approve the payment, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Requested approval for President Hoover to sign documents related to the water plant construction and the 2021 Walnut Street project outside of a council meeting. This will help with timeline deadlines. Member Cameron made a motion to approve the request, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed a fall in the angle parking along E. Michigan Street.

ATTORNEY:

Presented Resolution 2021-02-15 – A Resolution on Continuation of the Expanded Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) and the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act (EFMLEA) by the Town Council of LaGrange. After discussing the resolution, Member Romer made a motion to approve it on first reading. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Snow removal on sidewalks as discussed. The Town has an ordinance requiring sidewalks be cleared 24 hours after a snowfall.

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