



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: April 5, 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, Carolyn Glick, Catie Gayheart and Diane Cameron

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

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

Member Gayheart motioned to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Gayheart made a motion to approve the March 15, 2021 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Hoover opened the advertised Public Hearing to discuss rates for Septic Waste Haulers to dispose of waste at the LaGrange Wastewater Facility. There were no comments or questions from the public present at the meeting or via zoom. Council discussed the ordinance, Member Glick motioned to approve and sign Ordinance #2021-04-05(A) on the first reading, waiving all further readings. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried. (4-0)

The Clerk requested the Council consider establishing a fund specifically for this use (Septic Haulers) to track the expenses and revenues easier. It will be in the same banking account as the other wastewater funds. Member Glick made a motion to approve the request, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Attorney will draft the fund ordinance.

**WASTEWATER:**

- Lloyd Eash is looking to start construction soon and connecting to utilities. Perry Troyer is ready, and waiting on the Sewer Use Ordinance to be completed before proceeding.

**FIRE:**

- Interim Fire Chief Shawn Fryer gave a report on fire incidents for the month of March 2021
- Firefighter Mack Grobis gave an update on the Fire Department Fish/Chicken fry fund raiser. It was a huge success, the change in venue worked well.
- Grobis then presented quotes for LED Lampheads for the tanker
  1. Feldfire \$1861.80
  2. Traffic Safety \$1978.00
  3. Amazon \$2172.00Member Glick made a motion to approve the purchase from Feldfire at a cost of \$1861.80 (for 2). Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Grobis then presented the idea of a 30 day Trial Demo for halogen replacement lighting needs. A credit card would need to be on the Trial Demonstration application to cover the cost of any damage or items not returned after the 30 day trial. Member Cameron made a motion to approve the process, Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- President Hoover then asked the Council if anyone had a nomination for the open Fire Chief position. Council had four applications, and held interview of said applicants. Member Gayheart made a motion to appoint Jeremy Edwards Fire Chief for the remainder of the current contract of the former chief. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**POLICE:**

- Town Marshal Snyder provided a details report for March 2021. President Hoover stated that the department has been working on several ordinance violations in town.

**STREET:**

- Patching pot holes, and picking up yard waste
- Worked on the storage/concession stand building at the Town Park after someone getting on the roof and removing shingles. Johnny Raber volunteered his time and equipment to repair the roof. The Street Dept employees assisted him.
- Gave a report on the recent vector demonstration.
- Discussed the quote from the LaGrange Highway department to do chip and seal on some of the town streets. The cost would be materials only at \$17487.00. Member Glick made a motion to approve the project, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- NIPSCO is in the process of changing street lights to LED
- Bucket Truck is still in for repairs, we can borrow from the county if necessary.

**PARK:**

- Reyes Landscaping has started work on the retaining wall.
- PlayPros will be meeting with Mark Miller after spring break to go over starting and closing the splash pad.
- Requested permission for a budget of \$500.00 to host events at the park. We will be seeking out sponsors for events, however, we need to have a commitment from the town if that doesn't work out. Member Gayheart made a motion to approve the \$500.00 budget, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLERK:**

- Discussed setting a "turn on and turn off" date for water only customers. This would make the billing more consistent for the utility office as they would not have to wait for customers to let them know when they are using the account and when they are ready to discontinue services in the fall. Member Glick made the motion to approve the request. Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed a fire incident billing that the insureds policy turned down payment. Attorney Eberhard stated that he would work with the clerk to try to appeal to the insurance company.
- Presented Resolution 2021-04-05(B) transferring appropriations. Member Glick motioned to approve the transfer resolution Member Gayheart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TOWN MANAGER:**

- Presented Ordinance #2021-04-05(C) - Regulating Unauthorized vehicles in Greenwood Cemetery. Council read the ordinance and discussed why it is needed. Member Glick made a motion to approve the ordinance upon first reading, waiving all further readings. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried. (4-0)
- Presented Annual Compliance Statements from Lake Area Designs, LLC and ATJ Real Estate Holdings LLC. Both are in compliance with the Tax Abatement protocol. Member Gayheart made a motion to approve the documents and give President Hoover the authority to sign them. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Keller Development has purchased the former Chevy dealership property. The Council discussed possible tax abatement options with the Attorney. Eberhard will see what is negotiable and what is not. Council does not want to lose the project.
- Prepared the closing documents for the 2019 CCMG projects.
- Presented Bid Form and Form 96, the HRP Agreement and Notice to Proceed for approval and signature. Member Gayheart made a motion to approve and sign the documents as presented, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented options for the 2021 Spring Cleanup. Eagleson highly recommends changing spring cleanup procedures to mirror what the City of Angola and the Town of Albion do. Noble County Disposal would come to town on a Saturday morning with several vehicles and go thru all town streets one time picking up residents' castaway items. After talking with Noble Disposal on prices for this service versus what we have done in the past it appears we would be saving money with the proposed changes. The cleanup would likely take place in June. Member Gayheart made a motion to approve the cleanup changes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:**

- Thank you to Shawn Fryer for stepping in to the role of Interim Chief after the resignation of Dave Elick.
- Bid opening for the Water project is set for April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Will be working on LaGrange projects on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Will be in touch with the clerk and town manager on several projects.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Cole Miller, local developer, requested the council work with him to bring a housing development into town. He has 16 acres that he plans to build approximately 50 homes and an apartment complex on. Council stated they are interested. Eberhard stated they could look at a residential TIF Area if the school be in agreement.

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

**ADJOURN:** Member Glick 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