



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: August 2, 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, 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 July 19, 2021 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Working on quotes for the septage receiving pit and two new pumps for a lift station.
- Permit renewal is in progress.
- Discussed the need for a wastewater rate increase. Council instructed the attorney to look at needed improvements from the Clerk, Town manager and Wastewater Supervisor to see if it would be possible to do the increase without the help of an outside rate study.

WATER:

- Removed two old hydrants, replacing one on N Poplar Street.
 - New water main on Walnut Street has passed pressure and bacteria testing.
 - Installed a new 1" water line for Timeless Ventures
 - Quotes to purchase a Turbine pump were submitted as follows:
 1. Pumpcatalog.com \$1684.90 including shipping
 2. Neobits \$2038.98 including shipping
 3. EJP \$2518.29
- Member Romer motioned to approve the purchase from pumpcatalog.com at \$1684.90, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- Gave a report of incidents the department responded to in July
 - Received quotes for 4 sets of turn out gear.
 1. Five Alarm \$15,196.00
 2. Darley Nomex Champion Gear - complete set \$3000.00 (x4 sets) - \$12,000.00
 3. The third vendor did not respond
- Chief Edwards noted that Five Alarm has provided the gear in the past, they provide good quality gear and it is what the department prefers. Member Romer motioned to approve the turn out gear purchase from Five Alarm, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Reported that Mack Grobis and Cody Miller will be attending the Annual FDIC Conference
 - Discussed how 911 dispatchers respond to incoming calls.

POLICE:

- Finished mid-year reviews, no major issues reported.
- Currently raising funds for a drone for the Department.
- Deputy Schwartz has graduated from Standard Field for Sobriety Instructor classes.
- Discussed the possibility of adding a Detective to the Department. Council would like to see a job description for the position.

STREET:

- Provided a list of work completed
- Discussed grass being blown into streets, clogging storm drains

PARK:

- Reported on 2nd Saturdays' activities. The event is August 14th

CLERK:

- Requested a work session with the council regarding the 2022 Budget. The session was set for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Working on an electrical upgrade for the cemetery building with NIPSCO and Byler Electric
- Meeting with HRH regarding the US20 and St Rd 9 project
- Set a Redevelopment Commission meeting for Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 9:00 am to discuss a Façade Grant application submitted by Shiphewana Insurance. RDC consists of Ray Hoover, Carolyn Glick, Fred Romer, Laurie Miller and Mark Eagleson. Sue Keenan as nonvoting school board member
- President Hoover has secured a donation of two light poles from the Indiana Toll Road for the Park. This will help with lighting on the skate park end of the park.
- 2022 Community Crossings Grant Application for Union Street has been submitted.

ATTORNEY:

- Ordinance violation on Canal Street will be handled by the County Zoning department.
- Asked for authorization to move forward in Circuit Court on the N Poplar Street violations. It was noted that the home has been demolished, will table the matter to see if it is cleaned up in a timely manner.
- Set a meeting with the Clerk, Town Manager and Wastewater Supt to discuss needs at the Wastewater Plant. This will help with the rate increase study

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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 Glick seconded the motion. Motion Carried.


Raymond Hoover, Council Vice President


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