



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: August 16, 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, and Diane Cameron

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

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

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

Council Member Glick made a motion to approve the August 2, 2021 minutes, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:**

- Quotes were presented for a "Chopper Pump"  
Straeffer Pump & Supply, Inc \$16160.00  
Gasvoda & Associates \$19,926.00

A third vendor was contacted, but did not respond. Supt Helmuth recommended the purchase of pump from Straeffer. Member Glick motioned to approve the purchase, using funds from the "Septage Fund", Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Reports were submitted with no violations. Plant is working at 19% of design capacity
- Landfilled 46.4 wet tons of biosolids
- Working on the IDEM permit renewal

**WATER:**

- HRP has finished up sanitary work at the intersection of Lake & Walnut
- Working with various customers to repair lines

**FIRE:**

- Quotes presented to install Federal Signal Fire Ray lights on a fire truck.  
Torg Electronics \$3584.00  
Robert Cart \$Time/Materials - no specific amount provided

A third vendor was contacted for a quote, the did not respond.

Member Glick made a motion to allow Torg Electronics to install the lighting, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Discussed the proper use and placement of blue lights on volunteer firefighters' vehicles
- Chief Edwards has discussed the need for thermal cameras with both township trustees.

**POLICE:**

- Provided a report of details for July

**STREET:**

- Provided a list of projects completed for August 2 thru August 13<sup>th</sup>

**PARK:**

- Updated the council on the Second Saturdays event held at the park on August 14<sup>th</sup>
- Asked for approval for a book exchange box at the park. The box will be monitored by a volunteer from the LaGrange Church of God. A motion of approval was made by Member Glick and seconded by Member Cameron. Motion carried.

**CLERK:**

- Presented the July 2021 Bank Reconciliation reports for council approval. A motion to approve and sign off on the report was made by Member Glick, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TOWN MANAGER:**

- Set a date for the Water Treatment Plant ground breaking for Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.
- Presented quotes for videoing sewer lines on Union Street and Hawpatch Street.
  1. R&R Visual \$5272.50 – Town to assist with Traffic Control
  2. Fluid Waste Services \$15,775.00 – Price to include Traffic Control
  3. Culy Contracting \$19,250.00A motion was made by Member Cameron to award the project to R&R Visual, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- INDOT is now using DocuSign for the execution of all contracts and agreements. Resolution #2021-08-16 will grant signing authority to Council President Ray Hoover. Member Glick motioned to approve the resolution, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Invoice #1 from Ottenweller Contracting LLC in the amount of \$70,000.00 with retainage in the amount of \$3500.00. Ottenweller has submitted an escrow agreement to address the retainage amounts being sent to a bank account for holding until the project is complete. Attorney Eberhard has been working with the clerk and town manager to edit the escrow agreement and the addendum that is included. Member Glick motioned to approve the invoice, and escrow agreements, including the addendum, upon approval of Mr. Eberhard. Each council member in attendance of this meeting will need to be available to sign the agreement after attorney approval. Member Cameron seconded the motion with the statements above. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:**

- Presented a revised pavilion rental agreement for review.
- Recommended Baker Tilly move forward with a sewer rate study. Provided details of this recommendation to the council. After discussion, a motion was made by Member Cameron to have Baker Tilly work with the Wastewater Utility on the rate study with the provided agreement, at a cost of \$6900.00. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Should have a request for proposals (RFP) for town wide trash pick up at the next meeting.
- Member Glick asked the attorney to look into a policy on having a “sick bank” for employees and an additional policy addressing longevity pay

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Member Glick requested approval to attend the AIM Ideas Summit at French Lick October 5-7<sup>th</sup>. Member Cameron may also be interested.
- President Hoover reminded supervisors of the \$500.00 spending limit and to obtain three quotes for purchases.

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

**ADJOURN:** Member Glick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

  
Raymond Hoover, Council Vice President

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