



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: December 6, 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, Diane Cameron and Josh Shotzman,

**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 Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Romer made a motion to approve the November 15, 2021 minutes, (regular meeting) and the minutes from and executive session on December 2, 2021. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Penny Price, Baker Tilly, was available for questions regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase discussed at the last meeting. There were no concerns or questions from those in attendance. Member Romer motioned to approve going forward with the required Public Hearing on January 3, 2022. Member Glick seconded the motion. Attorney Eberhard will prepare the legal ad as required.

**WASTEWATER:**

Supervisor Helmuth presented a report for the month of November with the following:

- Operating at 30% plant capacity
- Landfilled 46.93 wet tons of sludge
- Reported that he has been appointed as a board member of the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water.
- All radios upgraded for the lift stations.
- Would like to move forward with the two remaining rotor updates in the ditch. This will be a spring 2022 project. Member Romer motioned to move forward with the project. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Made changes at the plant, will be using less Ferric Chloride.

**WATER:**

Supervisor Miller presented his report as follows:

- The new treatment plant permit issue has been resolved, construction has re-started with little time lost.
- Bored in two new water lines, one on Grant Street, the other for Everett Bachman north of Pizza Hut.
- Asked the council to consider a new truck for the department, replacing the oldest work truck, a Chevy 2006. Council asked him to bring in estimates for the vehicle needed.

**FIRE:**

- Fire Chief Edwards thanked all the volunteers that helped with the "Breakfast with Santa"
- Reported that the Tanker 17 is out of service, he presented quotes for repairs as follows:
  1. Bob Cart -- \$11,678.03
  2. Selking - \$14,867.10Edwards recommended Bob Cart, the lowest bid at \$13576.60. Member Glick motioned to repair the truck with Bob Cart, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Shotzman abstained from voting.

**POLICE:**

- President Hoover, on behalf of Marshal Snyder, requested the council consider approving a promotion to Detective for Officer Nick Martin, with a pay increase of \$2500.00. The detective schedule will be 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday. Also requesting approval to re-hire Chris Smith to the department, at the rate he was when he left in 2019. He is currently serving as a reserve officer. Member Cameron motioned to approve both requests, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**STREET:**

Supervisor Rosendaul presented details of work performed as follows:

- Leaf pick-up is winding down, would like to set the last pick up date at December 13, 2021
- Christmas decorations are up
- Received 25 tons of salt, it has been mixed for winter.
- Installed the no parking signs on Mountain Street and the one- hour parking on Fenn Street.

**PARK:**

Council Member Glick gave a presentation on possible upgrades to the Skate Park. The project was tabled until the next meeting.

**CLERK:**

- Laurie Miller presented a letter of representation for the year 2022 from Attorney Bill Eberhard. Member Romer motioned to approve the rate of representation of \$175.00 per hour for the general rate, and \$200.00 per hour for Tax Incremental Financing and bond issuances. Member Romer motioned to approve the rates, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Ordinance 2021-12-6(A), Amending the 2021 Wage and Salary Ordinance to allow Hazard Pay for employees and firefighters. Member Romer motioned to approve the amendment on first reading, waiving any further requirements, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried with Member Shotzman abstaining from the vote.
- Presented Ordinance 2021-12-6-(B), An ordinance amending the 2022 Wage and Salary Ordinance, to clarify Holiday pay outs for the Police Department. Member Romer made a motion to approve the amendment on first reading, waiving any further reading requirements, Member Glick seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Presented Resolution 12021-12-6 (C), a transfer of appropriations resolution. Member Romer motioned to allow the transfer of funds, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TOWN MANAGER:**

- Mark Eagleson requested that the council consider changing the start time of Council meetings beginning with the first meeting of January 2022 to 6:00 pm. Member Romer motioned to approve the time change, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- DLZ and Right of Way Jones have begun contacting property owners along Hawpatch to acquire the necessary temporary and/or permanent right-of-way needed for the road improvement project.
- Discussed various board appointments. Member Cameron, motioned, seconded by Member Romer to re-appoint John Schmidt to the Town Board of Zoning Appeals. Member Romer motioned to re-appoint Mark Eagleson to the Region 3A Board, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Member Romer then motioned to re-appoint Mark Eagleson to the LaGrange County EDC, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council then asked Eagleson to reach out to Nancy Flores to see if she is still interested in serving on the Alcohol Beverage Board.
- Asked the council to approve Pay Request #5 from Ottenweller Contracting for services on the water treatment plant in the amount of \$86,212.50. Member Romer made the motion to approve the request, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:**

- Attorney Eberhard reported that he will be working with the clerk regarding the wastewater rate increase.
- Also working to clarify the Federal mandate of Covid Vaccines for entities who received Federal dollars.

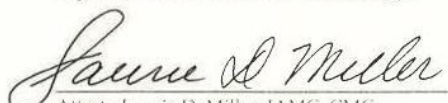
**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Trash pick- up and housing concerns were discussed.

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:** Member Romer made a motion to approve claims, Member Cameron 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