



TOWN OF
LaGrange
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes:

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, Diane Cameron and Josh Shotzman,

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 Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Cameron made a motion to approve the December 16, 2021 minutes, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- All reporting completed for November, no violations
- The plant is operating at 26% of capacity
- Ferric use is down from 405 Gallons in October to 155 gallons in November.
- Replaced outdated radios for the lift stations

WATER:

- Working on year end projects
- Still looking for a vehicle, but waiting on the price of trucks to stabilize

FIRE:

- Received a report of incidents from the department
- Also noted that the department will need to replace radios (vehicles, station and manpower)

POLICE:

- Drone training will be January 6, 2022
- New vehicle is here, waiting on the repairs to the in-transit damage to be completed prior to putting it to use.

PARK:

- Member Glick presented a quote for park equipment and asked the council to make a determination on whether not to move forward with the upgrade to the Skate board park. Glick had one quote, American Ramp Company, \$60,759.38 for the base design and \$33,083.93 for alternate equipment. This included delivery and installation of the equipment. Total project \$93,843.31, all options. Rhino Ramp was contacted for a quote, they did not return phone calls. Also contacted another vendor, however, they were going to design the park only, then use American Ramp Co for the equipment. After discussing the options, Member Cameron made a motion to approve the entire project, \$93,843.31, Member Shotzman seconded the motion carried.

CLERK:

- Presented November bank reconciliation reports, noting that there is a discrepancy between the water and wastewater funds. There is no money missing, the Water account is over in the same amount as the Wastewater account is short. Office staff has spent multiple hours researching the discrepancy. State Board of Accounts (Todd Caldwell and Susan Gordan) has recommended closing November. If December remains the same, an adjustment can be made. Member Cameron motioned to approve the reconciliation reports. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked the council to revisit the quote approved for the Fire Department to repair a Tanker. The Quote was misread at the previous meeting. Quotes were: Cummins Sales & Service – Fort Wayne Branch \$13576.60 and Selking (LaGrange) \$13,894.49. Member Glick motioned to approve the repair at Cummins Sales & Service, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Member Shotzman abstained) President Hoover (yes), Member

Cameron (yes) and Member Glick (yes).

- Presented Resolution 2021-12-20, to transfer \$150,000.00 from the General Fund to the Rainy- Day Fund. Member Glick made a motion to approve the funds transfer. Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Ordinance #2021-12-20 (A) – Amending the 2022 Wage and Salary Ordinance to clarify Detective pay, schedule and benefits. Member Glick motioned to approve the ordinance amendment on first reading, waiving any further requirements. Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented a “Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with the Indiana Association of Counties Tax Exchange and Compliance System (TRECS)” for signature. The town will use this program to collect bad debt. Member Glick motioned to approve and sign the agreement. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried. Miller then asked the council to appoint someone to be the contact person for the program, stating that she is willing to be that contact. Member Glick motioned to approve the appointment of the Clerk Treasurer as the contact. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Provided each council member with a “Certification of Elected Official to the Executive of the Town of LaGrange on Compliance with the Municipal Nepotism Policy” for signature.
- Reminded council that 2022 regular meetings will begin at 6:00 pm.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Reported that Nancy Flores is willing to serve another term as the Town’s appointment to the Alcohol Beverage Commission. Member Cameron motioned to re-appoint Flores to the ABC Commission. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed a letter from Flores regarding “LaGrange Main Street”. Council instructed Attorney Eberhard to re-work the letter provided prior to signature. Member Shotzman motioned to allow President Hoover to sign the re-worked document with Attorney approval. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

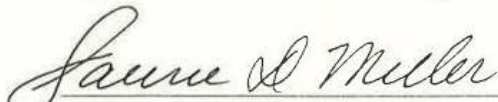
- Attorney Eberhard introduced Ordinance #2021-12-20 (B) – Ordinance to Amend the Rates and Charges of the Town of LaGrange Municipal Sewage Works. A public hearing has been set for January 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm.
- Working on a Tax Abatement Policy, Capital Asset Policy, and a Criminal Background check (For new hires) policy.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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

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


Raymond Hoover, Council Vice President


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