



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
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Meeting Minutes: January 3, 2022

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 6:00 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 6:00 pm.

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

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

**CLERK:**

- Requested the council approve Resolution #2022-01-03 (B), transferring 2021 appropriations in the Park Fund and Cumulative Storm Sewer Fund to encumber to the 2022 Budget year. Total amount of transfers will be \$120,000.00. Member Romer made a motion to approve the transfers, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried
- Requested the council approve Resolution #2022-1-03 (C), to encumber funds from the 2021 Budget into the 2022 Budget year. The total amount of encumbrances will be \$168,000.00. Member Cameron motioned to approve the Encumbrance Resolution; Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER:**

- Presented quotes to replace the grit classifier as follows:
- Faco - Lakeside Equipment - Cyclone Grit Classifier (only) no installation \$51,140.00  
Three Rivers Water Solutions - \$12086.71 (installation, no electrician) (total quote - \$63.3226.71)
- American Pump Service - \$47,700.00 (Grit Classifier only)  
American Pump Service - \$28,800.00 (Installation and Electrician only) (total quote - \$76,500.00)  
No third in state (local) option was available. Member Glick motioned to have American Pump Service do the work for \$76,500.00, noting that this option includes an onsite electrician, avoiding co-ordination of contractors. Member Romer seconded the motion
- Received a positive IDEM Evaluation.

**WATER:**

- Completed the IFA Water Audit.
- Working on an inventory of lead water lines to meet future requirements. Our current testing confirms that out water is not corrosive enough to cause a lead issue.

**FIRE:**

- The Tanker truck is out for repairs.
- Discussed the current contract with Lexipol. They were contracted by former Fire Chief Elick, to construct a Standard Operating Procedure policy for the fire department. The department has been unable to locate the documents. Attorney Eberhard will contact Elick to see if he can provide any information on the matter.

**STREET:**

- Demo at the skate park is complete, ready for new equipment
- Trimming trees
- Still cleaning up leaves as time permits
- Discussed an issue with county maintenance plowing snow into the street. Eberhard will contact the county Attorney regarding this ongoing issue.

**PARK:**

- Asked the council to consider removing the chain link fencing around the skate board park. Member Romer motioned to approve the request; Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed lighting upgrades and replacing signs around the park as needed.

**President Hoover paused the regular meeting to open the advertised Public Hearing regarding a sewer rate increase.**

- Jeff Rowe of Baker Tilly gave a quick recap of the proposed rate increase. Sewer charges will increase at an average of 33-34%, for an increase of \$11.55 for an average user (4000 gallons of water). The rate change is due to the aging of the Wastewater Treatment facility. There are several upgrades and repairs needed over the next 5 years.
- Member Romer made a motion to proceed and approve the Rate Increase Ordinance, #2022-01-03(A), waiving any further required readings. (Ordinance was first presented December 20, 2021). Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried. There were no comments on the increase from the public noted

President Hoover then closed the Public Hearing to resume the regular meeting.

**TOWN MANAGER:**

- Presented the Tax Abatement agreement for signature. This agreement was approved at a previous meeting.

**ATTORNEY:**

- Working a list of projects from previous meetings.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Member Glick discussed sidewalk projects for 2022. Manager Eagleson will work with her to put together a improvement plan, based on the ADA Compliance plan provided by DLZ. Citizen, Kane Plyley was present to inquire about sidewalk issues.

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

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

  
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Raymond Hoover, Council President

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