



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: March 7, 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 Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Romer made a motion to approve the minutes from February 21, 2022 and an additional meeting on March 1, 2022, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The scheduled Public hearing to discuss additional appropriations was opened. The Clerk Treasurer presented Ordinance 2022-03-07 to add appropriations in the amount of \$1,355,300.00. President Hoover asked the council members for comments or questions. Receiving none, he then asked if anyone present at the meeting, in person or via zoom, had any comments or questions. Receiving none, Member Glick made a motion to approve the additional appropriations presented. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried and the Public Hearing was closed.

CLERK:

- Presented for council signature, documents to verify the Council had received a copy of the 2021 Annual Financial report for review. Member Romer motioned to approve the council signing the documentation. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented the January 2022 Bank Reconciliation documentation for approval. Member Romer motioned to approve the document, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked the council if anyone would like to attend the April 6, 2022 AIM Round table meeting in Middlebury. The clerk will register, Mark Eagleson, Carolyn Glick, Amy Riser and Natalie Capman.

WASTEWATER:

- The 2nd clarifier is now online, it does have some leaks in the tank that will need repaired.

WATER:

- Asked the council to consider a response to boring crews in town that are not following locating protocols. Attorney Eberhard will work on what can be done to enforce rules.

FIRE: (Member Josh Shotzman abstained from the following discussion due to conflict)

- Presented quotes for fire uniforms as follows:
Brateman's Inc (Fort Wayne IN) - \$3319.78; Siegels Uniforms (Evansville IN) - \$2561.61; Hawk/Hite Uniform - no response. The department recommended purchasing from Brateman's due to a current purchasing relationship and better quality/fit of the uniforms. Siegel Uniform also did not meet specs provided. Member Glick made a motion to purchase from Brateman's, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Requested approval for four fire members to attend the FDIC conference. Member Romer motioned to allow the request, not to exceed \$500.00 in expenses. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE:

- Requested guidance on procedure to sell a 2014 Dodge Charger. Council stated that they would like to put the car out for sealed bid, with the option of selling to an individual or another department.
- Provided a details report for the department.

STREET:

- Patching potholes
- Discussed the use of salt only, not mixing with sand for next winter
- Discussed the condition of Townline Road, south of US 20. Will contact the County Highway to see if they would be available to clean up the buggy ruts.
- Received the new vector truck, will be training with the vendor in the next couple of weeks

PARK:

- American Ramp will be delivering and installing the new skate park equipment in the last half of March.
- Planning 2nd Saturday events and a grand opening for the Skate Park.
- Presented rules for the skate park, Council members asked that "No weapons allowed" be added to the rules presented. Member Romer motioned to approve the rules as presented with the "No Weapons allowed" addition. Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Announced the hiring of Jaxon Landez at Greenwood Cemetery
- The LaGrange County Regional Utility District is interested in making a trade for the Vector Truck. They have a portable generator that would be valuable to our Wastewater Department for lift stations and other uses. Member Romer motioned to move forward with an interlocal agreement to make the trade. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Quotes to purchase a Grasshopper mower were presented. VanGorder Sales \$15,105.00 - less a trade in of \$4,998.00 for a total of \$10,117.00. Rouch Outdoor - no response - Cass Outdoor - no response. Member Romer motioned to approve the purchase of a Grasshopper mower from VanGorder sales. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Pay Request #8 from Ottenweller Contracting (Construction of the Water Treatment Plant) in the amount of \$197, 925.64. Member Romer motioned to approve the request, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

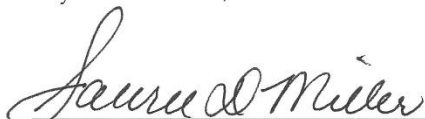
ATTORNEY:

- Discussed an easement purchase issue regarding a homeowner and their mortgage provider. Eberhard gave an overview of options that the council discussed. Member Romer motioned to proceed with the easement purchase without Rocket Mortgage approval. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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.


Raymond Hoover, Council President


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