



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: March 21, 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 March 7, 2022. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Keith James, representing "Leadership LaGrange" asked the council if they would be willing to participate in a "Hometown Hero's" Banner program. He gave an outline of they plan, which included hanging banners to honor local heroes, including military, police, fire and other community leaders over the years. The banners would hang for approximately two years. The sponsor of the banner would then be the recipient of the banner. Member Romer motioned for James to move forward with gathering more information and come back to the council Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK:

- Presented the February Financial reports for approval. Member Romer motioned to approve the documents, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- Working on a mercury variance for reporting with DLZ
- Will be working with the youth work release program to clean the banks of Fly Creek
- The plant is operating at 28% capacity (February)
- Working on the clarifier that was recently brought online

WATER:

- Retired two water services due to the expansion of LaGrange Family Dentistry
- Putting together a quote for a large water meter pit for the new INDOT building
- The Ligtel Boring crew took out an underground power line on Thursday, the 17th.
- Seasonal water service at the fairgrounds has been turned on.
- Otteweller Contracting has been installing pipe underground at the new Water Treatment Plant.

FIRE:

- Gave a monthly run total to the council
- Presented quotes for a grant writer to pursue the Fire Fighter Assistance Grant (FEMA) as follows
Ohio First Responder Grants LLC - \$4,000.00 with a fee of 5%-10%
Kleinpeter Consulting Group LLC -\$8000.00 with a fee of 10% of the grant award amount
Charity Murphy, Eberhard, Weimer & Glick - \$175.00 per hour, with an estimate of 5 hours, totaling \$875.00 - \$1000.00, possibility of capping the fees to a maximum of \$1500.00. Member Shotzman abstained from the discussion and vote. Member Romer motioned to approve Charity Murphy to write the grant, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE:

- Jonas & Keirstan Miller, property owners of the land adjacent to the Town Hall, have indicated that they are interested in building a shooting range for the police department. (A map of the area was provided and will be attached to the minutes) Would like the council to give approval for the Attorney to look into what will need to happen to allow the range as at least part of the property is in the Town corporation limits. After discussing the

topic, Member Romer motioned to allow Attorney Eberhard to research the matter, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STREET:

- Working with the Town Manager in regards to the Sand/Salt costs for next year.
- County Highway is willing to help with buggy ruts on South Towline Rd.

PARK:

- Skateboard Park equipment has been delivered and is being installed.
- Finalizing plans for a Grand Opening for the Skateboard Park, May 14th.
- Discussed security camera needs for the east side of the park.
- Working with Byler Electric to get an estimate on installing the light pole donated by the Indiana Toll Road

TOWN MANAGER:

- Requested approval for water and sewer construction permit applications (IDEM) for the Union Street project. Member Romer motioned to approve both applications, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented an interlocal agreement with the LaGrange County Regional Utility District. The agreement covered a trade in equipment, our old Vactor truck for a portable generator. Member Romer motioned to approve and sign the agreement, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Requested the council approve giving Council President, Raymond Hoover authority to sign the notice to proceed documents for Union Street outside of a regular meeting. Member Romer motioned to approve said request, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Reported an issue with the tornado siren at the Town Hall. It has been reported to Federal Signal, they have scheduled a repair tech.

ATTORNEY:

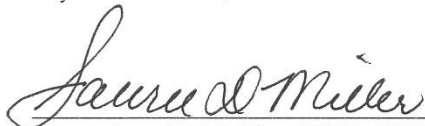
- Will be working on a firearms ordinance, allowing firing at the proposed 'in town' shooting range.
- A public hearing has been scheduled to close an alley for the LaGrange Family Dentistry expansion project.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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 President


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