



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: October 17, 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, Diane Cameron and Josh Shotzman,

**Also present:** Laurie Miller, Charity Murphy

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 minutes from October 3, 2022, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

USI Representative Michael Loveless gave a presentation via Zoom on potential savings on insurance. Council discussed the possibility of having USI perform an "E-mod" evaluation/analysis. Member Cameron expressed interest in the analysis. Loveless will work with the clerk to obtain the documents for the evaluation.

**CLERK:**

- Presented Bank reconciliation reports for review. Member Romer motioned to approve the documents, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the possibility of replacing the "Welcome to LaGrange" sign on the west entrance to town.

**WASTEWATER:**

- Plant is operating at 20% capacity
- New grit classifier has been installed.

**WATER:**

- Updated the council on the water plant construction, hydrant flushing, and Union Street
- All lead and copper results are in, we are well below the maximum contaminant levels

**FIRE:**

- Presented options for the purchase of training manikins for the department. Member Cameron motioned to purchase the Gaumard Clinical Chloe Advanced Patient Care Simulator from NACSO from AED Superstore, as it meets all the specifications presented by fire department. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Pumper 11 and Truck 12 are in need of repairs, quotes were given from the following: Dunnys Pump Service \$2027.81 and Donley Safety \$2554.13. Member Romer made a motion to have Dunny's Pump Service repair both trucks at \$2027.81. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the purchase of a Skid unit for Truck 18. The department was awarded a matching grant in which a \$5000.00 reimbursement would be given when purchasing \$10,000.00 in specified equipment. The skid unit would be included in that purchase. In this case, the grant purchase will exceed the limit of \$10,000.00, the Township Trustees have indicated their approval for covering the additional costs per the fire contract agreement. (50%/25%/25%). Quotes for the skid unit were as follows:

Donley Safety \$17460.00; Fire Service, Inc \$17,881.25 and Dinges Fire \$17,397.50

Member Romer made the motion to move forward with the purchase, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**\*\*Noted that Member Josh Shotzman abstained from voting in regards to all purchases and repair of equipment\*\***

**POLICE:**

- Received and accepted the resignation of Deputy Marshal Andrew Schwartz
- Discussed replacing Deputy Schwartz with applicant Austin Hall, offering him \$53,000 per year including holiday pay per ordinance. Member Romer made a motion to offer Hall the position as stated. Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the possibility of another officer also tendering resignation. The potential employer has asked about the purchase of the K9 assigned. The value of the K9 is estimated at \$6000.00. Member Romer motioned to draft an interlocal agreement to sell the k9 at \$6000.00, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussed a possible replacement if the resignation occurs.

**STREET:**

- PASAR training is complete

**PARK:**

- Splashpad has been winterized

**TOWN MANAGER:**

- Presented Resolution 2022-10-17A and 2022-10-17B – the Preliminary Findings and Resolution Designating Specific Property as Economic Revitalization Areas, for the purpose of tax abatements. Member Romer motioned to proceed with the process, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was set for Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

- Presented a quote from Van Gorder Sales to purchase a zero turn, rear discharge mower for the Cemetery. This to order now, but will not be available until the spring of 2023. The quote is for \$11,445.00 including trade in. Member Shotzman motioned to approve the purchase, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

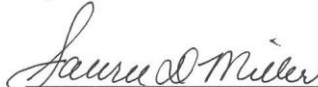
**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Reminded the council of the Public Hearing regarding Water rates and charges set for Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

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

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

  
Raymond Hoover, Council President

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