



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2023

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

**Council Members Present:** Raymond Hoover, Carolyn Glick, Diane Cameron, Josh Shotzman, and Edna Bowser

**Also present:** Charity Murphy, Mark Eagleson

President Hoover opened the meeting at precisely 6:00 pm.

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

Council Member Glick made a motion to approve the minutes from March 6, 2023, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Andrew Yoder was present at the meeting and requested to close Spring Street for Motorcycle Events on the following dates. April 22, 2023 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., May 29, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., September 4, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and August 12, 2023 times to be determined. Member Glick made a motion to approve the dates, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLERK:**

- Presented the February 2023 Bank Reconciliation. Member Cameron made a motion to approve Bank Reconciliation, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- President Hoover then ask that a moment of silence be taken in remembrance of the passing of Clerk/Treasurer Laurie Miller's mother.

**WASTEWATER:**

- Supt Helmuth provided the Council with the February 2023 Wastewater Treatment Plant Monthly Operation Report. Attorney Murphy stated that she was finally able to make contact with the new insurance adjuster for Miller's Gas Station concerning the collapsed wall behind their property. The original adjuster has retired. She hopes to have more to report at the next meeting.

**WATER:**

- Supt Miller gave an update on the water treatment plant construction. He also discussed what he had learned at the training he attended last week regarding the new Lead and Copper Rules. He stated that funding for these new mandates seemed sparse and stated that the Town's current policy on ownership of the lateral lines would probably need to be changed and that those changes would come with a cost that he felt should be addressed with the next rate increase.

**FIRE:**

- Chief Edwards requested permission to send four (4) firemen to training for extrication from electric vehicles in Illinois at a cost of \$60.00 per person. Member Glick made a motion to approve, Member Bowser second the motion. Motion carried with Member Shotzman abstaining.
- Chief Edwards then requested permission to send four (4) firemen to FDIC in Indianapolis at a cost of \$50.00 per person on April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> and for reimbursement of their lodging costs not to exceed \$150.00 per night per person. Member Glick made a motion to approve, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried with Member Shotzman abstaining.
- Chief Edwards further requested that he be allowed to spend \$5,101.62 on uniforms for six (6) firemen from Bateman's, Inc. That amount being \$101.62 dollars above the amount budgeted for fire department uniforms in 2023. Member Bowser made a motion to approve, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried with Member Shotzman abstaining.
- Clay Township Trustee, Bill Connelly then addressed the Council regarding the ten (10) year plan for replacing fire vehicles. Trustee Connelly stated that he had available his portion of the funding and ask the Council what their intentions were regarding the plan. President Hoover stated that the plan was only a suggestion and that Town

funds were tight. Trustee Connelly then suggested that the Town look into creating a fire tax to accumulate revenue similar to what the Townships due if possible. All parties agreed that having a meeting that included the Chief, Trustees, Clerk, Town Manager and Council President would be the best next step.

**POLICE:**

- President Hoover advised that the three (3) new vehicles for the police department had arrived and arrangements were being made to get the equipment installed.

**STREET:**

- Reported on work for the weeks of March 6<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup>

**CEMETERY:**

- Reported on work for the weeks of March 4<sup>th</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>

**PARK:**

- Nothing reported.

**TOWN MANAGER:**

- Advised the Council that Elijah Haven had requested permission to close Spring and Michigan Streets between Detroit Street and High Street on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 p.m. for a car show and be allowed to have a Food Truck at the event. Member Glick made a motion to approve, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Advised the Council the Clerk Miller had received a request from Sam Patel owner of the Hotel located by the CVS for an extension for time to begin and complete repairs to his buildings regarding the nuisance notice Marshal Snyder served on him. Member Glick made a motion to deny the request and have the Town's attorney notify Mr. Patel that if he provides that Town with documentation that he has a licensed contractor under contract to make the necessary repairs and if that contractor can provide the Town with a detailed plan and timeline for making those repairs, that the Town would then consider granting Mr. Patel an extension. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Informed the Council that INDOT is looking at adjusting the speed limits on US 20 from CR 100 East to Railroad Street in Town. INDOT prepared an Agreement supporting their position and requested that the Council consider signing the document. Member Glick made a motion to sign the Agreement, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Advised the Council that INDOT had received a request from Linder's Tavern to make the first parking spot North of the Alley to their building a Hand-I-Cap parking spot and were requesting if the Council would support the request. Member Glick made a motion for the Town Manager to advise INDOT that the Council supported the request, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:**

- Attorney advised work continues on modifying the Cut/Right-of-Way Permit, addressing the retaining wall issue and bid documents for Town wide trash pick-up.

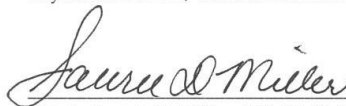
**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Nothing reported.

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

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

  
Raymond Hoover, Council President

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