



TOWN OF
LaGrange
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Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2023

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, Carolyn Glick, Diane Cameron, Josh Shotzman, and Edna Bowser

Also present: Laurie Miller, Bill Eberhard Jr (Zoom), 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 April 3, 2023, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Greg Todd requested the town consider a pickleball court at the town park. He provided information on the approximate costs, court specifications, and the need for the court. Council discussed the pros and cons of using a portion of the current basketball court for pickleball, the north end of the splash pad, or an area closer to the skateboard park. The request was tabled for further investigation.

CLERK:

- Informed the council that the LaGrange County Community Foundation has awarded a grant in the amount of \$1000.00 for 2nd Saturday events at the park.
- Presented March bank account reconciliation reports for approval. Member Glick motioned to approve the reports provided, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed fire billing that was given to the Attorney for collection purposes, the attorney office will update us at the next meeting.
- Provided a TIF Management report that was uploaded to Gateway to meet a reporting deadline.
- Presented a Wastewater adjustment application for Noe Venegas Munoz, 520 N Maple Street. 180,000 gallons of water leaked due to a pipe break and drained into the ground. The issue has been repaired. Member Glick motioned to approve a credit in the amount of \$1436.00 in wastewater charges only. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER:

- All reporting was submitted for the month of March with no violations
- Operating at 29% capacity, treating 16.128MG

WATER:

- Updated the council on the water treatment plant construction
- Will be activating water only and seasonal services soon
- Will be repairing a fire hydrant at Steuben and St Rd 9

FIRE:

- Provided a report of incidents for March

POLICE:

- Council President Hoover discussed the issue of Jake brakes being used in town.

STREET:

- A report of work completed was provided.

CEMETERY:

- A report of work completed was provided.

PARK:

- A group of high school students will be at the park to do work for earth day
- Discussed millings for parking lots
- Requested approval to ask "Ark Animal Shelter" to attend a 2nd Saturday event to promote pet adoption. Member Glick motioned to approve the request with the stipulation that they know to clean up after the animals after the event. Member Shotzman seconded the motion.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Presented to the council an ordinance regulating the excavation and restoration of street and alley pavements (paved or unpaved), gutters, and curbs within the public rights-of-way under Town of LaGrange jurisdictions. Said ordinance was given the number 2023-04-17(A) during first reading. Member Glick made a motion to approve the ordinance upon first reading, waiving all other reading requirements. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Provided an update on the Econo Motel issue.
- Presented Ottenweller pay request #21 in the amount of \$97,396.82. Member Glick motioned to approve the pay request, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

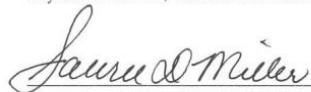
- Working on a tax abatement change for "Horsing Around", they will be changing their name to "Indiana Michigan Metals".
- Would like the council to consider amending the contract for the Town Manager to have the authority to terminate an employee, must include 'just findings'. The employee would have the right to appeal that decision to the Council. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract. Member Shotzman moved to table the decision until the next meeting. Council Member Hoover called for a roll call vote, in regards to the motion to approve the amendment. Member Edna Bowser voting yes; Member Joshua Shotzman voting no; Member Diane Cameron voting yes; Member Carolyn Glick voting no. The vote count was a tie, therefore Council President Hoover voted yes, breaking the tie.
- Updated the council on the retaining wall. They are working with the property owner's insurance adjuster.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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

ADJOURN: Member Glick 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