



TOWN OF *LaGrange* INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: June 5, 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, Charity Murphy, Mark Eagleson

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

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

Council Member Glick made a motion to approve the regular meeting and the Executive meeting minutes from May 15, 2023 ; Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor Rustin Krapfl, Brighton Chapel and Steve Sherck were present to ask the council for a letter of support for a project involving the old Econo Motel located at 1017 N Detroit Street. They would like to demolish the current structures and replace it with transitional housing for those in need. They currently have a similar program, Agape House, at the corner of North and Detroit Streets. Ideas were presented and the council discussed the presentation. Member Cameron made a motion to have a letter of support provided to the group; Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK:

- Presented Ordinance 2023-06-05; to Establish the LaGrange Downtown Beautification Donation Fund. The funds will be used for replacing flower containers for downtown as needed. Member Glick motioned to approve the ordinance upon first reading, waiving any other reading requirements. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- St Joseph River Basin Commission has requested a donation in the amount of \$1030.00 for 2024 be included in the 2024 Budget. President Hoover recused himself as he is on the SJRBC board. Member Glick then made a motion to approve the request, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Requested Council members discuss 2024 budget plans with their supervisors and provide a written list of needs to the clerk by the first meeting in July. (July 3, 2024).

WASTEWATER:

- Wastewater Supt Helmuth provided the council with a written report for review. The report included a request for an update on the Miller's retaining wall issue, sampling completed, and repair to a damaged line on Factory Street

Street Dept:

- Street Supt Marlow was present at the meeting, he also provided a written report to the council. Included in this report are jobs completed and in progress and work performed with other departments

WATER:

- Water Supt Miller provided a written report for the council to review. Highlights of the report were: Update on the Water Treatment Plant construction and Hawpatch Construction .

FIRE:

- Monthly Totals for May 2023 was presented, Chief Edwards will discuss at the next meeting
- Assist Chief Grobis updated the council on the proposed truck. The manufacturer did not recommend the purchase as it was not properly maintained by the current owner.
- Skid Unit purchased with the 2022 DNR grant has been delivered.

POLICE:

- Details for the current year, by month were provided for reference
- Asked for an update on a sidewalk use ordinance that was requested in a previous meeting. Attorney Murphy is working on it.

Cemetery:

- Supt Coburn provided a list of work completed at the cemetery.
- An issue with Silversmith was brought to the attention of the council.

PARK:

- Reminder that 2nd Saturday event is June 10th
- Donated bench in memory of Estelle and Sam Carney has been installed.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Presented pay request #23 for Ottenwellwer Contracting in the amount of \$90,202.50. Member Glick motioned to approve payment, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed HEA 1167 that passed, this will mean live streaming of meetings will be a requirement, the recordings will need to be kept a determined amount of time and will need to be posted on the town website. We will be testing our equipment at the next few meetings to make sure we meet the requirements ahead of time. The change will take place 7/1/2025
- The Street Department would like to purchase a Boss V plow to replace the current plow on the 2008 GMC. The current straight blade plow that came with the truck would be sold. Member Bowser motioned to proceed with the sale of the current plow and purchase of the V plow, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Working on a Sidewalk use ordinance, Trash Pick up specifications and the Miller's retaining wall issue.

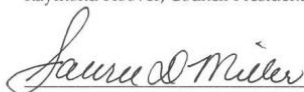
OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Marshal Snyder thanked the street department for filling in pot holes behind the Town Hall building.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Bowser made a motion to approve claims, Member Glick 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