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Meeting Minutes: September 18, 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, Mark Eagleson, Charity Murphy

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

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

Council Member Glick made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 5, 2023; Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting began with a Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget. Clerk Miller explained the budget. President Hoover then ask if there were any comments regarding the 2024 Budget. Hearing none the Public Hearing was adjourned.

Susan Miller than addressed the Council regarding the current Pickle Ball Court at the Town Park. There was a discussion concerning the current courts condition and if there were plans pending to construct any new courts. Member Shotzman made a motion to table the matter regarding the current courts condition to allow the Council members time to review the current court. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

# CLERK: Reminded the council of the 2024 Budget Adoption meeting on October 2, 2023.

Provided the Council with possible locations and menus for the Town's Christmas Party. The matter was tabled until the next meeting to allow Council time to review.

Presented Ordinance 2023-09-18(A) amending the current travel meal reimbursement policy for the Town. Member Glick made a motion to approve. Member Bowser seconded to motion. Motion carried.

Presented the August 2023 bank reconciliation for approval. Member Glick made a motion to approve. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Advised the Council that there is an Aim's Round Table in Middlebury on October 11, 2023.

#### **WASTEWATER:**

• Presented a details report for work completed

#### **Street Dept:**

Presented a report of details completed for the Street Department, Park and at the Cemetery

# WATER:

• Advised the Council that they have begun using the new drive by meter reading system which has greatly reduce the time it takes to collect the monthly meter readings. Current they have approximately 1000 of the 1400 meters equipped with the auto readers.

# FIRE:

- Provided a details report for August 2023.
- Reported a successful Car Show and fundraiser.

### POLICE:

No Report

#### Cemetery:

Presented a report of details completed

 Discussed the mapping system that was demonstrated at the last Council Meeting with Cemetery Supervisor Amber Coburn. Ask Supervisor Coburn to request presentations from the other to quotes.

## PARK:

No report

## **TOWN MANAGER:**

- Advised the Council that he had been contacted by Sheriff Harker requesting permission to closed Spring,
  Michigan and High Streets for the Halloween and Heros event on October 19, 2023 with a rain date of October 26,
  2023 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Member Bowser made a motion to approve. Member Cameron seconded the motion.
  Motion carried.
- Confirmed, Saturday, December 2, 2023 for Breakfast with Santa from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Requested that an Executive Session be set for Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss employee
  performance evaluations. Member Bowser made a motion to approve. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion
  carried.
- Advised the Council that all paperwork for their new Alcoholic Beverage Board Appointee had been filed.

## ATTORNEY:

- Discussed proposed trash bid specifications.
- Discussed Retaining Wall at Miller's Gas Station and Parking Lot at Miller's Super Valu.
- Set Econo Motel / Sam Petal hearing for October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Attorney to file notice.

# **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Member Cameron as about the status of the 9 & 20 project. Town Manager Eagleson advised that attorney Eberhard and he had a meeting set with HRH and the developer on September 28, 2023.

**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.

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Attest: Laurie D. Miller, IAMC, CMC

Clerk Treasurer