



TOWN OF *LaGrange* INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: December 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, Josh Shotzman, and Edna Bowser

Also present: Laurie Miller, Mark Eagleson, Bill Eberhard (zoom)

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

Member Glick motioned to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Glick made a motion to approve the regular meeting from December 4, 2023; Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Hoover opened a Public Hearing to discuss and Ordinance to set rates for Septic Disposal and Sump Pump Fees; #2023.11.20 (A). There was not any opposition to the charges noted by the public. Member Glick motioned to approve the Rates per ordinance upon first reading, waiving any other requirements. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Public Hearing was then closed.

Council then set a Public Hearing to discuss a town wide (single vendor) Trash and recycling program for residential users within the Town of LaGrange for Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

CLERK:

- Presented November 2023 Bank Reconciliation Records to the Council for review. Member Glick motioned to approve; Member Bowser seconded. Motion carried
- Presented the 2024 Fire Pay Agreement for approval. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the proposed agreement. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Shotzman abstained from the vote due to conflict.
- Requested the council consider a transfer from the General Fund in the amount of \$75,000.00 to the Rainy Day fund; Resolution #2023-12-18(A). Member Glick made a motion to approve the transfer, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented the 2024 Meeting Schedule for the Council. Member Glick motioned to approve the meeting dates, first and third Monday's at 6:00 pm, with the exception of Holidays, when the meeting date will change to the following Tuesday. Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Ordinance #2023-12-18 (B) to amend Ordinance #2013-03-18(C) – Schedule of Payments for Town Services. After discussing the changes, Member Bowser made the motion to approve the updates, Member Glick seconded the motion upon first reading, waiving any further requirements. Member Boswer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented the Attorney Representation letter for 2024 on behalf of Eberhard, Weimer and Glick. Member Bowser motioned to approve the fees as set in the letter presented. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the Cemetery Software proposals. The matter was tabled as the Cemetery Sexton was not available for input.

WATER:

- Provided a report for review

WASTEWATER:

- Provided a report for review
- Gave details of an upcoming repair that will be needed.
- Discussed a contract for services with W3 Technologies. Attorney Eberhard recommended accepting the contract with minor changes in regards to the termination clauses. Member Bowser made a motion to allow President Hoover to sign the document when the changes are completed outside of a regular meeting. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE:

- Provided a report for review
- Requested approval to move forward with a purchase of four radios from "First Due Communications in the amount of \$10,832.00. This was the lowest bid received and presented at the December 4th meeting. They will be purchased with a matching grant from the DNR. Member Shotzman abstained from the vote due to a conflict
- Asked for approval for two firefighters to attend classes in Indianapolis February 17 & 18. There is no fee for the training, but lodging will be needed. Member Glick motioned to approve the lodging fee at a reasonable rate. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Shotzman abstained from the vote due to a conflict

POLICE:

- Found a replacement for a recent opening on the department. Would like to hire Zachary Anderson, to start January 1, 2024 at \$29.30 per hour. Member Bowser motioned to approve adding Anderson to the Department, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street Dept:

- Provided a report for review

Cemetery:

- Provided a report for review

TOWN MANAGER:

- Requested approval to proceed with a water and sewer rate study with Baker Tilly. Member Glick made a motion to proceed, Member Bowser seconded the motion.
- Ottenweller Contracting will be that the January 16, 2024 meeting
- Discussed the Econo Motel order and options
- Board Appointments for 2024:
Member Glick motioned to approve Amy Riser and Jim Young as representatives for the Town of LaGrange, Member Bowser seconded the motion, Motion carried.
Member Bowser motioned to approve John Vanderoest as the representative on the Alcohol Beverage Commission. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Member Glick motioned to approve Mark Eagleson to be the Town representative to the LaGrange Economic Development Council and to the Region 3A Board. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented a new contract for Town Manger (Mark Eagleson) Member Bowser motioned to renew the contract, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed Lucas Begly, Wastewater employee, being enrolled in the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water's apprentice program. Also requested approval to apply for grants in regards to this training. Member Glick motioned to move forward with the program and application for grants, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- All areas have been covered.

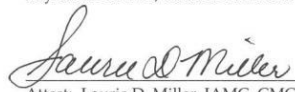
OPEN DISCUSSION:

- **President Hoover requested the council re-organize for 2024. Member Glick motioned to nominate Raymond Hoover for President of the Council for 2024, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Member Bowser motioned to nominate Carolyn Glick as Vice President of the Council, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Supt Helmuth requested an update on the Miller Retaining wall issue.**

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

ADJOURN: Member Bowser 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