



TOWN OF *LaGrange* INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: January 16, 2024

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

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

Vice President Glick opened the meeting at precisely 6:00 pm.

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

Council Member Edna made a motion to approve the regular meeting on January 2, 2024, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK:

- Discussed a sale flyer for holiday pole decorations as directed at the previous meeting. Holiday Outdoor Décor is having an "after" Holiday sale. Pole décor is discounted by up to 35%. Council discussed the options, Member Bowser made a motion to purchase new pole décor, with a cap of \$6500.00, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed an outstanding fire invoice for ZTD Logistics Corp in the amount of \$200.00. Atty Charity Murphy had looked into the matter, but, it is still not resolved. Atty Bill Eberhard requested a copy of the invoice, he will draft a letter for one last attempt to get the matter resolved.

WASTEWATER:

- Provided council with a written report

Street Dept:

- Provided council with a written report

WATER:

- Provided council with a written report

FIRE:

- Provided council with a written report
- Council Member Shotzman requested the council consider retaining Kleinpeter Consulting to work on the FEMA Fire Fighters assistance grant for a cost of \$2500.00. Member Bowser motioned to approve the request, and allow President Hoover to sign the contract outside of the regular meeting, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried (Bowser, Cameron, Glick voting yes, Shotzman abstained from the vote)

Cemetery:

- Provided council with a written report

PARK:

- Discussed continuing the 2nd Saturday events for the summer. Due to the County 4-H fair it was determined that there would not be an event in July.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Received a Water and Wastewater rate study proposal from Baker Tilly with a cost of \$12,000.00 for each utility. (Total \$24,000.00). After discussion, Member Bowser motioned to move forward with the studies, and allow President Hoover to sign the contract outside of the regular meeting. Member Shotzman

seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- LaGrange County is planning to re-pave the east parking lot at the Annex Building, they would like to know if the Town is interested in having the ally adjacent to the lot paved at the same time. The cost is estimated between \$5000.00 and \$7000.00 with E&B Paving doing the work. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the paving of the alley with TIF or Motor Vehicle Highway funds. Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Updated the council on the vehicles outside of the barriers at a local business. The county is working with them to be in compliance.

ATTORNEY:

- Asked for authorization to move forward with a lawsuit against the Econo Motel due to non-compliance of a court order. Member Bowser motioned to proceed with the lawsuit, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Updated council on the easement for the sewer lines between Detroit Street and Poplar Street (commonly known as the Millers Easement); the project at Detroit and Central.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

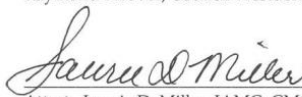
Council then paused the regular meeting to open a Public Hearing for the Town wide trash and recycling services at 7:00 pm.

- There were 12 (twelve) residents present for the meeting. Vice President Glick instructed the audience that public comment would be allowed, but limited to about 3 minutes each. Several residents made comments and asked questions. The majority in attendance were in favor of the service. The final decision was tabled for further review of the contract documents. Council will discuss at the next meeting, February 5, 2024.
- The Public Hearing was then closed.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Bowser 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