



# TOWN OF *LaGrange* INDIANA

Laurie D. Miller, Clerk/Treasurer  
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Meeting Minutes: April 15, 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:** Raymond Hoover, Carolyn Glick, Diane Cameron, Josh Shotzman, and Edna Bowser

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

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

Member Bowser 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 dated April 1, 2024; Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Craig Parham, Hosteler Tire requested assistance in getting a storm drain connected from his new construction into the towns storm water system. Town Manager Eagleson recommends approving the request along with assistance in the permit processing with the Department of Transportation. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the request from Mr. Parham, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Pastor Mike Antal of Plato Christian Fellowship asked if it would be possible to use the Town Hall parking lot for a car show in September 2024 (date to be determined). They would provide insurance liability and waivers. Council stated they would be in favor of the event.

## CLERK:

- Presented March 2024 Bank Reconciliation reports. Member Glick motioned to accept the reports as presented, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- O'Hana Shave Ice has requested permission to set up at the town park, no specific dates provided. Member Glick stated she would like to have them set up during 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at the park.
- Cassie Zuver of the LaGrange Church of God would like to have a fund raiser on a Monday, at the Courthouse, again, no specific date was provided. Council stated they would be in favor of an event, however, she would need to clear it with the county as it is "court day".

## Water:

- Supt Mark Miller provided a report with updates on various projects.
- Discussed a utility bill that presented high use for a few months. Total bill is over \$2000.00 with penalties and other fees. The Department left "high use" notices on the customer's door at least 2 months in a row. The resident was present at the meeting to dispute the charges. The high use was due to a malfunctioning toilet, therefore the water did go to the wastewater treatment plant for treatment. Policy in place states that adjustments would not be made for these types of leaks. A payment agreement was discussed for the resident, which includes paying the current bill each month plus an additional \$50.00 until the account has been brought current. Member Glick made a motion to deny any reduction in the billing, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council suggested they work it out with the property owner.

## Wastewater

- Provided a report with updates on various projects.
- Discussed a need for major repairs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> oxidation ditch at the plant.

## Fire

- Requested approval for three (3) additional firefighters to attend FDIC. Member Glick motioned to approve the additional firefighters' attendance. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the purchase of a 2003 Ladder Truck from the City of Kendallville for \$150,000.00. Member Bowser motioned to move forward with an interlocal agreement and purchase of the truck. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Street:**

- Provided a report with updates on various projects.
- Supt Marlow presented a quote from the LaGrange County Highway department to repair “buggy troughs” on Townline Road in the amount of \$16,456.00. This is for materials only, no labor. Member Bowser motioned to approve the quote, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Also discussed streets to be chip and sealed by the county, however, they may not be able to get the materials.
- Requested approval to purchase 100 safety cones at a cost of 9.50 each. Member Bowser motioned approval, seconded by Member Glick. Motion carried.

**Park:**

- Provided a report with updates on various projects.

**Cemetery:**

- Provided a report with updates on various projects.

**TOWN MANAGER:**

- Night to Shine has requested permission to hold the annual “Food Truck Friday” on September 27, 2024. Member Glick motioned approval, seconded by Member Cameron. Motion carried.
- Sunset Shed Doors provided a site plan for a variance to construct an addition to their building. Eagleson recommended a positive recommendation for the addition. Member Bowser motioned to provide a positive recommendation for the project, seconded by Member Shotzman. Motion carried.
- DLZ is working on a Wellhead protection plan. Asking for the council to allow the Town Manager to approve a vendor to do the mapping update outside of the meeting due to deadlines. Member Cameron made the motion to approve this request, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:**

- The purchase of the Econo Motel has fallen thru, the attorney advised the Council that Mr. Petal did not respond to their complaint within the allotted time. He will prepare and file pleadings with the Court asking for a Default Judgement.

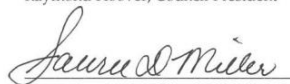
**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- President Hoover discussed possible full time positions in the fire department.

**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 Cameron seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

  
Raymond Hoover, Council President

  
Attest: Laurie D. Miller, IAMC, CMC  
Clerk Treasurer