



TOWN OF *LaGrange* INDIANA

Laurie D. Miller, Clerk/Treasurer
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Meeting Minutes: July 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 Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Bowser made a motion to approve the regular meeting dated July 1, 2024; Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Rowe, representing Baker Tilly, gave a presentation on the 2024 Water and Wastewater rate study. Recommendations to the council included an 8% increase in water rates and to remain the same for wastewater rates. Council will review the provided documents in regards to the study and will discuss at a later date.

James Hankinson (and his daughter) spoke on behalf of a group of concerned citizens in regards to the compost site closing. Town Manager Eagleson was asked to give a history of the site and details on behalf of the Town of LaGrange.

CLERK:

- ❖ Clerk Miller presented the June 2024 Bank Account Reconciliation reports for Council review. Member Glick made a motion to approve the documents as presented, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Resolution 2024-07-15 (a) to transfer appropriations in the MVH Fund to cover contracted services in the amount of \$50,000.00. Member Glick, seconded by Member Cameron. Motion carried.
- ❖ Asked for a Redevelopment Commission meeting on August 5, 2024 at the Town Hall beginning at 5:30.

Water:

- ❖ Provided a report updating the council on various projects.

Fire:

- ❖ Provided a report of fire incidents for June
- ❖ Kendallville Fire Department is interested in the Smoke House (RV). Due to the condition of the equipment, the department asked the council if they would be willing to do an interlocal agreement with KFD to sell it at a low cost. They are willing to take it on as a project. It is 23 years old. Attorney Eberhard was instructed to do the interlocal agreement.

Street:

- ❖ Provided a report updating the council on various projects.

Park:

- ❖ **Provided a report updating the council on various projects.**
- ❖ Member Glick provided a quote on picnic tables from Hoosier Foundations a local Amish business. A 4' recycled wood/poly standard table \$700.00; 6' 750.00 or a 5'x5' table \$750.00. Other quotes were provided at a previous meeting. Tree Top Products – traditional table \$1338.85; Mason square table \$998.85 and Uline -composite 6' table - \$920.00. Tree Top Products and Uline would not include shipping costs. Hoosier Foundations is a local business and the town would be able to pick the tables up. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 (two) 5'x5' tables for the park. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ❖ Discussed 2nd Saturdays and a pickleball location

Cemetery:

- ❖ Provided a report updating the council on various projects.

TOWN MANAGER:

- ❖ Was approached by Jenny Landez, LaGrange Main Street, to establish a D.O.R.A area in town (Designated Outdoor Recreation Area). A proposed area map was provided to the council. No decision was made.
- ❖ Discussed options for leaf and brush disposal
- ❖ Discussed resurfacing of the Town Hall parking area.
- ❖ Will be meeting with EDC and Kleinpeter consulting to discuss an income study for the Town of LaGrange in regards to the Steller Community grant.

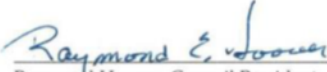
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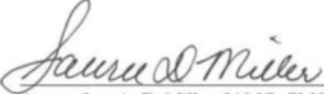
- ❖ Presented Resolution 2024-07-15 (b) – An agreement with the LaGrange Fire Department clarifying pay for the year 2024. Member Bowser motioned to approve the resolution as presented upon first reading. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried with Member Shotzman opting to abstain from the vote.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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

ADJOURN: Member Glick 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