



TOWN OF *LaGrange* INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: October 21, 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

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 October 4, 2024; Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Manager Mark Eagleson opened bids for the South Water Tower Rehabilitation Project, bids were as follows:

1. Classic Protective Coatings	Base Bid:	\$688950.00	Alternate Bid:	\$79650.00
2. Clear Creek Coatings		\$475300.00		\$28000.00
3. Maguire Water		\$627000.00		\$49000.00
4. O & J Coatings		\$525000.00		\$40000.00
5. Seven Brothers		\$733000.00		\$20000.00
6. Utility Service Co., Inc		\$675600.00		\$18600.00
7. Viking Painting		\$709400.00		\$69600.00
8. Tanksco Inc		\$591700.00		\$25000.00

Holly Miller of DLZ will review bids for compliance with the specifications and return to the meeting with a recommendation.

Resident, Virginia Bond was present to discuss traffic safety issues in the area of E Michigan Street, Canal Street, and Cherry Street. (All close to Lakeland Primary School). Traffic safety issues include: lack of sidewalks, the number of busses and other traffic has increased in the last few years and it is a detour route when US 20 is blocked for traffic accidents and maintenance. Options were discussed, including asking for a Traffic survey.

CLERK: Updated council on the 2024 Employee Christmas party on December 21, 2024; Breakfast for Santa fundraiser, and the 2024 Audit (for 2021-2023). Also requested a review of rates and charges for town equipment, in particular, the Wastewater Lab. Town Manager Eagleson and the wastewater dept will meet to discuss fees.

Water: Provided a report updating the council on various projects.

Holly Miller/DLZ returned to the meeting with a recommendation for awarding the Water Tower Rehab project to Clear Creek Coatings for a total of \$501300.00. A preliminary award document was presented for signature.

Member Glick motioned to move forward with the preliminary award signature, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Bowser motioned for DLZ to work with the awarded contractor to obtain final post bid documents. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Member Glick then motioned to approve DLZ to submit Front End Document Certification and post bid documentation to SRF for approval. Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried

Wastewater: Provided a report updating the council on various projects.

Fire: Chief Jeremy Edwards presented radio quotes for the Tower Truck – 6 radios are needed, Rocky Mountain \$20,190.00. Noting that there are only 2 companies to bid on the type of radios needed. The 2nd vendor was used

before and the department was not satisfied with the service/radios. Member Glick made a motion to approve the purchase of \$20,190.00 for the radios, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed the possible purchase of a UTV – Side by Side- by Fire Fighters Inc. The current golf cart ordinance was discussed and the possibility of amending it so the side by side could be legally driven in the Town of LaGrange.

Police: Interviewed applicants for an open Deputy position, would like to offer the position to Preston Lancour, a local resident. Member Bowser motioned to approve the request, Seconded by Member Cameron. Motion carried.

Discussed traffic issues at Lakeland Primary School during drop off and pick up times.

Street: Presented quotes to remove trees on town property on Canal Street. Michiana Tree Service \$1850.00; Jon Klopfenstein \$5350.00 and Clear View Tree Service \$5500.00. Member Glick made a motion to award the work contingent on getting a Certificate of Insurance Liability to Michiana Tree Service, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Park: N/A

Cemetery: Provided a report updating the council on various projects. Also discussed unused lots with no known living owners.

TOWN MANAGER:

Presented Ottenweller pay request #39 for \$71, 725.00. Member Glick made a motion to approve the requested payment, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Requested an executive meeting to discuss employee reviews. Meeting was set for November 7, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Presented a letter of support for the Stellar Community Pathways grant, and Resolution 2024-10-21(A) for signature of the council Member Bowser made a motion to approve the signatures and the support letter. Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Also discussed an informational meeting for town residents in regards to the Federal mandate of lead lines inventory. Meeting is set for December 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm.


ATTORNEY: Working on several projects

OPEN DISCUSSION: Discussed the completion of Hawpatch Street

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