



TOWN OF *LaGrange* INDIANA

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Meeting Minutes: December 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: Raymond Hoover, 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 Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Bowser made a motion to approve the regular meeting dated December 2, 2024; Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK:

- Presented the Attorney's representation letter for 2025, which will remain the same as 2024. Member Bowser made a motion to retain Bill Eberhard as town attorney for 2025, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked Council if they wish to approve uploading photos of cemetery monuments at a reduced cost of \$5000.00 (it was previously quoted at \$10,800.00). Member Bowser made a motion to approve the purchase and upload of the photos. Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented November 2024 Bank Reconciliation reports for approval. Member Bowser motioned to approve the reports as presented to the council Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Recommended the council transfer \$150,000 in General Funds to the Rainy Day fund, per Resolution 2024-12-16A. Member Cameron motioned to approve the transfer, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water:

- Working on getting plant stocked with supplies.
- Discussed a lead line fund to help residents with the cost of replacing lines.

Wastewater:

- Presented the DMR agreement appointing Susanna Detweiler as Licensed Operation in charge, Member Bowser motioned to allow Council President Hoover to sign the document. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Received quotes for UV Bulb replacement: Trojan \$11897.60 – this is the only vendor to quote. Member Shotzman motioned to approve the purchase from Trojan; Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire:

- Received quotes for the project as follows for a siren for the new UTV
Torgs (including installation) - \$3130.00; Strobes & More \$2828.88 (does not include installation) Member Bowser motioned to approve the purchase from Torg's Electronics, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the purchase of 5 sets of turn out gear for new firefighters.
Dinges - \$21,000.00
Gall's - \$24,174.35
Fire Store - \$26,699.35
Trustees (Clay & Bloomfield) will be sharing in the cost (25/25/50) – Member Bowser motioned to approve the purchase and encumber funds into the 2025 Budget, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Quotes headlight upgrade LED lighting on fire equipment. THL Equipment \$1423.58; Arnold Fire \$1717.00; Amazon \$1585.00. Member Shotzman motioned to purchase from THL for engine 12 only, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Set executive session to interview chief applicants for Monday, December 23, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Presented a 2025 meeting schedule for approval. Member Bowser motioned to approve the schedule presented, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed council appointments to departments; Member Bowser motioned to have the same department appointments as 2024. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- A new person is needed to be the appointee for the Alcohol Beverage Commission.
- Set an RDC Executive session for Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm.
Council Member Shotzman made a motion in favor of changing the focus for the Detroit/Central property from housing to retail. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

Working on various projects

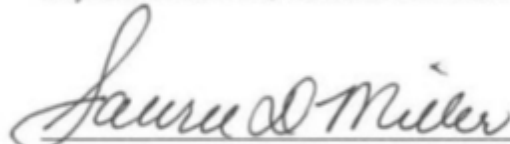
OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Doug & Lydia Bontrager, owner of a Five Lakes franchise, introduced themselves to the council.

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

ADJOURN: Member Shotzman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion Carried.


Raymond Hoover, Council President


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