

# Town of LaGrange Monthly Meeting

**12 February 2024, 7:00pm at Town Hall**

Attending: Brendan Smith, Kyle Gibbens, Loren Schleusener, Melissa Abben, Mandy Wagner, Cody Schaub, Bruce Meiners, Brock Bailey, Wendy VonHaden,

## Agenda

- Brendan Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Previous Month's Minutes - Loren made a motion to accept the Meeting minutes as presented, Kyle seconded the motion, No one opposed, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Mandy covered the Treasurer's report
  - Fire Call Bills -
- Citizen's Concerns None
- Planning Commission/Zoning/Land Use Issues
  - Honor Roll Concept – it was decided to make one plaque for both residents killed in action instead of 2 separate ones and that will be placed in the Town Hall. Still working on signs for the directory and military recognition.
  - Driveway Ordinance Updates – Forwarding the draft to the board for review. Will be turned in March 6<sup>th</sup> and presented at the March Board meeting.
  - Hwy 21 Property – Corporate council is involved
  - Junk Ordinance – Need direction from board to move forward.
  - LaGrange/Boynton Cemetery Signage – Adding directory sign to La Grange. Boynton Cemetery – have a 3x6 foot sign installed. Presented examples of signs. Final design, location, and cost to be finalized for approval.
  - Ag-zoned Subdevelopment Rezoning to Rural Residential – Discussed making subdivisions zoned rural residential instead of general agriculture. Ermine Rd residents have expressed concerns about inappropriate business and use of property. There are other “sub-divisions” that are zoned in the same way. We are considering rezoning all the areas that are similar. A public meeting is scheduled for March 11 to discuss and get the opinion of residents.
- Election Prep/Execution -
- Old Business
  - Personnel Update
    - Town Administrator – Wendy VonHaden has been selected to fill the administrator/deputy clerk position. Kyle made a motion to pay \$20 per hour for the Town Administrator/Deputy Clerk. Loren seconded the motion. No one opposed, motion carried.
    - Recyclers asked to be considered for a raise, it will be discussed at the next meeting.
  - Road Projects Update
    - Discussed Ellsworth Road Project: 2024 Construction
    - Ellsworth Bridge: 2027 Construction – Engineering is underway, will not cost the township anything for the project.
    - England LRIP: 2024 Construction Kyle is working through details
    - Embay LRIP: 2024 Construction
    - Estate Agriculture Project—2025?--Traffic Counters
  - Patrolman Issues/Concerns
    - Staffing, Recycle Center, Equipment, Facilities
      - Motor fixed on the recycle compactor
    - New Plow Truck – ordered hydraulics

- Backhoe having issues - \$1500 for the day to look at it, haul it up there \$350. Use a demo 10 hours free, \$35 per hour after that. We will take it
- Right of Way Clearance/Boom Mowing - Starting again this week.
- PPE for Patrolmen—Review/approve written policy. Kyle made a motion to accept the Town of LaGrange PPE Policy as presented. Loren seconded the motion. No one opposed, motion carried. Recycle/garbage workers will wear hi-vis while working.
- Discussed dumpster diving guidelines. Will discuss at next meeting.
- Boynton Cemetery Fencing – Still working through assessor for value.
- Road Ownership Review
- Town Credit Card - pending response requesting new information.
- The Range Legal Fee Reimbursement – waiting for response.
- New Business
  - Town Hall Scheduler Reimbursement – next meeting
- Treasurer/Clerk/Supervisor Inputs
- Fire Association meeting recapped
- Pay Bills – Loren made a motion to accept bills as presented, Kyle seconded the motion. No one was opposed, motion carried
- Adjourned meeting at 8:40 pm.

Posted 8 February 2024    Brendan Smith, Chairman