

Town of LaGrange Monthly Meeting Minutes

11 March 2024, 7:00pm at Town Hall

Attending: Brendan Smith, Kyle Gibbens, Loren Schleusener, Mandy Wagner, Melissa Abben, Cody Schaub, Wendy VonHaden, John Guthrie, Brock Bailey, Bruce Meiners, Paul Marten, Dave Marten, Vicki L Ruegg, Mike MacLaren, Bob Dreier.

- Called meeting to Order at 7:05 pm, Pledge of Allegiance
- Previous Month's Minutes
- Kyle Gibbens made a motion to accept all previous meeting minutes, Monthly Board Meeting 2/13, Special Meeting 2/16, and the Agenda Meeting 3/6. Seconded by Loren. No further discussions were had. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Fire Call Bills – discussed the process to collect Fire call bills
- Citizen's Concerns
 - When will the debris from 2022 storm be cleaned up in the right-a-way? - *We are currently working on it as time and conditions permit.*
- Planning Commission/Zoning/Land Use Issues
 - Honor Roll Concept – Jim Falkner met with Zingler signs to design a cemetery directory for the La Grange Cemetery.
- Brendan made a Motion to accept the Driveway permit, seconded by Kyle. No further discussion was had and the motion was unanimously approved.
 - Driveway Ordinance Updates—Copy presented to the Board.
 - Hwy 21 Property – County has started to issue citations to the residence.
 - Junk Ordinance discusses briefly but no action yet.
 - LaGrange/Boynton Cemetery Signage – Do nothing to Town of La Grange signs. Planning committee is working on a sign design for the Boynton Cemetery.
 - Ag-zoned Subdevelopment Rezoning to Rural Residential – discussed the options regarding zoning subdevelopment. Still considering a path forward.
- Election Prep/Execution (2 Apr, 13 Aug, 5 Nov)
 - Absentee ballots sent out
 - Election workers contacted, training to be scheduled for election workers.
- Old Business
 - Personnel Update
 - Town Administrator – hired Wendy Von Haden as Deputy Clerk, if Melissa resigns as Clerk, Wendy could step into the Clerk position.
 - Road Projects Update
 - Ellsworth Road Project: 2024 Construction Road Walk discussion. Bid Opening on the 21st at 10 am. \$1.4M project
 - Ellsworth Bridge: 2027 Construction – 100% Federal grant.
 - Embay/England LRIP: 2024 Construction - Chairman will receive notification of receiving funds.
 - Estate Agriculture Project—2025? Need to decide whether we do the whole thing or divide it.

Brendan Smith made a motion to submit for ARIP from the Eastern edge of Estate to Formica and then south on Formica to ET, Kyle will second with further discussion. The motion carried after further discussion and was unanimously approved.

- Dogwood Concerns -

- Division Concerns – No action
 - Patrolman Issues/Concerns (Staffing, Recycle Center, Equipment, Facilities)
 - New Plow Truck – October build November delivery
 - Backhoe – Transmission fluid and filter needed to be changed. Wanted to do that before anything else is done.
 - Right of Way Clearance/Boom Mowing - Should get started next week. Flagship, Deuce and Dipper.
 - Road Tour/5 year Road Plan – Saturday, March 16th
 - Patrolman Annual Training Plan –Cody signed up for Road School.
 - Brendan made a motion to purchase \$1500 in additional signs,
 - Boynton Cemetery Additional Property & Fencing
 - Town Credit Card - submitted more financial documents.
 - The Range Legal Fee Reimbursement – no action.
- New Business
 - Recycle Center Staff Wage Review – Discussed increasing wages.
 - Kyle Made a motion to increase the Recycle Center Staff wage from \$12.50 to \$16.00 with an inflation review next year, seconded by Loren and the motion was unanimously approved.
 - Wanitta Irwin Wage Review – Brendan made a motion to increase the wage for Wanitta Irwin from \$15 to \$20 to mow the La Grange cemeteries in 2024. Loren seconded the motion. Kyle called for a roll call vote. Kyle – no, Loren aye, Brendan aye. Motion passed 2 to 1 vote.
 - Ellsworth Driveway Permit – Kyle made a motion to approve the Driveway permit on Ellsworth, Loren seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.
- Treasurer/Clerk/Supervisor Inputs
 - Mandy presented information about the Tax Refund Intercept program that could help with fire calls and other debts not collected.
- Pay Bills -Kyle made a motion to accept the bills as presented, seconded by Loren, no further discussion was had, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Adjourned at 8:43 pm