

# Town of LaGrange Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

**10 June 2024, 7:00pm at Town Hall**

Attending: Brendan Smith, Loren Schleusener, Kyle Gibbens, Wendy Von Haden, Mandy Wagner, Cody Schaub, Vicki Ruegg, Brock Bailey

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

- Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance
- Previous Month's Minutes motion to approve by Loren motion to accept all three sets of minutes second by Kyle. no discussion all in favor motion passed
- Treasurer's Report – Talked about getting an updated budget each month
  - Fire Call Bills - #23-91 was sent to the State for reimbursement
- Citizen's Concerns - Brock Bailey brought up that the cemetery didn't look as good as it has in the past for Memorial Day weekend. There was a discussion about this. Our normal mower was on vacation.
- Planning Commission/Zoning/Land Use Issues
  - Honor Roll Concept – Brock will have the pricing for the plaque at the July meeting
  - Hwy 21 Property – no updates
  - Junk Ordinance – Brendan is looking at ordinances and going to put something together to give to the planning commission. The biggest challenge is enforcing the ordinance.
  - LaGrange/Boynton Cemetery Signage – signs have been ordered
  - Brendan has 100% acceptance for rezoning Elan Road. He is working with Allison at the county to complete this.
  - Brock talked about mailboxes and things in the road right of way. Question if the board wants to look at these things. What does the planning commission want to recommend and then communicating this with the citizens. Then how are you going to enforce it. Brendan would like a policy for road right of way. Would like the planning commission to come up with something.
- Election Prep/Execution (13 Aug, 5 Nov) - Brendan discussed the open weapons laws in government properties. Discussed if the town hall should be posted prior to the November meeting. We will decide at another meeting. Discussed a town contingency plan for the township for emergencies.
- Old Business
  - Personnel Update
    - Appointed vs. Elected Clerk/Treasurer - discussed educating the public on the benefits of an appointed clerk.
  - Road Projects Update
    - Ellsworth Road Project: 2024 Construction – Loren posted the update on Facebook, Brendan dropped information off at the golf course. A public meeting is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>.
    - Ellsworth Bridge: 2027 Construction, Overage Issue- Brendan working on this
    - Embay/England LRIP: 2024 Construction - Kyle will get dates when the work will begin.
    - Formica/Estate/Essex ARIP Project—2025? - still waiting for more information
    - Bridge Inspections- nothing new
    - Ensign Chipseal – nothing new
  - Patrolman Issues/Concerns (Staffing, Recycle Center, Equipment, Facilities)
    - New Plow Truck – should be here in November
    - 3 Point Broom - discussed the need for the Broom. Also discussed a chipper for when we do right of way clearing. Loren mentioned that the DNR has a program for a grant for a chipper. Will discuss this at the next meeting.
    - Cody did paperwork for the driveway permit for Faye Moseley, permit was approved in 2021 but is being moved for safety reasons.

- Maintenance plan for equipment – Brendan is making up a maintenance schedule to give to Cody.
  - Recycling center – still people digging in the dumpster. Need to continue dealing with this problem.
- Boynton Cemetery Additional Property & Fencing – survey is done then need to do the Bill of Sale
- The Range Legal Fee Reimbursement - Brendan has had communication with the owner
- Painting Town Hall – Will be done in July
- Contracted Right of Way Clearing – nothing new here
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Agenda Mtg (move to 26 June) and August 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting - Aug 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting will be in the Fire Station
- Shared Revenue MOE - this is completed.
- New Business
  - Guardrail on Ellsworth – Cody going to meet with Gus from the State
  - Interstate Bridge on Empire – Cody has not had any luck with the county, Brendan will follow up
  - Town Hall Cleaning – had a discussion – Brendan and Wendy discuss this and come up with a solution
  - Budget Adjustment Due to Road Construction Overage – Discussed moving money from the contingency fund to the highway fund. Brendan made a motion to move \$20,000 from the contingency fund to the highway fund to cover the Embay England project. Kyle second. No discussion, all in favor no one opposed.
  - Had a discussion on a filled in culvert on Elgin Road. Brendan had a discussion with legal counsel.
  - WTA meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Decided to leave it on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Treasurer/Clerk/Supervisor Inputs – Wendy had nothing new, Mandy mentioned a CD for the cemetery CD that was just cashed out. Decided to wait a few more months.
- Pay Bills – Brendan made a motion to accept. Kyle second. All in favor no opposed. Loren mentioned the light charges on the Oakdale Electric bills. Wendy will look into this.
- Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm