

Town of LaGrange Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

9 September 2024, 7:00pm at Town Hall

Attending: Brendan Smith, Loren Schleusener, Kyle Gibbens, Mandy Wagner, Wendy Von Haden, Cody Schaub, M. G. Mac Laren, Mark Amundson, Vicky Ruegg, Jeff Von Haden, Bruce Meiners, Dr. Mike Hanson, Brock Bailey, Rachel Scott, Paul Marten

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Mike Hanson, Tomah Area School District talked about the Tomah School district referendum that will be on the November 5th election ballot. He had a handout that explains the referendum and listed dates of future information sessions.

Previous Month's Minutes - Loren made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Kyle second. No discussion All in favor no opposed

Treasurer's Report – Mandy presented the treasurer's report. We have three open fire bills. Mandy suggested paying the 24-4 bill to Oakdale Area Fire Association. We will use the tax intercept to collect from the taxpayer. We will talk to OAFA and see if we can pay \$500 and be forgiven for the remaining balance.

Citizen's Concerns - Mark Amundson asked about keeping people off Ellsworth Road until it is completed. Kyle mentioned it is mostly people going to the golf course. Kyle gave an update on the Ellsworth Road project. The road will remain closed until the finish coat of blacktop is completed in October. The board needs to go look at some driveways that may have some issues.

Planning Commission/Zoning/Land Use Issues - Brock presented the honor roll signage plaques. These plaques are \$21 each. This was approved in a previous meeting.

Hwy 21 Property – no updates. There has been some communication with Allison at the County
Junk Ordinance – nothing new

LaGrange/Boynton Cemetery Signage – the La Grange directory sign is in the works. The Boynton sign is also in the works. Brock will make sure Zingler sign and Jim Falkner get in contact before the La Grange directory is printed.

Mr. Waldner has requested a Conditional Use Permit for his sorting business. The town has asked the county for a one-month delay, and that delay was granted. The hearing will be Oct. 21st. The town must decide at the October monthly meeting how they want to proceed. Brendan talked about the blanket zoning for subdivisions. We have our first town road that has gotten all residents to agree to the rezoning. Kyle made a motion to reimburse Mr. Smith for the \$400 to rezone Elan Road. Loren second. This is to change the zoning from general ag to residential. This was already approved in a previous meeting. All in favor no oppose. Brendan abstained.

Election Prep/Execution (13 Aug, 5 Nov) - Wendy said we had 418 votes case on August 13.

Personnel Update appointed vs. Elected Clerk – Brendan talked about starting some advertising for this referendum. He would like to put together educational materials.

Ellsworth Bridge: 2027 Construction, Overage Issue –no updates

Embay/England LRIP: 2024 Construction - should be chip sealed later this week or next week.

Formica/Estate/Essex ARIP Project—2025? - waiting for design packets.

Ensign Chipseal – will be done at the same time as Embay

Gerke Water issue – Brendan talked to surrounding neighbors. He is working on getting this water issue figured out. Brendan will keep the board updated with any new information.

Dogwood Road will be closed from 8-4 starting 9/10/24 for tree removal.

Boynton Cemetery Additional Property & Fencing – the property closing happened 9/5/24. All that is left is the fencing issue

Painting Town Hall – painting is completed. Looks very nice. We will be having the floor waxed.

Support of Towns Association Mtg, 21 Nov - no updates Wendy will be in touch with Taphouse Twenty

Contingency Plans – still working on these

Noxious Weeds on Town Right-of-Ways – Loren talked to Schnitzler for some guidance. Still working on this.

Driveway permits—Elixir – culverts will be needed. Kyle made a motion Loren second no discussion all in favor no oppose

Dogwood Right of Way Clearing - will need to do this in the future.

Grass mowing options – Brendan will coordinate this. We have two options. Will try both and see how they do and then make a decision for next year.

Cemetery Lot Sale - Kyle made motion to approve Loren second. No discussion All approve no oppose

Treasurer/Clerk/Supervisor Inputs Wendy gave a copy of the budget. Scheduled a budget meeting for Wednesday October 9 at 6:00 pm. Mandy mentioned she will be working on her tax sheet that goes out with tax bills. Asked the board to let her know if they have anything to add.

Loren mentioned trimming some trees on Ellsworth before the pavement is done. Brendan also mentioned the branches at the golf course. Loren asked if we should do some educating about road right of way on Facebook.

Pay Bills – Loren made a motion to approve the bills Kyle second all in favor no oppose

Adjourn at 8:20 pm