

Town of LaGrange Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

9 December 2024, 7:00pm at Town Hall

Attendance: Brendan Smith, Loren Schleusener, Cody Schaub, Wendy Von Haden, Kyle Gibbens, Bruce Meiners, Cindy Clay, Liane Haun, Brock Bailey

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm

Previous Month's Minutes – Three sets of minutes; November 11 Monthly Meeting, November 25 Budget Hearing, December 4 Agenda Meeting & Putter's Ridge Water Issue. Loren made a motion to approve all three sets of minutes. Kyle second. No further discussion, all in favor no oppose

Treasurer's Report – see attached.

Fire Call Bills – one open fire bill at this time.

Citizen's Concerns - Cindy Clay was here asking if Elixir Road will be closed off now that the Ellsworth Road project is completed.

Planning Commission/Zoning/Land Use Issues – Talked about the honor roll plaques. Loren will pick them up from The Trophy Place. Discussed having a dedication ceremony when they get installed in the town hall. Talked about having this prior to a regular monthly meeting in. Decided to have it prior to the January 13th meeting. Brock will contact the Mee family and Loren will contact the Noth family. Loren will also contact the Pleuss's. Liane will contact John at the Monroe County Herald to see if they would like a news article about this. Brendan will type up a press release.

LaGrange/Boynton Cemetery Signs – the Boynton sign was installed today. La Grange directory will be installed in the spring. Brendan mentioned it may need a frame.

Loren had a discussion with the neighbor to the Hwy 21 house with the animals and junk on this property. Brendan mentioned that he still is going to work on a junk ordinance. The problem is how to enforce it.

Election Prep/Execution 1 Apr 2025 Spring Election. Kyle made a motion to set the caucus date for Wednesday January 15th at 7:00 pm Brendan second. No further discussion. All in favor no oppose
Had a discussion regarding gift cards for the town employees. \$75 each. Loren made a motion to do this. Kyle second no further discussion all in favor no oppose

Assistant Patrolman Application Review – received an application for an assistant patrolman, Kerwin Greeno. He will be the backup to Jimmy. Brendan made a motion to hire Kerwin at \$20 per hour at Cody' discretion. Loren second. No further discussion. All in favor no oppose.

Appoint Clerk (New Board) - the new board will need to appoint the clerk after the spring election

Ellsworth Road Project: 2024 Construction – This project is complete. Working on getting the speed limit signs up. The crosswalk will be completed in the spring. All bills have been paid except the change order for the crosswalk.

Had a discussion regarding the end of Elixir that was used as the detour for the construction project. It was decided to block off that end of Elixir so the traffic cannot go through.

Discussed paying off the load when the reimbursement comes in from the state.

Ellsworth Bridge: 2027 Construction, Overage Issue – no changes – Brendan mentioned Ho Chunk may in interested in helping with funding for this project.

Embay/England Reimbursement Closeout – has been submitted to the state. Should be getting reimbursement soon

Formica/Estate/Essex ARIP Project—2025 Design, 2026 Build - Brendan had a discussion with Ho Chunk regarding this project and they are interested in being a partner with this project. Loren made a motion to accept the resolution for this joint project with the Town of Byron. Kyle second. No further discussion. All in favor no oppose.

New Plow Truck Update – the truck will be here soon. It will be stored here until Universal has time to finish it.

Noxious Weeds on Town Right-of-Ways – Loren is working on a plan for taking care of the noxious weeds. Discussed the different options to take care of the noxious weeds. He is waiting for information from the County on pricing for them to do the spraying. It was talked about doing some test spots with the spray and some with mowing.

Brendan talked about bridge maintenance. He got some quotes from the County highway department for spraying some of the bridges. No decision at this time.

Putters Ridge Water Issues – Brendan talked to the landowners and the contractor regarding the construction to fix this water issue. This project should be starting soon.

Potter Driveway Permit – nothing received yet

Award Sand Hauling Solicitation – Bohl \$5.25/ton, Gerke \$6.00/ton. Loren made a motion to go with Bohl to haul our sand/salt. Brendan second. No further discussion. All in favor no oppose. Kyle abstains.

Brendan talked about the Board Wage Compensation meeting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday December 18th. There is an electors meeting. This wage compensation will be for the board that is elected in April 2025.

Loren mentioned a trailer and car parked on the dead end on Florist Ave. Brenden will talk to Cody. Mandy got the tax bills out today.

Pay Bills – Kyle made a motion to approve the bills as written. Loren second. No further discussion. All in favor no oppose.

Adjourn at 8:07 pm

Wendy Von Haden, Clerk