

Town of LaGrange Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
13 January 2025, 7:00pm at Town Hall

Attending: Brenden Smith, Loren Schleusener, Kyle Gibbens, Wendy Von Haden, Mandy Wagner, Mark Amundson, Vicki Ruegg, Liane Haun, Jessica Dreier, Rite Dreier, Brock Bailey, Cody Johnson

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance at 7:15

Brendan started by thanking Brook and the Planning Commission for helping with the dedication ceremony.

Approve previous month's minutes three sets of minutes, December 9th Monthly meeting, December 18th Special Meeting/Board Compensation Review meeting, and January 8th Agenda meeting. Loren motioned to approve all three sets of minutes, Kyle second. No discussion all in favor

Treasurer's Report – see attached.

Citizen's Concerns - Jessica Dreier, asked about the new recycling center changes. Brendan explained that the recycling center is for residential use only, he explained ag plastic would be business use not residential. Brendan also explained that the town will need to come up with a new policy regarding mattresses and ag plastic. There was a discussion regarding what should be done with ag plastic. It was suggested that people could take it to Modern Disposal in Tomah. Kyle explained the issue with mattresses in the landfill. He suggested having Dave Hesser from the county come to a meeting and answer questions regarding these new policies. Brendan mentioned that the board needs to work on a policy regarding the recycling center and these policies and for the summer long dumpster. Brendan would like the board and citizens to let him know any concerns or questions regarding the recycling center, so that the board can make some decisions on the new guidelines for the recycling center. Brock questioned if all businesses will be addressed. Brendan explained that yes, all businesses including agriculture. It was discussed that someone is going to need to enforce the new rules/regulations.

There was a boy scout in the audience. Brendan explained the jest of the town board and thanked him for attending.

Kyle brought up that the DOT sent a letter regarding a road project on Hwy 12 north of I/94 to County Hwy O.

Planning Commission/Zoning/Land Use Issues – Brock had nothing from the planning commission. Mentioned that the sign for the cemetery will be going up in the spring.

Election Prep/Execution: February 18th there will be a primary and the election is April 1, 2025
Town Caucus Date is Wednesday January 15, 2025, at 7pm

Road Projects Updates -

Ellsworth Road Project: 2024 Construction – money has been received from the state. This will stay on the agenda until all dirt work is done in the spring

Ellsworth Bridge: 2027 Construction, Overage Issue – nothing new here

Embay/England Reimbursement Closeout – the money has been received. This will be closed out.

Cody will be working on filling in the shoulders.

Formica/Estate/Essex ARIP Project—2025 Design, 2026 Build - the next step is to start thinking about engineering. Will need to set a meeting with the Town of Byron to get this process started. Brendan mentioned that Ho Chunk is willing to contribute money for this project.

Patrolman Issues/Concerns (Staffing, Recycle Center, Equipment, Facilities) - Cody talked about the garage door that needs to be repaired at the shop. Brendan ordered new clothing for plow workers and some other new equipment.

New Plow Truck Update – The build date for this is September of 2025

Potential equipment needs: 3 Point Broom, Side-mount Rotary Mower, Chipper – Brendan asked the board their thoughts on this new equipment. Kyle mentioned selling the Sterling and using that money to purchase this new equipment. Cody would like to keep the Sterling for at least one winter to get all

the bugs out of the new equipment. Cody has talked to Tom Popp regarding lettering the new truck. This will be done when it gets warmer.

Contingency Plans: Emergency and Elections – still working on this.

Noxious Weeds on Town Right-of-Ways - waiting to hear back from the County, Loren will follow up with Cedric.

Putters Ridge Water Issues – culvert and piping is done. Dirt work will be completed in the spring. All sprinkler heads that were damaged during this construction are repaired. Brendan mentioned that some railroad ties were taken, and the resident would like to them back, Cody will look into this.

New Business

Flambeau Driveway Permit – Cody would like to look at this again to make sure about a culvert. Kyle made a motion to approve with or without a culvert, Loren second. No further discussion all in favor no oppose

Fire Association Meeting Back brief – December 12th. Brendan attended this meeting. Not a lot to report. All status quo. New board members were elected; all stayed the same. The new rental agreement was approved.

Kwik Trip Fuel Card – Wendy explained how the program will work. Kwik Trip will give us .06/gallon discount. Brendan asked if there was a way to limit it to just fuel and no in-store purchases, Wendy explained that yes that can be done. Brendan made a motion that we will procure Kwik Trip fuel cards to purchase regular gas, def and diesel during emergency only. There was discussion regarding how many cards and if the cards stay in the vehicles or with the person. It was decided to get two cards. Kyle second. Loren asks if all patrolmen will be able to use these cards. The cards will stay in the trucks and all patrolmen will have their own pin. All in favor no oppose

Patrolmen Clothing – these have been ordered by Brendan.

Putters Ridge Full Drainage Analysis – had a discussion about looking at the remaining water issues in Putter's Ridge. It was discussed to have a study completed to see what can be done about these water problems. Kyle mentioned that we started this project and that we need to finish it. Brendan would like to reach out to two firms to get quotes for the study/long term planning. It was decided to get a letter out to these firms and get a quote. Brock asked if some of these could be part of a road project and maybe the town could get some grant money to help pay for this. This will be investigated.

Cemetery Mowing Policy – there was discussion regarding the cemetery mowing. Brendan believes our standards are quite high as far as the mowing goes. He explained that keeping these standards high comes at a cost. He mentioned that certain times these need to be top notch and maybe other times they could be a little less. Brendan asked the board to think about this for next month. He would like to get a standard set, so everyone knows what the expectations are. Cody Johnson mentioned rules regarding where people can put flowers, lights etc., in the cemetery. Brendan would like to have this discussion with Jim Falkner. Kyle mentioned to have a decision by March for the mowing. Brendan will work on this.

Treasurer/Clerk/Supervisor Inputs – Kyle – had nothing. Loren had nothing. Wendy asked about a bill from Central States Construction, Kyle said it does not need to be paid. Mandy appreciates having the Remote Capture for tax payment deposits.

Pay Bills – Loren made a motion to pay bills as presented Kyle second. No further discussion all in favor no oppose.

Adjourn at 8:42 pm