

Town of LaGrange Monthly Board Meeting Agenda

10 February 2025, 7:00pm at Town Hall

Attending: Brendan Smith, Loren Schleusener, Kyle Gibbens, Mandy Wagner, Wendy Von Haden, Cody Schaub, Mark Amundson, Vicky Ruege, Josh Koscal, Matt Brown, Steve Brohm, Vicki Ruegg, Nina Hoffman, John Hoffman, Veronica Rhodes, Ralieg Rhodes, Jeff Dauterman, Katherine Loda, Randy Anderson, Tim Liddane,, Brock Bailey

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

Previous Month's Minutes - Four sets of minutes, Monthly Meeting, Caucus, ARIP Engineering Meeting, Agenda meeting. Loren made a motion to approve all 4 sets of minutes. Kyle second, no further discussion all in favor motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – see attached

Citizen's Concerns – Jeff Dauterman was here to discuss the stop sign at the golf course, he questioned why it is there for an anticipated issue, being as there has not been issues. He feels that there are only approximately 30 days that the golf course is super busy with outings and tournaments. Felt it is a punishment to the residents. Feels that a crossing light would have been a better option. Brendan explained again why the stop sign is there. Kyle talked about the all the meetings regarding the stop sign that took place before the project started. Kyle said he supports all of Brendan's reasonings. Loren supports the stop sign also.

Planning Commission/Zoning/Land Use Issues

Vote on Giesecke Conditional Use Permit – a citizen has issues with this because of her daughter having asthma, and the noise concerns for the school children. Brook explained that on Jan 27th the Planning Commission meet for the CUP. They will build a 40x80 building on the south east side of the lot. She also questions the traffic in the shared driveway. This was discussed with the land owner/applicant for the CUP. Loren explained that the applicant is planning to use powder coating, so there should not be fumes. A fence was discussed. The people from the church explained that the kids are always supervised during school times. Brendan and Brock believe there will be minimal traffic for this business.

Her other concern is if he will have metal and other supplies stacked outside that children could get hurt on. Another citizen asked about the sand blasting and the particles. Also asked about the EPA laws, questioning at what point some of these DNR/EPA regulations need to be followed, how many employees. Loren explained if it is just one employee, they are OK, any more they have to follow the EPA regulations. EPA regulations are determined by the volume of supplies that are used.

Another question was if the property is sold would the CUP end, he would like it to end for future protection for the church. The property is still going to be zoned business. A different business would need a different CUP or a new owner would need to get a new CUP if it is a different type of business. The people from the church mentioned the biggest concern for them is the gases and sand blasting residue that could cause health issues.

The Planning Commission's recommendation is as follows:

- Building doors will be on the North and/or West side only
- All venting from the building should be to the South
- Maximum of 4 employees
- CUP terminates with the sale of the property or with a different business owner/renter for the proposed new shop

Kyle made a motion to go with The Planning Commission's recommendations and added that the CUP terminates with the sale of the property or with a different business owner/renter for the proposed new shop. Loren second. No further discussion all in favor motion passed.

Brendan will send Allison a note with the CUP conditions. This CUP recommendation will go to the County Zoning Meeting on Feb. 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Election Prep/Execution 18 Feb 2025 Primary Election – Melissa is working on getting everything ready.

Cemetery/Property Mowing – Brendan and Cody are going to talk about this regarding the applications and set up some interviews.

Road Projects Updates -

Putters Ridge Full Drainage Analysis – Brendan has started this but will keep working on this. Discussed the bumps on Ellsworth Road. Svet has been notified.

Ellsworth Bridge: 2027 Construction, Overage Issue – nothing new

Formica/Estate/Essex ARIP Project—2025 Design, 2026 Build – Loren, Brendan and Al Bernhardt meet to discuss a selection for the engineering services. Loren and Brendan are recommending Mead and Hunt. Kyle made a motion to take the recommendation to accept Mead and Hunt for the engineering firm for the ARIP project. This is contingent on the Town of Bryon accepting this at their meeting tonight also. Loren second no further discussion all in favor. Motion passed.

Brendan explained there is a kickoff meeting on Wednesday Feb. 12th with Mead and Hunt.

Brendan explained this project is a 2.7 mile project. 3.1 million, 90% grant from the state and 10% split between the two towns. Ho Chunk is interested in helping fund this project.

2025 Road Plan – Kyle will bring this to the next meeting.

Patrolman Issues/Concerns (Staffing, Recycle Center, Equipment, Facilities) - Cody mentioned there was an minor accident with the plow truck and the well at the town hall. The running board was damaged, and wheel rim was damaged. Cody is taking care of this. The well cap is cracked, Cody will get this replaced. The well will also have to be shocked. Brendan and Cody are taking care of this. We will decide if we want to file an insurance claim when we know how much it costs for repairs. Shop door is fixed. Cody got an estimate to have the weather stripping redone on the doors. Brendan asked to get another quote. Wendy will contact Mid-States in Tomah.

New Plow Truck Update – nothing new. Probably won't be done until September.

Contingency Plans: Emergency and Elections - Brendan made a motion to adopt the town contingency plan, Kyle second no further discussion, all in favor motion passed.

We will bring the election contingency plan to the next meeting for review.

Noxious Weeds on Town Right-of-Ways - Loren talked to Jim at the county. He talked about spraying and what they use for spray. Jim was not able to get him a cost per mile. Loren is waiting to get this information. Brendan asked about how we could do this. What type of sprayer etc.

Spring Road School – Cody is going to attend this. April 22 – 23.

Mattress/Ag Plastic/Big Dumpster Policy – Brendan is working on this policy.

Cemetery Mowing Policy –also working on this for the next meeting

Patrolman Sick Leave and Assistant Patrolman Salary Reviews – Brendan brought up the sick leave policy for the patrolman. Item K, needed some tweaking. The new wording is 40 hours of sick leave per year and can be accrued.

Salary reviews – Jimmy Campbell and Jim Falkner were not given a raise when we did raises.

Brendan made a motion to give Jimmy Campbell a \$1 per hour raise (\$22.50) and \$3.50 per hour raise (\$20.00) for Jim Falkner, Kyle second, no further discussion all in favor motion carried.

Treasurer/Clerk/Supervisor Inputs – Mandy brought up the tax overpayment ordinance for the over payment of less than \$5.00. Mandy explained that most of the overpayments this year were from one bank, some of it was a county issue.

Wendy read a thank you from Marlon Mee for the Memorial Wall Dedication.

Loren talked about the ag plastic. He has talked to Revolution, a plastic recycling company. They are willing to bring a dumpster to the township for ag plastic for all farmers in the township. This would be a free dumpster, no expense to the township. Brock explained they have two of these dumpsters at

his farm. They only take ag bags and bunker covers. They do not take bale wrap. Brendan will add this to the recycling policy.

Josh Koscal brought up concerns about businesses bringing their garage to the dumpster. Brendan explained this is all going to be part of the policy he is working on. Brock questioned people that have animals that are not running a business bringing all their garage to the dumpster. Brendan explained that a business can write a dumpster off as a business expense.

Kyle didn't have anything to add.

Kyle made a motion to approve the bills as written, Loren second. No further discussion all in favor motion carries.

Adjourn at 9:02 pm

Wendy Von Haden, Clerk