

**Town of LaGrange  
Annual Elector Meeting  
Tuesday, 15 April 2025, 7:00pm  
Town Hall, 22731 Flint Ave, Tomah**

Attending: Brendan Smith, Loren Schleusener, Brock Bailey, Mandy Wagner, Wendy Von Haden, Bruce Meiners, Jeff Von Haden, Bill Divyak, Cody Johnson

Call to order at 7:00 pm

Review/Approve Minutes from 2024 Annual Meeting – Loren made a motion to approve the minutes are written. Bill Divyak second no further discussion all in favor no oppose.

Presentation of Annual Financial Statement – there was a discussion on the financial statement. Brendan explained some of the revenue sources and expenses. Brendan also discussed the budget tracking that is being done now. He expressed that we are running about a \$10,000 deficit each year, so the surplus is taking a hit.

Open Discussion/Issue Identification

Bruce asked if the town would need to raise the mill rate if we are running a deficit. Brendan explained he doesn't believe we will need to at this time. We have been doing a really good job of getting our roads in good condition. We will be able to back off from some of those projects in the next few years. We will also look for grants for those projects. Brendan also explained we do have some equipment that will need to be replaced in the next few years. Bill asked when the last time the mill rate for the town was raised. Brendan did not know when that was, it has been quite some time. Brendan talked about the grants the township has been receiving and will be receiving in the future.

Bruce asked if the township could ask the taxpayers for a mill rate increase for a certain time limit if we need to purchase some equipment. Brendan explained that that is something that can be done.

Brendan mentioned that the town shop is in bad shape and at some point, may need to be replaced, and that would be a time that we may need to raise the mill rate.

Bruce brought up the coop with the Town of Greenfield for using each other's equipment and the patrolmen working together.

Bill asked about the boom mower. Loren explained that the Town of Greenfield owns the boom mower. The Town of La Grange purchased a set of blades for when we use it.

Mandy asked about the fire station rent. Brendan explained that it was voted on at a previous meeting that we would put \$5,000 a year for a building fund for the Town Hall.

Bill asked about the invasive species problem. He asked that the board get together to come up with a plan. Brenden mentioned that more research is needed. It was discussed that the timing of either spraying or mowing is critical. It was discussed about reaching out to the residents about the noxious weeds to educate them.

Cody Johnson asked if Gerke's could ditch his ditch to the west, so the water flows better. Brendan will talk with Svet.

Bill asked about the four way stop at the golf course. He feels the township should look at another solution. He is concerned with the extra amount of Co2 going into the air from the stopping. Brendan explained that the subdivision on Elixir will be adding more houses in the next couple of years. Which will contribute to more traffic at that intersection. Brendan also explained that it does help reduce the speed on Ellsworth.

Brock made a motion to have the annual meeting on Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Loren second. No further discussion all in favor no oppose.

Bill Divyak thanked the board for all the work they do for the township.

Loren made a motion to adjourn Brock second no further discussion all in favor no oppose. 8:20 pm

Wendy Von Haden, Clerk