

Town of LaGrange Monthly Meeting

11 December 2023, 7:00pm at Town Hall

Attending: Brendan Smith, Loren Schleusener, Melissa Abben, Mandy Wagner, Cody Schaub, Torgie Ziegler, Hailey Steinhofel, Denise and Kurt Prise, Bruce Meiners, Liane Haun, Brock Bailey, Cody Johnson.

- Meeting was called to order by Brendan Smith at 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance
- Previous Month's Minutes -
 - Loren made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented Brendan seconded the motion November Monthly Meeting, Special Meeting, and Agenda Meeting minutes.
- Treasurer's Report was read by Mandy Wagner
 - Fire Call Bills -
 - Brendan made a motion to transfer the Business Elite account to our savings account and close out the Business Elite account. Loren seconded the motion, no one opposed, motion carried.
 - Discussed opening another account to handle tax payments.
- Planning Commission/Zoning/Land Use Issues
 - Honor Roll Concept – Liane got quotes for plaques at approx \$35, only 2 residents have been killed in action, so we are looking at individual plaques as opposed to one for everyone to share.
 - It was suggested that a cemetery directory be made for the LaGrange Cemetery. Maybe add a QR code so that it can be updated easily. Discussed different options and prices for the directory, upwards of \$1500, 4x8 sign.
 - Driveway Ordinance Updates – discussed driveway ordinances. We will find the ordinance in place to refer to.
 - Hwy 21 Property- Continues to be an issue.
 - Junk Ordinance- nothing new
 - Boyington Cemetery Signage- Discusses signage options, no directory will be made for that sign. Upwards of \$1200.
 - 1509 Bow St. Pole Barn (Lowell Prise)-discussed a property that has erected a barn with a concrete slab on the property line on Thanksgiving Day. The property is in the city of Tomah, but borders the town of LaGrange.
- Citizen's Concerns
 - Denise Price has lived on Ermine Ave for 20 years. Expressed that she was not aware that the subdivision she lives in is zoned agriculture. She is concerned about new property owners next door are allowed to own a horse on 2 acres. She is asking if the township could be rezoned. Discussed options on how to move forward to change zoning. It was suggested by the Chairman to hold a meeting with others in the subdivision to voluntarily re-zone their properties.
 - Torgie Ziegler lives on 7221 Deuce Road, she is expressing concerns about safety on her road. She would like to see guard rails and/or signs to slow people down. She mentioned the need for an autistic child sign. All the options were discussed. We will add this topic to next week's agenda to discuss further.
- Old Business
 - Personnel Update
 - Town Administrator was hired.
 - Hired an asst patrolman as well.
 - Road Projects Update

- Ellsworth Road Project: 2024 Construction- made progress, have the design. Meetings scheduled for residents on Saturday, December 16 at 9 am – 12 pm and Wednesday, January 10 at 5pm – 8 pm both located at the Town Hall.
 - Ellsworth Bridge: 2027 Construction no update
 - England LRIP: 2024 Construction-received money for project
 - Embay LRIP: 2024 Construction will get money for this project
 - Estate Agriculture Project—2025?--Traffic Counters out there now.
 - County Roads Committee Update – no update
 - Patrolman Issues/Concerns - nothing new
 - Equipment Update
 - Grader - leave it sit as is. No action.
 - New Plow Truck Discussion:
 - Chassis = 2025 International HV507
 - Accessories bid review/acceptance
 - Discussed both trucks and options. Cody Schaub wants Universal truck because they offer better customer service. Cody Johnson favored Universal as well.
 - Loren made a motion to purchase the Universal truck to include options 1 and 2. Brendan seconded the motion, no one opposed, motion carried.
 - Boyington Cemetery - nothing new
 - Terry Christen, Tricor Insurance – We will stay with Rural Mutual.
 - Road Ownership Review - Brendan is putting a list together.
 - Town Hall Rental Process – Brendan made a motion to accept the Town Hall Rental Process as presented, Loren seconded, no one opposed, motion carried.
 - Town Credit Card- application submitted
 - Right of Way Clearance/Boom Mowing – Cody S and Cody J continue to work on boom mowing.
- New Business
 - Salt/Sand Hauling Bid Review/Acceptance - Loren made a motion to accept the Salt/Sand bid from Bohl @ \$5.25 per ton for hauling sand and salt for this year. Brendan seconded the
 - Loren made a motion to approve the driveway permit for Scott Hood on Dial Ave, Brendan seconded the motion, no one opposed, motion carried.
 - Loren made a motion to approve the driveway permit for Todd Potter on Division Rd, Brendan seconded the motion, no one opposed, motion carried.
 - Loren made a motion to buy holiday gift cards for the employees in the amount of \$75, Brendan seconded the motion, no one opposed, motion carried.
 - Treasurer/Clerk/Supervisor Inputs – Mandy covered receiving \$50,300 from Badger Coulee Admission line.
 - Brendan made a motion to renew our membership with the Town Advocacy Council for 2024 at \$484.50 for 12 months. Loren seconded the motion, no one opposed, motion carried.
 - Pay Bills Brendan made a motion to pay the bills as presented, Loren seconded the motion. No one opposed, motion carried.
 - Adjourned at 9:10 pm