

Town of LaGrange Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

14 July 2025, 7:00pm at Town Hall

Attending: Brendan Smith, Loren Schleusener, Mandy Wagner, Wendy Von Haden, Cody Schaub, Brock Bailey, Vicki Ruegg, Kurt Ruegg, Jason Towner, Pat Welch, Bruce Meiners, Pete Thorson

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

Previous Month's Minutes (3 sets, June Monthly meeting, Workday meeting, July Agenda meeting) Loren made a motion to accept all three sets minutes as presented. Brock asked to have his name taken off the July 9th as it is listed twice. Brock second. all in favor, no opposed.

Treasurer's Report –see attached. The 2% fire dues were received today. That will be passed onto the OAFD.

Budget Review (April/July/October/January) - see attached

Towner Driveway Permit (Elderado) Discussion—5% Grade – Mr. Towner was here to explain his plan for this driveway; his driveway will be greater than the 5% grade. The board just asked that he make sure the water will not be running onto the road. The board decided that they would be ok with the grade being greater than 5%.

Pat Welch was here regarding the water issues near his house and the town shop. Cody is going to have the utilities located and then the board will have a meeting with Pat to discuss what can be done.

Managed Investments, KAS Investments, and Deer Creek Properties request for De-Annexation from the City of Tomah – Pete Thorson was here to discuss re annexation from the City back to the Town of La Grange. He gave an overview of why and what his plans are for the future. The properties add up 22.4 acres. Loren asked how many acres there are in wetlands. There are approximately 10 acres of wetlands. The city made a motion to table this at their meeting today. Brendan mentioned that the Town really can't do anything until the city makes a decision which may be August or September.

Jensen Property Conditional Use Permit – This is on the agenda for Monday, July 21st at the County Zoning meeting. This permit had been postponed from the May meeting. Two points that needed clarification were a fence to hide the vehicles and that the whole shed would be used for the permit, but only part of the shed has concrete. Brendan mentioned that the following be brought up at the zoning meeting: 1. It appears the business has already started 2. that if anyone on the committee is related or has relations with anyone on that road should recuse themselves from the vote. It was recommended that a fence should not be required. If the county decides a fence is needed, it will be up to the county to determine the size and materials and where it should be placed.

Troyer Property Conditional Use Permit – this permit was cancelled by Troyer's.

Personnel Update: The only item is the email password reset for Brock; he will get this taken care of.

Putters Ridge Full Drainage Analysis – Brendan will work on this. He also did receive a letter from the Van Auken's. Brendan will work through this with them.

Ellsworth Road Project: 2024 Construction – this project is complete.

Formica/Estate/Essex ARIP Project—2025 Design, 2026/27 Build – Loren made a motion to approve the cooperative agreement with the Ho chunk nation. Brock second. All in favor, no opposed.

August 19th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm will be the first public meeting for the ARIP project at the La Grange Town Hall.

2025 Road Projects Updates (Division, Flock, Ensign, Parking Lots) Division, Flock and Ensign have been completed. The Parking Lot bid was approved.

New Plow Truck Update – Cody gave a spec sheet for back-end building of the plow truck. This will start to be built soon.

Final Grader Disposition – the grader has been sold.

Pressure Washer Procurement – has been purchased

Eckelberg and Parker Letters for Vehicles in RoW- Brendan will mail these letters out

Goldbug – had to emergency replace a culvert. Brendan has a bid from Mike Krueger to do the patch work.

Cemetery – Brendan got some quotes for the new road in the cemetery. Brock made a motion to construct a 12-foot road with a price not to exceed \$15,000. Loren second. Brendan added that the total with materials and labor to be under \$15,000. all in favor, no opposed.

There are two little strips of small trees on Dogwood that need to be taken care of. Nick Waltemath feels he can get this taken care of in about 20 hours. The town would then need to take care of the stumps. Nick is willing to do this for \$165 per hour for materials and labor. Brendan made a motion to hire Nick Waltemath for no more than 20 hours to complete the Dogwood project. Brock second. No further discussion all in favor no opposed

Noxious Weeds on Town Rights-of-Way - Loren asked about pulling it off the agenda until early next year. Loren will have it put back on the agenda when he is ready.

Financial Audit/Self-Inspection Options – Brock brought up that the Budget is a step in the right direction. Brendan will work on this.

Speed limit reduction on Emerson Rd—Review and vote on ordinance – Loren brought up that a resident put a mirror on Emerson near his driveway. This mirror is in the right of way.

Loren made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Brock second. Brock clarified just north of Hwy 21. all in favor, no opposed.

Allied Co-op Propane Pre-Pay – Loren made a motion to get 1000 gallons of prepay propane. Brock second all in favor, no opposed.

Discuss Increase to Personal Property Insurance Coverage – It was decided to get a quote for \$50,000; \$75,000 and \$100,000 of personal property.

Schueler Driveway (English Rd) Driveway Culvert – it was decided that both driveways will need culverts. Brendan will contact them.

Loren mentioned that the planning commission should get an official town email. Brendan explained that there is a fee per email. It was decided that they do not need to have an official email. When a chairman is appointed, it may make sense to have that person have a .gov account.

Mandy gave an update about the new county tax software. She has training on August 19th for this new software. Also, no pet licenses will be collected at the town ship anymore. She will share more after the training.

Wendy discussed the issues with the Townhall software. Our renewal is due by 1/31/26. It was decided to give it another month or so and then discuss it again.

Brendan – Fire Association meeting - 18 calls over the last quarter. Truck repairs continue to be an issue. The Fire dept was awarded a new UTV from a Toro grant.

Loren made a motion to accept the bills as presented. Brock second. No further discussion. All in favor, no opposed.

Adjourn at 9:14 pm

Wendy Von Haden, Clerk