

Town of LaGrange Monthly Board Meeting Minutes 20 October 2025, 7:00pm at Town Hall

Attending: Brendan Smith, Loren Schleusener, Cody Schaub, Wendy Von Haden, Mandy Wagner, Brock Bailey, Bruce Meiners

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

Previous Month's Minutes two sets of minutes. September monthly meeting and October agenda meeting. Loren made a motion to accept both sets of minutes. Brock second. No further discussion all in favor no oppose Treasurer's Report – see attached.

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

There was a discussion about the 2026 proposed budget. The notice will be posted. The budget hearing is scheduled for November 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

There was a discussion about the recycling center budget. This will be added to next month's agenda for discussion.

Discussed Adjustment for Prior Years Unused Levy Carryforward – Brendan made a motion to accept the unused levy carryforward. Loren second. No further discussion all in favor no oppose.

Citizen's Concerns - Bruce asked about the project by the town shop and Welch property, this will be discussed later in the meeting.

Election Prep/Execution: the new voting machine will be here on Tuesday Oct 21st.

Personnel Update: Lawn Mowing Staff – there was a discussion about whether the cemetery needs to be mowed again before the end of the year. Our summer staff is not available until next week. There have been some calls from people with complaints about mowing. It was decided to have it mowed next week.

Elixir – all fire numbers have been determined. They will start with the next units.

Deuce and Dexter – received bids to fill the holes with asphalt. It was decided to wait on this until next year.

Town Shop and Welch property water drainage problem: Gerke's gave an estimate of \$3800 to take care of this problem. Loren made a motion to accept this bid and get this completed this year. Brock second. No further discussion all in favor no oppose.

England Road – Bohl Trucking is going to help with the hauling to get this completed this year.

Putters Ridge Drainage Analysis Update – Brendan is working on this

Ellsworth Bridge: 2027 Construction, Overage Issue – nothing new

Formica/Estate/Essex ARIP Project—2025 Design, 2026 Build –good meeting with engineer on Wednesday, Oct. 8th. Public outreach meeting scheduled for November 13th at 6:00 pm.

2025 Road Projects Updates (Hall Parking Lot, Dogwood) - Dogwood is complete. Will check on Parking lot crack fill and painting.

2026 LRIP Submission—Forest Ave – There was discussion regarding what should be applied for. See the attached information from the engineer. Brendan will submit these LRIP requests.

The new plow truck has been picked up. There are a few minor things that Cody needs to talk to Universal about. It also will need a DOT inspection. Brendan asked Cody to go through everything and make sure there are no issues.

He asked for floor mats and seat covers for all three trucks. Brendan will take care of this.

Cody is taking the Sterling to get a DOT inspection.

Western Star was getting inspected today, needs a new valve. This will be a minimal cost.

Review and Potentially Vote on Backhoe Replacement – there was a discussion regarding if this is the time to replace the current backhoe. It was agreed by all that now is the time to replace the backhoe. There was a discussion about the three bid packages. There was also discussion about what to do with and when to get rid of the current backhoe. Brendan made a motion to procure the John Deere tractor, Broom, Forks, ditching bucket, delivery and fenders for \$154,950 from Brooks Tractor, Brock second. There was further discussion about the extended warranty. It was decided to wait to make a decision on the extended warranty at this time pending further information. All in favor no oppose.

Discuss Dog License Process – Mandy had a conversation with the County about this new program. There is no charge for the program to the township, so Mandy suggested that we continue to collect the dog licenses this year. The township will receive \$5 per dog license.

Review and Potentially Vote on Sand Hauling Bids - \$6.50 per ton from Bohl and \$11.00 per ton from Johnson & Sons. Loren made a motion to contract with Bohl for \$6.50 per ton for hauling sand. Brock second. No further discussion all in for no oppose.

Fire Association Annual Meeting Backbrief – Brendan gave a brief from this meeting. The department is down a few fire fighters. The fire fighters will be getting a raise. The truck charge is going from \$400 to \$500. The Fire Association hired a new clerk.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Budget Hearing: 12 November, 6pm @ Town Hall
- Formica/Estate/Essex ARIP Public Outreach: 13 Nov, 6-8pm
- Towns Association Meeting: 20 November

Mandy handed out a proposed letter to go out with the tax bills. If anyone has anything to add or correct to let her know.

Loren asked if there was any more thought on the junk ordinance. A short discussion followed.

Pay Bills – Loren made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Brock second. no further discussion. All in favor, no oppose.

Adjourn 9:18 pm

Wendy Von Haden, Clerk