

Town of LaGrange Monthly Board Meeting Minutes 8 December 2025, 7:00pm at Town Hall

Attending: Brendan Smtih, Loren Schleusener, Mandy Wagner, Wendy Von Haden, Cody Schaub, Brock Bailey, Bruce Meiners, Steve Abbott, Joshua Jones, Joe Draeger, Vicki Ruegg,
Via Teams: Christine Harper, Jeremy Schultz, Robert Schultz

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

Previous Month's Minutes – Four (4) sets of minutes (Monthly meeting 11/10/25, Budget Hearing 11/12/25, ARIP Public Outreach 11/13/25, Agenda Meeting 12/3/25). Loren made a motion to approve all four sets of minutes as presented. Brock second. No further discussion. All in favor, no oppose.

Treasurer's Report – see attached

Citizen's Concerns - none

Jones Music Studio CUP Review/Decision - Planning Commission met December 2nd. Josh Jones was here to explain what type of business they have. The commission had a few conditions for the Conditional Use Permit -

- *Parking for customers will be onsite
- *CUP will terminate at sale of business or property
- *Bathroom if added will follow Monroe County Guidelines

Loren made a motion to approve the CUP with the conditions listed. Brock second. No further discussion. All in favor, no oppose.

Camper Ordinance Discussion and Possible Decision – there was a discussion about potential camper ordinance. The town has had a few incidents recently with people living in campers full-time. The town will ask some questions at the county level regarding camper usage. The board decided that the ordinance needs work and will put it on next month's meeting agenda. Brendan will work on this.

Election Prep/Execution:

17 Feb 26—Spring Primary; 7 Apr 26—Spring General Election, 11 August 26—Primary; 3 November 26—General Election

Appoint 2026 Poll Workers Brock made a motion to appoint the election workers as presented. Loren second. No further discussion. All in favor no oppose

Personnel Update:

Discuss Patrolman and Recycle Center manning options, had two applicants for the recycle center. Both were interviewed. Brendan recommended they hire Scott Vollmer. Brendan made a motion to hire Scott Vollmer at \$16/hr. to work at the recycling center. Loren, second. Scott is also interested in helping Cody when needed. All in favor no oppose.

Other personnel issues – discussed hiring an assistant patrolman. This will be discussed again next month.

Putters Ridge Drainage Analysis Update – Brendan is going to reach out to Gerke's to get a quote for replacing the culvert at Emperor Ave and Elkhorn Rd.

Ellsworth Bridge: 2027 Construction, Overage Issue – there are some issues with the bridge construction easements. Brendan has been talking to the landowner and the DOT to work out these issues. It was also noticed that the landowner's fence is in the right-of-way. The board will contact

them and let them know this fence will need to be moved this next summer. The board also agreed to supply some gravel to the homeowner (Dave Baker).

Formica/Estate/Essex ARIP Project—2025 Design, 2026 Build – Still waiting for feedback from the DNR regarding the wetlands. If this doesn't get taken care of soon, the project could be pushed back to 2027. Brendan is working with the engineering firm on this.

2025 Road Projects Updates (Hall Parking Lot, England Shouldering, Ellsworth Drainage by Shop) hall parking lot has been completed. England Shouldering will continue next spring. Ellsworth drainage by the shop has been completed.

2026 TRIP D/S Submission Update—Forest Ave – this has been submitted

Western Star – Cody thinks we need to replace the wing on the snowplow. Brendan asked Cody to get it fixed.

Backhoe has been purchased. Cody is using a rental unit until the new one arrives in the spring.

Discuss Trash Collection and Large Dumpster Policy. Due to budget constraints, the Town is looking for ways to save money and trash collection is our 3rd largest expense at ~\$100k/year behind roads and salaries. Looking for ideas to reduce this cost. There was a discussion about the recycling center. This will be on next month's meeting agenda.

Discuss Junk/Public Nuisance Ordinance – The town is trying to figure out the county ordinance and then figure out what/if the town wants to continue with a junk ordinance. The biggest issue is the enforcement of a junk ordinance and what the cost will be to the township. There was discussion about going to a County Zoning committee meeting to discuss the junk ordinance the county has.

Small Truck Sander Discussion/Decision - Cody presented a quote for the sander. There was a discussion about the quote and the equipment. Brock made a motion to purchase the sander for the small truck for \$8,052.00. See the attached quote. Loren, second. There was a discussion on how soon we could get the sander. all in favor no opposed.

Upcoming Meetings – Brendan – Fire Association meeting Thursday, Dec. 11th.

Loren asked about the door seals on the shop doors. Brendan will look at this.

Brendan talked about replacing the outside lights on the town hall. He will take care of this.

Brock asked about Christmas gifts for the employees. Brendan made a motion to get the recycling center and the patrolman, Rita and Jim \$75 Kwik Trip gift cards. Brock second. No further discussion. all in favor no oppose.

Mandy asked about getting \$25 gift cards for the people that helped her stuff the tax envelopes. Tax bills have been mailed.

Pay Bills – Loren made a motion to accept the bills as presented. Brock second. No further discussion. all in favor no oppose.

Adjourn at 9:08 pm

Wendy Von Haden, Clerk