

## **Town of LaGrange Monthly Board Meeting Minutes** **12 January 2026, 7:00pm at Town Hall**

Attending: Brendan Smith, Loren Schleusener, Brock Bailey, Wendy Von Haden, Mandy Wagner, Cody Schaub, Steve Abbott, Joe Draeger, Kristine Harper & Robert Schultz via Teams

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00

Previous Month's Minutes – two sets of minutes (12/8/25 monthly meeting and 1/7/26 agenda meeting) Loren made a motion to accepted minutes as written. Brock second, no further discussion all in favor, no oppose.

Treasurer's Report – see attached.

Budget Review (April/July/October/**January**) This will be reviewed in more detail in February.

Discuss/Decide Camper Ordinance – Brendan read through the proposed Camper/camping ordinance. There was a discussion about the proposed ordinance. Brendan has sent this to legal counsel. Brendan proposed that we have a special meeting to get this approved after legal counsel has reviewed the ordinance.

Citizen's Concerns - none

Planning Commission/Zoning/Land Use Issues – nothing new

Election Prep/Execution: No primary on Feb. 17, 2026.

Personnel Update:

Discuss/Decide Patrolman and Recycle Center manning options – would like to hold this until February meeting

Discuss/Decide Patrolman's Annual Leave Carryover – Cody would like to be paid out for the 15 hours he did not use. Brendan made a motion to pay out these hours, one time carry over leave at his 2025 rate. Loren, second. No further discussion. All in favor no oppose.

Discuss/Decide Cemetery Sextant Manning – Brendan talked with Mitch and Jessica Dreier about taking over the Cemetery job. Brendan also talked to Jim about his plans, he is ready to start training someone and cutting back. Brendan made a motion to hire Mitch & Jessica Dreier to work the cemetery. Loren, second. No further discussion. All in favor, no oppose.

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Putters Ridge Drainage Analysis Update – waiting for bid from Gerke's

Ellsworth Bridge: 2027 Construction, Overage Issue –nothing new

Formica/Estate/Essex ARIP Project—2025 Design, 2026 Build – discussed a couple of updates to the plans. The project has made it through local DNR hurdles. The state DNR is saying they need a hydrology study; Jay is working with the DNR on this.

2026 Road Projects Updates (England Shouldering, Forest Ave TRIP D/S) waiting to hear if we will receive the TRIP funding.

Patrolman Issues/Concerns (Staffing, Recycle Center, Equipment, Facilities) - Cody mentioned he got the truck back. Hoping the problems have been repaired.

Backhoe Procurement and Rental – nothing new

Discuss/Decide Junk/Public Nuisance Ordinance – Brendan had a conversation with legal counsel about this. Basically, said that most towns steer away because they are not enforceable. There was some discussion about whether the town wants to pursue an ordinance or if we want to let it go. It was decided to work on this for one more month.

New Business

Review/Pay Town of Greenfield Patrolman and Equipment Annual Settlement – Invoice was looked at.

Loren mentioned that a post on Enterprise was missing a sign.

Brendan mentioned that Dogwood and Dixie Road signs need to be fixed.

Brock mentioned the Ellsworth property has moved the dumpster and put a semi-trailer on the property. Brendan will talk to Allison about this.

Pay Bills – Loren made a motion to pay bills as presented. Brock second. No further discussion.

All in favor no oppose.

Adjourn at 8:40 pm

Wendy Von Haden, Clerk