

Town of LaGrange Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

9 March 2026, 7:00pm at Town Hall

Attending: Brendan Smith, Loren Schleusener, Wendy Von Haden, Mandy Wagner, Cody Schaub, Brock Bailey, Steve Abbott, Bruce Meiners, Eric Faas, Vicki Ruegg

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 pm

Previous Month's Minutes – 4 sets of minutes (Feb 9th monthly meeting, Feb 25th ARIP meeting, Feb 25th Solid Waste SOW meeting, March 4th Agenda meeting)

Amendment - include the bids in the minutes. Loren made a motion to accept 4 sets of minutes with the amendment. Brock 2nd. No further discussion. All in favor, no oppose.

Treasurer's Report – see attached

Citizen's Concerns – Eric Faas talked about the board being conservative and doing a good job. Questioned if there was a different way to run the recycling center to keep the cost down. He wonders if people should have stickers. Brendan explained the board is working on getting bids from a number of garbage/recycling contractors.

Planning Commission/Zoning/Land Use Issues – county zoning meeting in Sparta about some solar stuff. The board did not feel they needed to attend.

Election Prep/Execution: absentee ballots went in the mail today. Working on schedules for election workers for the April 7th election.

Old Business

Personnel Update: discussed the mowing options. Two of the three mowers from last year are interested in returning this year.

There was a discussion about the open patrolman position. Brendan has received two applications so far. Brendan will post the position at the recycling center and possibly the WI Job Center site. Applications will be due by Wednesday, March 18th. Brendan will set up the interviews.

Road Projects Update

Ellsworth Bridge: 2027 Construction – 90% design nothing else new

Formica/Estate/Essex ARIP Project—2025 Design, 2026 Build –waiting to get date for pre-construction meeting from Jay.

2026 Road Projects Updates (Putters Ridge Drainage, England Shouldering, Forest Ave TRIP D/S) have not heard anything on the TRIP. England shouldering will have to wait until the new patrolman is trained. Backhoe should be arriving any day. Brock asked for any news on the Putter's Ridge drainage project, none at this time.

Patrolman Issues/Concerns (Staffing, Recycle Center, Equipment, Facilities)

Discuss/Decide Trash Collection and Large Dumpster Policy. Finalize bid solicitation for services. It was decided to add another box for what items are not taken and any additional fees. Brendan will finish this and get it out to the potential bidders.

Discuss Town Shop Maintenance/Upgrades - this is on hold for now

Auction of Sterling Plow Truck and small sander – the Sterling was delivered. The small sander will need to go back to the auction, can either do that now or in the fall. It was decided to put it back on auction now.

New Business

Review/Approve Resolution for Acquisition of Right of Way Easements for ARIP Project – Loren made a motion to approve the 260309 Resolution as presented. Brock 2nd. No further discussion. All in favor, no oppose.

Address Assistant Patrolman Compensation – Cody mentioned that the assistant patrolman mentioned not having a raise in two years.

There was discussion about what to pay the lawn mowers.

Brock made a motion to pay Cash \$18.00, Wanitta \$20.50, Kerwin \$21.50, and Jimmy \$23.50. Brendan also added that if anyone works as an assistant patrolman, they would be paid \$21.50. Loren 2nd. No further discussion. All in favor, no oppose.

Address Deputy Clerk Compensation – Brendan made a motion to provide Melissa a \$500/day election stipend for the three elections in 2026 and then access again next year. Loren 2nd. No further discussion. All in favor, no oppose.

Set date for Road and Shop Tour – April 11th at 8:00 am

Open Book – May 13th Board of Review – May 20th Brendan will propose these dates to Bob.

Address Mileage Policy – there was a discussion about a mileage policy. Brendan made a motion to establish a minimum of 15 miles one way to be reimbursed at the state mileage reimbursement rate. Any requests for reimbursement outside of this mileage needs to be approved by Chairman. Brock 2nd. No further discussion. All in favor, no opposed.

Brock made a motion to approve the sale of cemetery lots for Jim & Mary Vieth. Brendan 2nd no further discussion. All in favor, Loren abstained. No opposed.

Brock asked about the cemetery ordinance.

Wendy mentioned that Jim asked if the Cemetery deed needs to be updated.

Upcoming Meetings

- 21 Apr Annual Meeting

Pay Bills – Loren made a motion to accept bills as presented. Brock 2nd. No further discussion. All in favor, no opposed.

Adjourn at 9:00 pm

Wendy Von Haden, Clerk