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Village of Lagrange Council Meeting Minutes
Record of Proceedings
April 12, 2018

Mayor Strauss called the Council Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with Honer, Price, Gregory, Kincannon, Dill and Karpinski present.

Motion by Kincannon, seconded by Dill to approve the minutes of March 22, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting; 5 years and 1 abstaining, motion passed.

Motion by Kincannon, seconded by Gregory to approve the minutes of March 22, 2018 regular Council meeting; 6 years, motion passed.

Public Participation:

James Tipple Jr. was in attendance to request the Village apply for a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for the potential development at Biggs Road and Route 301. He stated that the tax base would remain as it is currently for ten years or until the loan is paid off. He indicated that it would be beneficial to the Village because there will be 75 homes and 7 businesses developed. TIF are funds for government that are not given to businesses. Clark stated he would investigate the pros and cons for the Village.

Members of the LaGrange Alumni Band Group were in attendance questioning when they could use the old band room at the Future Village Hall (FVH). Currently, the Group is meeting at the schools, but is experiencing more restrictions from the school authorities. It is making it difficult to keep any stable schedule of once a week for 2 hours for practice and storage during the school year. Strauss stated that there is still work to be done at the FVH. Clark stated he would talk to the Village insurance about a release to allow entry without the longstanding group becoming a charitable organization.

George Klocek was in attendance and thanked Council for allowing the Firemen's Country Fest to be held at the FVH.

Mayors' Report:

1. **Karpinski motioned to re-appoint Ron Shaw to the Park Board, Gregory seconded;** 6 years, motion passed.

Police Report: None

Solicitor Jon Clark's Report:

1. Clark will draft a letter to the Township Trustees regarding taking back the Cemetery, having a part time employee working 30 hours a week at the Park March 30th – November 15th every year, and continue making the maintenance fee to the Park every year.

Village Administrator Walt Sukey's Report:

1. Sidewalk installation update: homes on North Center, lots without homes in Durham Ridge and other lots in the Village should have sidewalks installed in the near future. Sukey is proposing a June 30, 2019 deadline for the installation. Letters will be sent to owners in June 2018 and reminder letters in the spring of 2019.
2. The chipper truck has returned from Elyria Ford. The Power train control module and ignition switch, along with other maintenance items were completed with a cost of \$1,969.59. Truck appears to be working correctly at this time.