**Village of LaGrange Committee of the Whole Minutes**

**Record of Proceedings**

**November 9, 2023**

The Committee of the Whole meeting started at approximately 6:45 p.m. The following council members were present: Flynn, Price, Gregory, Karpinski, Dill, and Honer.

Below are the topics discussed:

1. Gregory asked about the community reinvestment area (CRA) if Kleinfelder were not our primary engineering firm. Administrator Gates indicated that we would need to see if the CRAs are exclusive with Kleinfelder.
2. Gregory asked about the statue. Honer said that Township Trustee Canfield indicated that the township is working with an Oberlin company and their insurance company.
3. The proposed employee wage plan provided by Gates was reviewed and discussed by council. The necessary ordinance will be prepared before the next meeting.
4. The current boot allowance is $150. Gates would like council to consider increasing the boot allowance as $150 often is not sufficient for steel-toed boots.
5. Mayor Kincannon mentioned that the solicitor and prosecutor contracts will need to be visited in early 2024 after the new council person has joined the board.
6. Improvements to the maintenance building were discussed.
	1. First Energy connected power to the building. Madden Electric now is connecting electricity inside the building. We now have 1 light and 1 outlet.
	2. Gates presented the results of the insulation quotes.
		1. West Roofing Systems $39,350.00
		2. Spray Form Solutions $27,563.00 (quoted 2”, not 2.5”)
		3. **All Pro Insulation $27,270.00**

All Pro out of Wellington should be able to do the work within 3 weeks.

* 1. The gas company has come out. They can get it to the building. However, to get it where we want it, the lines will need to go underground.
	2. A 22’ x 14’ insulated door is needed on the south side of the building. We can retrofit the other doors. All 3 doors will need garage door openers.
		1. Action Door $18,900.00
		2. Homenik Door $16,900.00
		3. **Brown Overhead $14,500.00**

The same doors were quoted.

* 1. The downspouts terminate a good distance from the ground. We have a plan to divert the water.
1. Our lift stations have the same pumps, Gorman Rupp. Our portable pump also is a Gorman Rupp. Parts are interchangeable.
2. We are working for generators to be the same brands.
3. We anticipate that retrofitting will be needed for the connection between the pump and pipe at our booster station located at Biggs Road and State Route 301. The work will be done Thanksgiving week. We have a contingency plan in place should both pumps be down at the same time.
4. Flynn contacted various communities about abstentions. The information provided by the City of Amherst was shared as theirs was unique. After discussion, it was suggested that council members who want to do more research ask for an item to be tabled. Additionally, it may be necessary to recuse oneself for valid reasons.
5. Price mentioned addressing dispensaries after passage of issue 2. However, it is possible that the state legislature may make changes as they have 30 days to do so following an election.

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Curt Karpinski, Christie Homer-Miller, Fiscal Officer

Council President Pro Tempore