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

**Record of Proceedings**

**April 11, 2024**

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

**Maintenance Building Roof**

The Garland / DBS bid was reviewed. If we do the rest of the roof in phases, it will cost us more than to complete the roof. The reason for that is that sections will need to be peeled back and redone. Additionally, commercial construction costs have been increasing 2.7% per year. There is an ordinance for council’s consideration for this evening’s council meeting.

**Railroad Street**

On April 10th Administrator Gates spent 6 hours with the engineers on Railroad Street. There will be concrete at the state routes. The balance of the road will be asphalt. The base is good. Some clay tile will be replaced. Curbs will be installed between driveways.

The Burnett property located at the corner of Railroad Street and South Center Street (State Route 301) has overnight semitruck parking. Semitrucks backing up on Railroad Street are tearing up the road. The engineers recommend two 50-foot driveways for the Burnett property with one serving as an entrance and the other serving as an exit. Our ordinance states that semitrucks need to pull in and not back in or out. Property owner Gary Burnett was in attendance. He stated that there was a water issue at that end of Railroad Street and asked about curb drains. Gates indicated that the storm drains have been cleaned regularly removing gravel runoff from Burnett’s property. Burnett prefers no curb and to allow semitrucks to back in on a 45-degree angle. He stated that the empty trailers have minimal weight. Regardless, vehicles are prohibited from backing up on our streets. Burnett stated that business on Commerce Drive have semitrucks that back in to their properties. Chief Laubenthal will look into that. It was suggested that Burnett request a hearing with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Substantial Completion**

Smith provided the group with a sample checklist. Suggestions were made by the group. Price and Smith will discuss this further. Solicitor Clark will review the bond of the apartment developer and will look into getting payment from the developer for past due invoices.

**Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Members**

There are two state codes that address the formation of a Planning Commission. We operate under the original version. Clark will look into this further.

**Building Signage**

The sign suggestion provided by Smith was liked by Laubenthal and members of council. Laubenthal would like the sign to be on the building with illuminated letters and dimension. Smith will look into options.

**Vehicle Registration Permissive Tax**

A summary of the vehicle registration permissive tax was provided. This topic will be discussed in more detail at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Curt Karpinski, Christie Homer-Miller, Fiscal Officer

Council President Pro Tempore