

CITY OF LOOGOOTEE
BOARD OF WORKS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2025
MINUTES

The City of Loogootee Board of Works convened in regular session January 13, 2025, in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building located at 401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board of Works members present were Mayor Ader, Danny Clark, Dana Strange, Brandon Carrico, & Mark McAtee. Also present were Attorney Steven Teverbaugh and Clerk Treasurer Lori Carrico. Department heads present were Police Chief Jim Hunt, Fire Chief Eric Thomas, and Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson.

The minutes from the prior meetings were approved with a motion made by Danny, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, the motion passed. The minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Ader announced that Dana Strange has been appointed to the Board of Works.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

Bo spoke to the Board about the trucks that need to be replaced within his department and shared with them the quotes that he had received to replace those trucks. The Board asked various questions that Bo responded to. A motion was made by Mark to purchase one truck from the Bill Dobson lot and order the other two trucks from Bill Dobson for the utility department pending approval from the Council to spend the funds, seconded by Brandon. All in favor, motion passed. Bo thanked the Board. He also stated that he would be asking the dealership about a lease option vs purchasing straight out.

STREET DEPARTMENT POSITION

Mayor Ader addressed the Board about recreating a street department supervisor position. He stated that this position is needed now due to Bo's upcoming retirement. He asked the Board to make a motion to bring the street department head back. That motion was made by Brandon, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion passed.

HANDICAPPED PARKING AT EAGLE PLACE APARTMENTS

Mayor Ader informed the Board that he had received a request from Eagle Place Apartments to add handicap parking spaces in front of the apartments along the street. Mayor stated that he doesn't feel like those spaces are needed and instead the area should be reserved for emergency vehicles only. A motion was made by Mark to approve the request for additional handicap parking to the road in front of Eagle Place Apartments. Police Chief Hunt and Fire Chief Thomas both spoke on the importance of having that area open for their emergency vehicles when they have calls. Mark withdrew his motion and then made a motion to allow only emergency vehicle parking in front of Eagle Place Apartments. Mayor Ader stated that the Board needs to address the request that was made to new additional handicap parking spaces. Dana made a motion to deny the request for additional handicapped parking spaces and to make the area in front of Eagle Place Apartments no parking, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion carried.

NORTH STREET PROPERTY

Mayor Ader asked the Board to make a motion to approve the tearing down of the house on North St. A motion was made by Brandon, seconded by Mark. All in favor, motion carried.

SNOW REMOVAL

Mayor Ader wanted to publicly acknowledge all the hard work that the utility department has put into the recent snow removal and stated that he appreciates all the hard work. He asked the public to please refrain from comparing our street department to surrounding communities which are larger in size and in workforce. Police Chief Hunt also praised the street department. He stated that He doesn't understand where all the negativity is coming from but he hopes that the community can come together more in the future.

UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS

Adjustment requests were discussed. The board decided to approve the adjustments that were verified by Bo Wilson. Motion made by Brandon to approve those adjustments, seconded by Danny. All in favor, motion passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports were given by Bo Wilson, Eric Thomas, and Jimmy Hunt.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm with a motion made by Danny and seconded by Brandon. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mayor Brian T Ader

Brandon Carrico

Danny Clark

Dana Strange

Mark McAtee

ATTEST:

Lori Carrico

Lori Carrico, Loogootee Clerk Treasurer