

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Village Hall Auditorium
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, August 11, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Livingston. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk John Burns, the following were present:

PRESENT: Trustees Holder, Langan, McCarty, and Palermo with President Livingston presiding.

ABSENT: Trustees Kuchler and Nowak

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Mark Burkland
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Acting Fire Chief Don Gay
Police Chief Michael Holub.

President Livingston requested Village Clerk John Burns to lead the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of the entire Village Board, President Livingston expressed caring thoughts and prayers to families in La Grange who have experienced recent tragedies.

President Livingston noted that the Village Board is scheduled to begin discussion of the planned development for the former YMCA property at its next Village Board meeting on August 25. President Livingston also noted that the report concerning the homeless will be moved up to the September 22 Village Board meeting rather than in October.

President Livingston added his thanks to all who helped make the recent Endless Summer Fest a huge success.

A. Annual Appointments of Village Officials

President Livingston explained the important task of appointing a Village Attorney, Village Prosecutor, Village Treasurer and Village Comptroller. Summarizing the positive values of retaining Holland and Knight as Village Attorney, President Livingston requested approval of this appointment. Trustee Langan moved to approve Mark Burkland of Holland and Knight as Village Attorney until April 30, 2015, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion approved by voice vote.

Summarizing the positive values of retaining John Kenney as Village Prosecutor, President Livingston requested approval of this appointment. Trustee Langan moved to approve John Kenney as Village Prosecutor until April 30, 2015 seconded by Trustee Holder. Trustee Holder elaborated on Mr. Kenney's professionalism. Trustee Langan commented on Mr. Kenney's positive manner in recovering amounts due the Village. Motion approved by voice vote.

President Livingston requested Finance Director Lou Cipparrone explain the role of Village Treasurer. Mr. Cipparrone noted the statutory duties of Village Treasurer which include levying property taxes. Trustee Holder moved to approve the appointment of Lou Cipparrone as Village Treasurer, seconded by Trustee Langan. Trustee McCarty noted the importance in understanding Village finances. Trustee Holder noted Mr. Cipparrone's qualifications to fill both the position of Village Treasurer and Village Comptroller. Motion approved by voice vote.

President Livingston requested Finance Director Lou Cipparrone to advise the role of Village Comptroller. Mr. Cipparrone noted the Village Comptroller's duties which include authorizing special assessments. Trustee Holder moved to approve the appointment of Lou Cipparrone as Village Comptroller, seconded by Trustee Langan. Motion approved by voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-14-32) – Special Use Permit / Site Plan Approval to Allow Outdoor Storage Accessory to a Public Storage Facility Within the I-1 Light Industrial District, LSC Development, 405 W. Shawmut Avenue
- B. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, July 14 2014

C. Consolidated Voucher 140728 (\$728,576.67)

D. Consolidated Voucher 140811 (\$622,268.22)

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, C, and D of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee McCarty.

Referencing item 4-A, Trustee Palermo requested clarification regarding the possibility of these storage units being stacked on top of each other. Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin responded that no terms were identified to allow stacking the storage units. Mr. Steve Osborne, owner of the subject property confirmed that storage units would not be stacked.

President Livingston expressed his appreciation for this business investing in the Village of La Grange.

Approved by a 4 to 0 roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Langan, McCarty, Palermo, and Holder

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Kuchler and Nowak

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Special Event – La Grange Business Association “West End Art Festival” and “An Evening of Art and Jazz”: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan noted a request from Andrea Barnish for consideration of Village Board approval of the 19th Annual “West End Art Festival” sponsored by the La Grange Business Association on Saturday, September 6 and Sunday, September 7, 2014.

Trustee Langan advised that in addition to the West End Art Festival, the La Grange Business Association will incorporate “An Evening of Art and Jazz” to be held on Friday, September 5. Trustee Langan added that this year’s event will include the auction of the Summer Art Project Garden Benches. There will also be a culinary tent featuring the art of food with cooking demonstrations and tastings by local restaurants along with activities for children.

Trustee Langan explained that it is necessary for the Village to formally approve the temporary closure of Burlington Avenue and portions of Stone Avenue and Waiola Avenue for the outdoor display and to waive restrictions for the outdoor display and sale of goods and services in the C-2 Zoning District.

Trustee Langan added that the Village Liquor Commissioner will separately consider permission to sell and serve beer and wine at the event.

It was moved by Trustee Langan that the Village Board authorize the La Grange Business Association to utilize Burlington Avenue from Waiola Avenue to Brainard Avenue for "An Evening of Art and Jazz" on September 5, the Summer Art Project Garden Bench Auction on September 6 and the West End Art Festival on September 6 and 7 that the restrictions prohibiting outdoor display and sale of goods and services be waived in conjunction with this event; and that all conditions be satisfied, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Trustee McCarty expressed his thanks to Ms. Barnish for her dedication to this annual event.

Motion approved by 4 – 0 roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Palermo, McCarty, Langan and Holder

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Kuchler and Nowak

B. Approval of Amendment to Village Manager Employment Agreement: Referred to President Livingston

As with any successful business or government entity, President Livingston stated the importance in obtaining outstanding leadership in conjunction with excellence in service and operations.

President Livingston noted his previous communications to the Board relative to the criteria of the Village Manager's performance. President Livingston referenced Mr. Pilipiszyn's strengths in negotiations with the Police and Fire Union contracts; operational consistency with senior staff; agenda management; case work management with legal counsel; optimizing execution of the La Grange 2020 Task Force; and numerous other management responsibilities.

President Livingston elaborated on Mr. Pilipiszyn's established working relationships with the Park District of La Grange and various School Boards. Referencing Mr. Pilipiszyn's planning principles and accessibility to the business community, President Livingston reflected on his ability to accept constructive criticism and initiatives to succeed.

Indicating that the contract reflects a 1.7% increase to be retroactive to May 1, 2014, President Livingston reminded the Board that Mr. Pilipiszyn has not received an increase in pay for four years.

Acknowledging Mr. Pilipiszyn's passion to provide the best for the residents of La Grange, President Livingston requested a motion to approve the amendment to the

Village Manager's Employment Agreement. Trustee Langan moved to approve the second amendment to the Village Manager's Employment Agreement, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Trustee Palermo referenced a portion of the second amendment to the Village Manager Employee Agreement which he did not believe was accurate and requested it be stricken. President Livingston concurred that it be stricken.

Trustee Holder noted Mr. Pilipiszyn's strong leadership qualities and his selfless commitment to the Village.

Advising of his involvement on former boards and commission, Trustee McCarty expressed how helpful and interactive Mr. Pilipiszyn was.

Trustee Langan noted the high level of professionalism in the management team.

Motion approved by 4 – 0 roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Palermo, McCarty, Holder and Langan
Nays: None
Absent: Trustees Kuchler and Nowak

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn thanked the Village President and Village Board of Trustees for their thoughtful remarks, their confidence in his leadership, and stated he is honored to be the Village Manager of La Grange.

Mr. Pilipiszyn reminded the audience that schools will reopen soon and encouraged residents to drive safely and exercise caution.

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad has advised the Village that the La Grange Road railroad crossing will be completely closed between September 26 and October 3 for a scheduled replacement.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Jean O'Brien, 701 11th Avenue provided information on the Citizen's Police Academy and as an alumni, encouraged the audience to participate in this informative program

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m. Trustee Langan moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Motion approved by voice vote.



Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:



John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: August 25, 2014