

Village of La Grange Executive Committee Capital Projects Workshop

Date: Monday, February 09, 2009

Time: 9:53 PM

Location: Village Hall Auditorium

Minutes of the Meeting

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Village Hall Auditorium

53 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, February 9, 2009

(immediately following the regular Board meeting)

AND

Monday, February 23, 2009

(immediately following the regular Board meeting)

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

An Executive Committee Workshop of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange was held on Monday, February 9, 2009 and called to order at 9:53 p.m. in the Village Hall auditorium.

PRESENT: Trustees Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, and Palermo with President Asperger presiding.

ABSENT: Trustee Wolf

OTHERS: Robert Milne, Village Clerk

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn

Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson

Village Engineer Tom Heuer

Finance Director Lou Cipparrone

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham

Assistant Public Works Director Mike Bojovic

II. TIF FUND

President Asperger noted the late hour and suggested limiting the discussion to a request from School District 102 for \$1.0 million in TIF Funds for masonry repairs and rehabilitation to the exterior of Cossitt School, which is in the TIF District. The balance of the Capital Projects Workshop would be continued to another evening.

President Asperger briefly summarized previous Village Board policy discussions concerning the end of TIF and communicating same to the local taxing bodies for input and financial planning purposes. The proposal from School District 102 would alter the amount that other local taxing bodies are expecting to receive from the distribution of surplus TIF funds including the Village.

Discussion ensued, including inquiries of staff as to: projected fund balances with and without receipt of the federal grant; process for distribution of surplus TIF funds; and the Village's ability to effect the timing of that distribution.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to direct staff to:

1. Ascertain additional information concerning the process and timing for the distribution of surplus TIF funds; and
2. To invite a representative from School District 102 to attend the continued meeting of this budget workshop to provide additional information concerning their request.

At 10:23 p.m. on February 9, 2009 the workshop adjourned to be continued on February 23, 2009 immediately following the regular Village Board meeting.

On Monday, February 23, 2009 the Executive Committee Workshop regarding Capital Projects resumed.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

An Executive Committee Workshop of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange was resumed on Monday, February 23, 2009 and called to order at 8:12 p.m. in the Village Hall auditorium.

PRESENT: Trustees Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, Palermo and Wolf with President Asperger presiding.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Robert Milne, Village Clerk

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Engineer Tom Heuer
Village Attorney Paula Kirlin
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Assistant Public Works Director Mike Bojovic

II. TIF FUND

President Asperger briefly summarized the Village Board's initial discussion of School District 102's request for TIF funds and invited School District 102 Board of Education President David May to present their request. Mr. May outlined: the need for the work; clarification that this was a request for \$1.0M in TIF funds in addition to any surplus distribution; and eligibility as a TIF project.

Considerable discussion ensued. Representatives from other local taxing bodies were invited to comment. The Library and Park District were opposed to the request and indicated support for an early distribution of surplus TIF funds. President Asperger added that District 204 expressed a similar sentiment to the Village earlier in the day.

To obtain additional information and fuller context, the Village Board asked Village staff to present the proposed budget for the TIF Fund. Finance Director Lou Cipparrone presented this item. In summary, staff recommended that several planned TIF projects be re-budgeted into another Village fund and to escrow TIF funds to close-out current TIF projects. These staff recommendations were developed in recognition of previous Village Board discussions to facilitate the termination of TIF with the 2008 Property Tax Levy and the May 2009 operational end date of TIF.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to respectfully decline the request from School District 102 for \$1.0 million in TIF funds, but then to direct Village staff to effect an early distribution of surplus TIF funds on or after May 1, 2009, as outlined in a staff report.

III. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn gave a brief introductory and noted his confidence in newly hired Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham.

Finance Director Lou Cipparrone noted that the General Fund contribution was reduced by \$100,000 to \$900,000, in order to support operational expenses. He added that

multi-year planning provides the Village Board with the flexibility to re-prioritize as needs change. Finance Director Lou Cipparrone also stated that the Village was diligently pursuing funding opportunities under the recently executed federal stimulus package.

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham proceeded to present each item under this topic which included a status report of Capital Projects for Fiscal Year 2008-09 and Capital Project recommendations for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Village Board to concur with staff=s budget recommendations.

IV. WATER FUND

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham presented this item which included a status report of water system improvements for Fiscal Year 2008-09 and recommendations for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

It was noted that the Board previously approved a water rate increase of 10% to be divided over a three year period, the second increase beginning in May 2009. Among the recommendations, staff proposed continuance of the leak detection survey; replacing aged water meters; and water main replacement.

Discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to concur with staff=s budget recommendations.

V. SEWER FUND

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham presented this item which included a status report of sewer system improvements for Fiscal Year 2008-09 as well recommendations for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

Among the recommendations, staff proposed sewer replacement projects and a sewer lining program in order to rehabilitate existing sewers.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to concur with staff=s budget recommendations.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee Workshop was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Approved 03/09/09