

Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Date: Monday, January 12, 2009

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Village Hall Auditorium

Minutes of the Meeting

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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53 South La Grange Road

La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, January 12, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange regular meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn, the following were present:

PRESENT: Trustees Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, Palermo and Wolf

ABSENT: Village Clerk Milne

OTHERS: Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson

Village Attorney Mark Burkland

Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin

Finance Director Lou Cipparrone

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham

Fire Chief David Fleege

Police Chief Mike Holub

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger announced that School District 102 will be hosting its first Community Conversation on Race and Achievement at Park Junior High on Thursday, January 22 beginning at 6:30 p.m. and invited all to attend.

President Asperger extended thanks to public works employees for their diligence in

handling the extreme winter weather conditions. The department has received the “President’s Award For Excellence from the La Grange Business Association in recognition of their maintenance efforts in the Central and West End Business Districts.

As owner of Palmer Place Restaurant, Steve Palmer has been honored by the National Restaurant Association as an Illinois State Recipient of the National Restaurant Association’s Prestigious Restaurant Neighborhood Humanitarian Award.

Mr. Palmer thanked Village President Asperger and informed the audience that the “Lawn Rangers,” a local group that has participated in the Pet Parade, have been invited to participate in the January 20 inaugural parade for President Elect Barack Obama.

A. Promotion to Fire Captain and Oath of Office – David Rapp

With the retirement of Fire Captain Gary Mayor, the La Grange Board of Fire and Police Commissioners have promoted David Rapp to Fire Captain effective January 2, 2009. President Asperger enumerated on the vast amount of responsibilities and accomplishments Fire Captain Rapp has achieved. President Asperger administered the oath of office and congratulations were extended to Fire Captain David Rapp.

B. Promotion to Fire Lieutenant and Oath of Office – Todd Berghaus

With the promotion of David Rapp to Fire Captain, the La Grange Board of Fire and Police Commissioners have promoted Todd Berghaus to Fire Lieutenant effective January 1, 2009. President Asperger noted the numerous certifications and credentials achieved by Lieutenant Berghaus and administered the oath of office. Congratulations were extended to Fire Lieutenant Todd Berghaus.

C. Employee Recognition – Police Lieutenant Bill Trzeciak, 25 Years of Service

President Asperger elaborated on the vast amount of accomplishments and numerous awards, citations and department commendations received by Police Lieutenant Trzeciak during his years of service to the Village of LaGrange. Congratulations were extended to Police Lieutenant Bill Trzeciak.

D. Employee Recognition – Police Officer Russ Chorley, 25 Years of Service

President Asperger listed the numerous distinguished honors received by Police Officer Chorley for his many years of dedicated service. Recognition and congratulations were extended to Police Officer Russ Chorley.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Ordinance (#O-09-01) – Creation of Parking Restrictions / West Side of the 200 Block of North Stone Avenue

B. Consolidated Voucher 081222 (\$805,813.79)

C. Consolidated Voucher 090112 (\$1,330,742.48)

D. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Public Hearing and Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, December 8, 2008

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, C, and D of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, Palermo, and Wolf

Nays: None

Absent: None

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

None

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Closed Session – Personnel Matters and Purchase, Sale, or Lease of Real Property

President Asperger noted that the Village Board would adjourn to closed session and not reconvene in open session.

It was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Horvath to convene in the lower level conference room for Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

Trustee Palermo inquired if a separate vote could be taken on the closed session items. Trustee Palermo explained his belief that purchase, sale or lease of real property should take place in an open public meeting.

Trustee Langan stated that he did not have concerns going into closed session to discuss the matter involving real estate.

Trustee Horvath noted his preference for an open session if there were no objections.

President Asperger explained and clarified staff's recommendation for closed session to discuss sensitive negotiations prior to open discussion.

Trustee Wolf referenced legality and Village Attorney Burkland confirmed staff's recommendation for closed session.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, Palermo, and Wolf

Nays: None

Absent: None

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m. it moved by Trustee Langan, seconded by Trustee Horvath to adjourn to closed session and not reconvene in open session. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approved: 01/26/09