

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Village Hall Auditorium
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, November 10, 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, Kuchler, Langan, McCarty, Nowak and Palermo with President Livingston presiding.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Mark Burkland
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Assistant Community Development Director and Planner Angela Mesaros
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief Donald Gay
Deputy Police Chief Renee Strasser

President Livingston requested Village Clerk John Burns announce who will be leading the Pledge of Allegiance this evening. Clerk Burns indicated that Girl Scout Junior Troop #50167 from Cossitt School is in attendance. Clerk Burns introduced Leaders Carrie Jenke, Lara Taylor Lanspeary, Tina Happel and Girl Scouts Jenna Jenke, Ella Lanspeary, Ella Federle, Ella Happel, Merritt Schneider, Kamryn Lee Karachi, Cami Menguy, Natalie Dybas, Opal Gibbons, Mellina Fedoruk, Heidi Scheuermann, Madeline Grayson, Sofia Djurusic, Kelsey Murdoch and requested they come forward to lead the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Livingston expressed gratitude to Veterans and the Robert E. Coulter Jr. American Legion for remembrance of those men and women who served our country.

President Livingston congratulated Clerk Burns in pursuing attraction signage relative to La Grange's historic downtown.

For the 20th consecutive year, the Village of La Grange has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GOFA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget document. President Livingston offered congratulations to Finance Director Lou Cipparrone and Assistant Finance Director Joe Munizza for their efforts in preparation of the document.

President Livingston announced that Police Chief Mike Holub has indicated he will be retiring at the end of this calendar year. Noting that Chief Holub has served for nearly 12 years, President Livingston commented on his numerous contributions to the Police Department.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Although opposed to the project, Jean Kane who resides at 1 North Beacon Place is hopeful that if the development is approved the Board will take into consideration how increased traffic may impact Beacon Place residents. Ms. Kane expressed grave concerns related to a proposed traffic signal at Ogden Avenue and Locust Avenue. President Livingston thanked Ms. Kane for her comments and noted open communication will continue with residents of Beacon Place.

Don Johnson, 240 S. La Grange Road expressed his concerns related to density of the development and additional traffic impacts. Mr. Johnson inquired if a traffic study had been completed and Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham responded affirmatively. President Livingston noted that both IDOT and the traffic study completed by KLOA warranted a traffic signal for the intersection.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-14-36) — Variations – Second Floor Business Wall Signs at 405-415 Shawmut Avenue, LSC Development
- B. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)
- C. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)
- D. Cossitt Avenue Resurfacing Project from Gilbert Avenue to Brainard Avenue:
(1) Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation;
(2) Construction Engineering Task Order; (3) Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation.
- E. Ordinance (#O-14-39) – Disposal of Surplus Property / Miscellaneous Personal Property and Evidence

F. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting,
Monday, October 27, 2014

G. Consolidated Voucher 141110 (\$1,270,292.15)

Trustee Kuchler requested items 4-B and 4-C be removed from the Omnibus Agenda and placed under Current Business for further discussion.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, D, E, F, and G of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Trustee Holder inquired if only wall signs were being approved on the 405 Shawmut Avenue item and Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin responded affirmatively.

President Livingston thanked LSC Development for investing in La Grange.

Approved by a 6 to 0 roll call vote.

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

4-B. Ordinance (#O-14-37) — Creating an Additional Class A-2 Liquor License, Run Around Sue, Inc. d/b/a Adele's Front Room, 13 S. La Grange Road

Trustee Kuchler noted his favor for this type of restaurant concept and invited the liquor applicant Mr. Brian Carroll to provide additional information. Mr. Carroll indicated the business concept will focus on piano music with assorted foods served on small plates.

Trustee Kuchler moved to approve the ordinance creating an additional Class A-2 Liquor License for Run Around Sue, Inc. d/b/a Adele's Front Room, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by a 6 to 0 roll call vote.

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

4-C. Ordinance (#O-14-38) — Creating a Class B Liquor License, Raheel & Reyna Corporation d/b/a 7-Eleven, 6 East 47th Street

Trustee Kuchler noted the applicant's previous experience and invited Mr. Patel to comment. Mr. Patel advised of his successful operations in other locations and is hoping to maintain that success in La Grange.

Trustee Kuchler moved to approve the ordinance creating an additional Class B Liquor License for Raheel & Reyna Corporation d/b/a 7-Eleven, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by a 6 to 0 roll call vote.

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

- A. Ordinance (#O-14-40) – Zoning and Design Approvals for Proposed Development of Former YMCA Property with Apartment and Retail Buildings, Ogden Avenue at La Grange Road, Opus Development Company, LLC: Referred to Trustee McCarty

Trustee McCarty noted the numerous public meeting discussions regarding this project. Trustee McCarty provided the primary issues yet to be addressed which included financial participation by Opus in the cost of the traffic signal at Ogden Avenue and Locust Avenue; agreement on a final Project Declaration; and possible reduction in Zoning Code modifications.

Trustee McCarty indicated that Opus has agreed to contribute a lump sum towards the signalization; has agreed to revisions in the Project Declaration; however is unable to further reduce Zoning Code modifications.

Trustee McCarty listed the numerous compensating amenities to be provided by the developer and described the protections addressed by Village Attorney Burkland and key provisions of the development agreement.

Trustee McCarty moved to approve an ordinance approving development of property at the Northeast corner of the intersection of La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue which approves: a conditional rezoning of portions of the former YMCA property into the C-3 General Service Commercial District from the OS Open Space District; a special use permit for a planned development; site plan approval; design review approval for the proposed apartment building; planned development concept plans and final plans; modifications to specific provisions of the La Grange Zoning Code to authorize construction of the project as presented; and numerous conditions applicable to the various approvals, those being signing and delivering a development agreement in the form attached to the Ordinance along with its numerous exhibits; submitting final plans and specifications

consistent with the submitted preliminary plans and specifications; and all as provided in the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Holder

Trustee Langan sought clarification concerning the sequence of construction and the \$300,000 payment towards the traffic signal. Village Attorney Burkland noted his confidence that all protections for the Village are addressed in the documentation.

Trustee Kuchler reiterated his opposition to the development project specifically noting his safety concerns related to traffic ingress and egress to the project.

Advising his favor for the project, Trustee McCarty feels the market demographic for this project is vital to the Village's economic growth. He too has concerns about the traffic signal and suggested that the Village proceed cautiously.

Trustee Palermo will not support this item as he continues to have concerns with density and number of variances for this development project.

Trustee Holder concurs with Trustee McCarty concerning the rental market and noted his favor of this high quality rental development. Trustee Holder also commented that the PUD process worked as intended.

Adding his support for the development project, Trustee Nowak noted the importance for a high quality rental product.

Trustee Langan explained the development agreement changes and the protections afforded to the Village which have led him to now support the project. Trustee Langan feels the traffic signalization is mandated.

Approved by a 4 to 2 roll call vote.

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

President Livingston noted this project as a partnership and journey for economic growth. Thanking Opus for investing in La Grange, President Livingston noted both opposition and support are taken seriously. President Livingston advised that this project is also a partnership between the Village and the business community by generating new consumers and that it will be a partnership among members of the Village Board to work with the residents of Beacon Place to address their concerns..

B. La Grange Business Association 2014 Hometown Holiday Walk Request for Village Sponsorship: Referred to Trustee Kuchler

Trustee Kuchler explained that the December 6, 2014 Hometown Holiday Walk has always been a positive reflection of the Village of La Grange and brings shoppers into the community. The La Grange Business Association is requesting the Village co-sponsor this annual event in an amount not to exceed \$12,000. Trustee Kuchler added that the Village's position of sponsorship is marketing the event, which includes newspaper advertisements, posters, the production and mailing of the brochure describing the activities for the evening.

Trustee Kuchler listed the conditions outlined in the sponsorship policy and noted that approval would include compliance to those conditions. As marketing expenses have increased, Trustee Kuchler noted the La Grange Business Association is seeking additional financial support from the Village for next year.

It was moved by Trustee Kuchler to support the Hometown Holiday Walk's cost of advertising and marketing for 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000, with the conditions as outlined in the Village's sponsorship policy, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by 6 to 0 roll call vote.

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

Mr. Phil Forano, President Elect of the La Grange Business Association expressed his thanks to the Village for their support.

C. Preliminary Review of the Proposed 2014 Property Tax Levy Request: Referred to Trustee Nowak

Trustee Nowak stated that this is a preliminary review of the proposed 2014 property tax levy request and explained that the Truth in Taxation Law requires a preliminary review of the proposed tax levy at least 20 days prior to its adoption. If the aggregate levy is more than 5% greater than the preceding year's extension, exclusive of debt service, the Village must hold a public hearing before adopting the proposed property tax levy. Since the proposed Truth in Taxation levy request, excluding debt service shows a total increase of 2.84% over the prior years' extension, the Village of La Grange is not required to hold a public hearing regarding the 2014 property tax levy.

Trustee Nowak indicated the Property Tax Limitation Act limits the increase in property tax extensions, exclusive of debt service and new property growth to 5% or the percent increase of the National Consumer Price Index (CPI) whichever is less. The CPI for the 2014 tax levy determined as of December 2013 was 1.5%

Trustee Nowak presented information on the General Fund levy; Pension levies; and the Special Service Area levy. Trustee Nowak indicated the Police and Fire pension levies reflect the annual required contributions based upon independent actuarial valuations of each fund for the year ended April 30, 2014. Adding that the Village has received letters from both the Police and Fire Pension Fund Boards to levy funds based upon the independent actuarial valuations, Trustee Nowak indicated the Pension Boards did not discuss or consider any changes in the assumed ages of spouses, therefore no change in the required contributions.

Trustee Nowak added that the La Grange Public Library is a municipal library not a library district therefore the library levy is a part of the Village levy. The Library's tax levy request represents an increase of 2.84% over the 2013 property tax levy extension.

Indicating that the Village is announcing the 2014 preliminary tax levy, Trustee Nowak stated that the ordinance adopting the 2014 tax levy will be presented at the upcoming December 8, 2014 Village Board meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Nowak that the Village Board approve the Resolution announcing the estimated 2014 tax levy of \$8,716,668 exclusive of debt service, which is a 2.84% increase from the 2013 tax levy, seconded by Trustee Langan.

President Livingston commented on the budget process. Two budgets will be prepared; one as a maintenance budget and the other will require voter approval in the form of a referendum for an increase in the Village's non-home rule sales tax. If the referendum is approved, the revenues to be generated will be used for capital needs, restoring funding for public safety, and economic development in a post-TIF era. President Livingston indicated that details regarding these proposed revenues and expenditures would be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Approved by 6 to 0 roll call vote.

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Trish Shell expressed safety concerns for children crossing at Bell and Catherine Avenues. Ms. Shell feels her outcry for additional signage has gone unnoticed. President Livingston noted that staff would review her concerns.

Jeannine McLaughlin acknowledged Village Clerk Burns for his efforts in pursuing signage marketing La Grange. Ms. McLaughlin also advised of a publication to honor World War II Veterans. President Livingston thanked her for providing the information.

Jim Boo provided a list of reasons in opposition to the expansion of the Park District Recreation Center. President Livingston explained that grant funding for the expansion was issued to the Park District and not the Village of La Grange. As the Park District was not receptive to his comments, Mr. Boo indicated his desire to inform the Village Board.

Steve Palmer encouraged the audience to attend the Robert E. Coulter, Jr. American Legion Post event to honor Veterans.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Kuchler expressed his gratitude to all Veterans. Acknowledging former St. Francis teacher Ms. Shell, Trustee Kuchler shares her concerns for safety.

Trustee Palermo concurred with safety concerns expressed by Ms. Shell and is hopeful additional signage will be forthcoming.

Trustee Langan extended congratulations to former Village Trustee Richard Cremieux for his recent honor.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m. Trustee Langan moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Kuchler. Motion approved by voice vote.



Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:



John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: November 24, 2014