

MINUTES

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

Monday, December 8, 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 7:33 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, and Palermo

ABSENT: Trustee Nowak

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Village Attorney Mark Burkland
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief Don Gay
Police Chief Michael Holub

President Livingston requested Clerk Burns lead the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Livingston thanked all who were involved in making the annual La Grange Business Association's Hometown Holiday a successful event.

President Livingston indicated that the regular Village Board meeting on December 22 is canceled. Advising that the next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 12, 2015, President Livingston noted there would be a pre-budget development workshop on capital expenses as well as a presentation on the results of the storm water hydraulic analysis.

A. Resolution of Appreciation – Retirement of Police Chief Michael A. Holub

President Livingston requested Village Clerk Burns to verbalize the Resolution of Appreciation on the retirement of Police Chief Mike Holub. Clerk Burns complied by listing the significant contributions, personal qualities, dedication and support of veterans' affairs attributed to Chief Holub.

President Livingston recognized Police Chief Mike Holub for his nearly 12 years of dedicated service. Honoring his contributions to the Village of La Grange, President Livingston requested Board approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Retiring Police Chief Mike Holub. Trustee Langan moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Noting his involvement in the Emergency Telephone System Board, Trustee Holder thanked Chief Holub for his dedication.

Trustee Langan echoed gratitude to Police Chief Holub for staff development in challenging times.

Trustee Kuchler thanked Chief Holub for his public service especially related to Veterans' affairs and wished him the best in his retirement.

Trustee Palermo added his appreciation for Chief Holub's support of Veterans' affairs.

Trustee McCarty noted Chief Holub's dedication to the community.

Resolution approved by voice vote. Police Chief Holub was presented with the resolution plaque and received a standing ovation.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-14-44) Special Use/Site Plan Approval to Allow a Fitness Studio, in the C-2 West End Commercial District, MADGRA Company D.B.A. Orangetheory Fitness, 10 N. Ashland Avenue
- B. Purchase – Public Works Department / Replacement Skid Steer Loader
- C. Ordinance (#O-14-45) Disposal of Surplus Property / Miscellaneous Personal Property and Evidence

- D. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, November 24, 2014
- E. Consolidated Voucher 141208 – (\$806,937.36)

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

President Livingston thanked Orangetheory for their investment in La Grange.

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance (#O-14-46) Abatement of 2014 Tax Levy / 2005 Street Light Refunding Bonds: Referred to Trustee McCarty

As a public service entity, Trustee McCarty noted the Village has limited revenues and thus the importance in monitoring and examining all aspects relating to income and expenses. Trustee McCarty explained the history of the Residential Streetlight Program noting the Village Board's approval to issue alternate revenue bonds in 1998 to complete the program. Due to more favorable interest rates in 2005, the Village adopted an ordinance authorizing the refunding of the remaining outstanding bonds, thereby saving the Village approximately \$100,000 in interest over the remaining life of the issue which matures on December 1, 2017. Trustee McCarty added that the Village has been able to identify revenues derived from the utility taxes as the alternative revenues pledged to pay for the principal and interest expenditures relating to these bonds. Therefore it is appropriate to abate the portion of the bonds maturing during FY 2015-16 from the 2014 tax levy.

It was moved by Trustee McCarty to approve the Ordinance abating taxes levied for 2014 with respect to the \$2,785,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Alternate Revenue Source, Series 2005, in the amount of \$302,545, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

B. Ordinance (#O-14-46) Abatement of 2014 Tax Levy / General Obligation Alternate Revenue Water Bonds Series 2012A: Referred to Trustee McCarty

Trustee McCarty noted the Village Board's previous approval of two significant infrastructure improvements to the Village's water system. Trustee McCarty explained that one provided for the replacement of the Village's water meters which had reached the end of their useful life and the other to provide for various mechanical and technical upgrades to the water pumping station.

Trustee McCarty added to fund these two significant infrastructure capital projects the Board adopted an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$2.08 million in general obligation, alternate revenue water bonds in September, 2012. Trustee McCarty noted that the Series 2012A bond issue is a general obligation, alternate revenue source issue, and revenues derived from the collection of water sales are pledged to pay the principal and interest expenditures related to this issue. Explaining that sufficient monies are budgeted and available within the Water Fund, it is appropriate to abate this portion of the tax levy.

It was moved by Trustee McCarty to approve the Ordinance abating taxes levied for 2014 with respect to the \$2,080,000 General Obligation, Alternate Revenue Water Bonds, Series 2012A, in the amount of \$132,530, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Trustee Palermo inquired about water accountability with the new meters in place. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham explained that there was an increase in accountability in June and July however there was a sharp decrease in September. Although data continues to be reviewed, Mr. Gillingham noted that water main breaks would account for some of the loss of water however there appears to be leakage in the system that has not been detected.

Trustee Kuchler inquired what steps are taken to detect and rectify the loss of water. Mr. Gillingham explained the various methods utilized for the detection and prevention of water loss.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

C. Resolution – Levying a Tax for Library Operating Purposes: Referred to Trustee McCarty

Trustee McCarty noted that the La Grange Library is a "municipal library" rather than a separate "public library district" and as such must levy property taxes as part of the Village of La Grange tax levy. Trustee McCarty indicated that the La Grange Library Board of Trustees 2014 tax levy request for operating purposes is \$2,176,899 which

is a 2.84% increase over last year's tax levy. This is the allowable increase under the Property Tax Limitation Act and is equal to the increase of the Village tax levy request. Trustee McCarty noted that the Library's debt service levy decreased due to more favorable interest rates and the recent refunding of the 2004 General Obligation Library bonds originally issued for the construction of the new library building. Adding that by refunding the outstanding bonds, Village residents will realize a savings of approximately \$750,000 in interest over the remaining life of the issue which will mature on December 1, 2024.

Trustee McCarty added that representatives from the La Grange Library are in attendance to address any questions.

It was moved by Trustee McCarty to accept La Grange Public Library Resolution approved by the Library Board, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

President Livingston thanked Library representatives Bill Coffee and Jeannine Dilger for their attendance.

D. Ordinance (#O-14-48) – 2014 Property Tax Levy for Village Operations: Referred to Trustee McCarty

Trustee McCarty noted that this item is an important tool for maintaining the high quality of services in order to balance necessities with inflation. Trustee McCarty explained that the preliminary 2014 property tax levy was reviewed and discussed in detail at the November 10, 2014 Village Board meeting and since the tax levy did not exceed Truth in Taxation requirements it was not necessary to hold a public hearing to adopt the final levy.

Trustee McCarty briefly stated how the Village is limited in its power to increase property taxes by no more than 1.5% of the Consumer Price Index. Trustee McCarty indicated that for this year, the increase may not be more than 2.84%. Trustee McCarty added that without this modest increase, the Village would be forced to cut services or defer maintenance.

Trustee McCarty noted that on average, a home with an estimated market value of \$350,000 would only incur an annual increase of \$15.32 from the Village levy and \$4.56 from the Library levy.

Although a Special Service Area levy is filed with Cook County to fund on-going maintenance of the Central Business District, it is not subject to the Truth in Taxation requirements. By ordinance the Special Service Area levy is to be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index utilized as part of the Property Tax Limitation Act. Trustee McCarty noted the 2014 Special Service Area levy of \$71,565 reflects an increase of 1.5% over last year's levy of \$70,507.

It was moved by Trustee McCarty to adopt the ordinance requesting a 2014 property tax levy of \$8,716,668, exclusive of debt service, which is a 2.84% increase from the 2013 levy, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Addressing the prudence with the Village's fiscal management, Trustee Holder itemized the minimal dollar effect of the levy increase per month.

Trustee Palermo echoed the comments and noted the importance to be ever mindful of reducing costs.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Holder thanked Village staff for the successful Hometown Holiday.

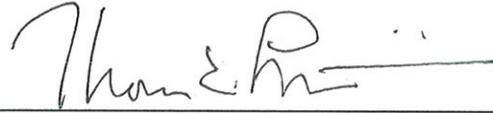
Trustee McCarty thanked all who participated in the Thanksgiving Day Run for Pie event.

Trustee Langan expressed congratulations to Nazareth Academy on their State Championship.

President Livingston encouraged safety during the holiday season and referenced the upcoming budget development workshop in January.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m. Trustee Langan moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Approved by voice vote.



Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:



John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: January 12, 2015