

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Monday, February 2, 2015
7:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Trustees Holder, Langan, Kuchler (arrived at 7:39 p.m.), and McCarty, with President Livingston presiding.

ABSENT: Trustee Nowak and Palermo

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief Don Gay
Deputy Police Chief Renee Strasser

President Livingston stated that tonight's special meeting is an on-going step in the Village's budget development process with a specific examination of the Village's capital needs and priorities. Advising that the Capital Projects Fund budget relies on a revenue enhancement to continue with the Village's active schedule of capital improvements, President Livingston identified the budget development process as a balancing act between competing priorities and limited resources.

Indicating that continued discussion on a funding plan for sewer system improvements is included on the agenda, President Livingston requested Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn to proceed.

Mr. Pilipiszyn noted that the Capital Projects budget being presented is formatted as a "referendum" budget and reflects revisions to the funding plan discussed by the Village Board on January 26, 2015. In revising the funding plan, he noted that there were no changes to the planning calendar. In subtracting the referendum-funded sewer improvements, Mr. Pilipiszyn indicated that the remainder of the Fund generally stood as a "maintenance" budget, which is based on the Village's fiscally-conservative "pay-as-you-go" approach to funding capital projects. Consequently, projects will continue as scheduled; no projects were being delayed or eliminated; and with the exception of

OPUS – related improvements, no new projects were being proposed. Noting the importance in renovating the Village’s water pumping station in this fiscal year, Mr. Pilipiszyn requested Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham to provide a status update followed by staff recommendations for capital projects within the Village.

II. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham indicated that there are approximately 60 projects to discuss and proceeded to present each item under this topic which included a status report of Capital Projects for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and Capital Project recommendations for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Throughout Mr. Gillingham’s report, general questions were asked by individual members of the Village Board to ascertain a better understanding of project status and / or project scope. Mr. Gillingham responded to Board inquiries relevant to Willow Springs Road; the status of pedestrian crossing signals within the 47th Street corridor; results of experimental treatment of 100 Ash trees; defeasance of the streetlight bond issue and reprogramming of the funds for future projects; hospital participation in the cost of reconstructing Edgewood Avenue; the 50/50 sidewalk program; and sewer lining.

At the conclusion of its review of capital projects, it was the consensus of the Village Board to concur with staff’s budget recommendations.

III. WATER FUND

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham presented this item which included a status report of water system improvements for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and recommendations for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Discussion ensued in relation to water accountability; the need for continued detection activities to contain water loss; the importance of renovating the Village’s water pumping station improvements; and the capabilities and advantages of the GIS system to map the Villages’ underground utilities.

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

IV. SEWER FUND

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham presented this item which included a status report of sewer system improvements for Fiscal Year 2014-15 as well recommendations for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Mr. Gillingham noted the focus on long term projects which include Maple Avenue and Ogden Avenue Relief Sewer projects as well as sewer improvements south of 47th Street.

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

Trustee's noted their appreciation of supplemental funding through grant opportunities and their preference to address necessary capital improvements based on funding options.

V. CONTINUED DISCUSSION AND CONFIRMATION OF CONSENSUS DIRECTION OF FUNDING PLAN FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER VILLAGE PRIORITIES

President Livingston noted that from this evening's discussion of capital projects, it does not appear that there is anything new to add or that would otherwise alter the funding plan for sewer improvements and other Village priorities as discussed by the Village Board on January 26, 2015. President Livingston conferred with Board members and no additional changes were offered. President Livingston confirmed that the discussion of this matter had concluded and that staff may proceed with producing the "referendum" and "maintenance" budget documents.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Village Board Capital Projects Workshop was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellie Elder
Administrative Secretary

Approved: February 9, 2015