

MINUTES

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

Monday, February 9, 2015 - 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 Kuchler (arrived 7:35 pm), Langan, McCarty, Nowak, and Palermo with President Livingston presiding.

ABSENT: Trustee Holder

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

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

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Livingston announced that earlier this evening he and management staff met with members of the community to provide updates and Village objectives in addressing neighborhood crime. Adding the importance of communication and exchange of information, President Livingston encouraged residents to be proactive in working with the Police.

President Livingston announced that the La Grange Business Association is sponsoring Restaurant Month during February and encouraged residents to dine and shop locally.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Kensington Avenue Resurfacing Project From Cossitt Avenue to Burlington Avenue: (1) Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation; (2) Construction Engineering Task Order; (3) Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation
- B. Request to Purchase – Public Works Department / Equipment Replacement Truck
- C. Material Purchase – Spring Flower Planting Program
- D. Ordinance (#O-15-05) – Disposal of Surplus Property / Miscellaneous Personal Property
- E. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, January 26, 2015
- F. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Special Meeting, Monday, February 2, 2015 – Capital Projects Workshop
- G. Consolidated Voucher 150209 – (\$643,816.83)

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

Trustee Palermo inquired about scheduled plans for resurfacing Kensington Avenue. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham responded that due to funding sources the resurfacing will be considered as two separate projects.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Award of Contract and Engineering Services Agreement – East Avenue Pump Station Improvements: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan explained that both the award of contract and engineering services components of this item will be included in the motion for approval. Detailing the

process by which the Village receives Lake Michigan water, Trustee Langan noted the main component of the Village's distribution system is the East Avenue Pump Station. Providing background information on this critical piece of infrastructure, Trustee Langan itemized the recommended improvements based on the preliminary engineering study. Trustee Langan further explained the timeline and competitive bidding and revised rebidding process under taken for improvements to this aging facility.

Advising that Boller Construction Company, Inc. submitted the low bid for the project, Trustee Langan noted that consideration for approval would also include an agreement for construction engineering services as well as an agreement for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Services (SCADA).

Trustee Langan moved to award the contract for the East Avenue Pump Station Improvements Project to Boller Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,350,000 and to approve task order agreements with Baxter and Woodman for construction engineering services for the project in the amount of \$94,500 and the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition integration services in the amount of \$201,061, seconded by Trustee McCarty.

Trustee Palermo inquired about the rebidding process and what items were reduced or delayed. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham explained the time factors associated with re-evaluating items for improvement and indicated the components removed that did not require immediate attention. Trustee Palermo inquired if additional savings could be derived since completion is not anticipated until next year. Mr. Gillingham explained the measures considered to reduce costs yet improve efficiencies with updated technology along with the process to make needed improvements to the pump station.

Trustee Kuchler inquired what savings may incur referencing the desired goals of the SCADA system for implementation of remote operation of the station and automatic data collection. Mr. Gillingham responded that it has yet to be determined but this would certainly be a positive enhancement to operations. Trustee Kuchler inquired if savings could be had if pump replacement were delayed. Mr. Gillingham noted the critical factors in repairs if the pumps fail and identified risks in reliability.

Trustee Palermo inquired if these improvements would increase water accountability. Mr. Gillingham advised that recent tests conducted and no measurable differences were indicted.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

B. Engineering Services Agreement – Brainard Avenue Floodwall: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan provided background related to prioritization in objectives to reduce overland flooding in some of the depression areas within the Village. Detailing the identified funding options for sewer improvements, Trustee Langan noted the proposed initiation for both the 50th Street storm sewer and the Brainard Avenue floodwall.

As numerous entities are involved in the construction of the Brainard Avenue floodwall, Trustee Langan provided a timeline schedule. Trustee Langan noted staff's recommendation for an agreement with Baxter and Woodman to perform the detailed engineering and design work for the project.

Further explaining the specific scope of work for this project, Trustee Langan emphasized the importance in communication with the various stakeholders. In order to cover all aspects under consideration, Trustee Langan noted shared discussion with Country Club representatives. Trustee Langan provided alternative sources of revenue should the voter referendum for an increase in the Village's non-home rule sales tax fail.

Trustee Langan moved to approve the task order contracts with Baxter and Woodman in the amount of \$92,502 for the completion of the detailed engineering and design for the installation of a floodwall along Brainard Avenue, seconded by Trustee Nowak.

Trustee McCarty inquired about protection for the Village related to additional fees which may be incurred. Mr. Gillingham responded that this is the first step and depending on material and design selected, alternative assessment phases would be brought before the Board for consideration. Trustee McCarty also asked about permitting for wetlands. Mr. Gillingham noted the individual permitting process will take time and wetlands will be one of the required permits.

Trustee Kuchler referenced the alternatives and inquired if they would be brought back to the Village Board and Mr. Gillingham responded affirmatively.

President Livingston clarified that the purpose of this contract is to see what options Baxter and Woodman develop relative to material and design so the Board can further discuss.

Trustee Kuchler noted the aggressive schedule and expressed concerns that the Board would not have ample time to deliberate. Trustee Kuchler feels a detention area adjacent to the floodwall should be considered.

Trustee Palermo inquired if the Country Club is aware of the implications of this project.

President Livingston advised that the study will provide information in order to meet and openly discuss various options and share ideas with the Country Club.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

At 8:15 p.m. President Livingston opened the floor for public comments.

Sergio Mercado, who resides at 34 Sawyer expressed concerns about public safety and inquired how the Village is addressing the issues related to the recent shooting.

President Livingston explained that a neighborhood meeting was held earlier this evening and the Village is moving forward to mitigate criminal behavior within the parameters of the law. President Livingston assured Mr. Mercado that aggressive action is being pursued to identify the cause and resolution is on-going.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m. Trustee Langan moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Approved by voice vote.


Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:


John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: March 9, 2015