

MINUTES

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

Monday, May 11, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange re-scheduled regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 (arrived at 7:15) and Nowak

ABSENT: Trustee Palermo

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

President Livingston requested Village Clerk John Burns introduce members of Boy Scout Troop 66. Clerk Burns introduced Scout leaders John Svoboda, Paul Kurtzner, and George Bee and Boy Scouts JJ Svoboda, PJ Kurtzner, Ryan Oeste, Peter Schwabe, Ryan Plybon, and George Bee who will present the flags and lead the audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Livingston noted the meeting would include recognition of existing and newly elected trustees along with recognition of volunteers from the various boards and commissions. Elaborating on the numerous accomplishments throughout the past year, President Livingston acknowledged our legislators, legal counsel, volunteers, and staff for their critical thinking and for working together.

A. RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

In appreciation for the citizen volunteers who have rendered thoughtful and dedicated service to the Village by participating on various advisory boards and commissions over the past year, President Livingston stated that each Trustee along with Village staff would give a brief synopsis of the functions of each advisory board and commission, and announce the names of the members along with their years of service.

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (3-year term, 3 members)

Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson stated that in accordance with State Statute, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners oversees certain personnel matters within the Fire and Police Departments. They are responsible for the initial appointment of all full-time firefighters/paramedics and police officers; they make promotional appointments; and administer disciplinary action.

Members are: Mark A. Lies, II, 16 years of service and current chair of the commission; Elyse Hoffenberg, 1 year of service; and Paul Kerpan, 2 years of service.

Community & Economic Development Commission (3-year term, 9 members)

Trustee Kuchler noted that this commission considers and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding economic development issues and matters related to the relationships between residential neighborhoods and commercial business districts.

Members are: Russ Riberto appointed in June 2014 and current chair of the commission; Laura Tussing appointed in June 2014; Lisa Sher appointed in November 2014; Rebecca Wimbush, 4 years of service; Margaret Carlson, Mark Reich, Elizabeth Stiles and Lester Williams all serving for 8 years; and Steve Palmer 15 years of service.

Design Review Commission (3-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Langan explained that the Design Review Commission reviews matters related to the Central Business District Façade Renovation/Restoration program. The commission also reviews and offers recommendations to the Village Board on design review applications within the Design Overlay District and reviews appeals regarding the denial of sign permits.

Members are: Andrea Barnish 23 years of service and current chair of the commission; Troy Pavelka, 5 years of service; Michael Thuma and Carol Vizek both serving for 6 years; Tim Reardon, 8 years of service; Mark Ozer, 13 years of service; and Regina McClinton, 24 years of service.

Environmental Quality Control Commission – (2-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Nowak explained that this commission continues to be active in helping to raise public awareness of environmental issues and “green” initiatives. The Commission also advises the Village on various environmentally-related matters including the Emerald Ash Borer, quarry blasting, recycling, refuse disposal and storm water management.

Members are: Glenn Wentink, 27 years of service and current chair of the commission; Rose Naseef, appointed June 2014; Rebecca Davies, 2 years of service; Linda Christianson, 6 years of service; F. Peter Gabrek, 16 years of service; Richard Battistoni, 25 years of service; and Patty Weber, 35 years of service.

Plan Commission – (3-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Holder explained that the Plan Commission reviews and recommends applications for special use permits, planned development approval, site plan approval, amendments to the Zoning Code and official map, vacation of public-rights-of-way, and subdivision plats.

Trustee Holder introduced members: Wayne Kardatzke, 20 years of service and current chair of the commission; Julie Egan, 1 year of service; Jay Stewart, 4 years of service; Greg Paice, 7 years of service; Laura Weyrauch and Tom Williams both serving for 8 years; and Jerry Reich, 15 years of service.

Zoning Board of Appeals – (5-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Mc Carty stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals reviews applications for relief from one or more requirements of the Village’s Zoning Code, conducts public hearings and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding those applications for zoning variations. Trustee Mc Carty noted some typical requests discussed and reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals include front, side and rear yard setbacks for single-family homes; building coverage for single-family homes; building coverage and setbacks for the replacement of detached garages.

Members are: Ellen Brewin, 21 years of service and current chair of the Board; Laura Blentlinger, appointed June 2014; David Schwartz, 1 year of service; Michael Finder and Jeff Hoffenberg both serving for 5 years; Peter O’Connor, 6 years of service; and Ian Brenson, 9 years of service.

President Livingston announced that the Village Board would also like to thank several citizen volunteers who hold appointed positions and requested members of staff to recognize these individuals.

Acting Police Chief Renee Strasser, on behalf of the Village, expressed her gratitude to the Police Auxiliary Force and Jim Liotta who has served on the Auxiliary Police Force for 25 years, the last 21 years as Director.

Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson expressed the Village's gratitude to Curtis Linder who has represented the Village of La Grange by serving as a Trustee on the West Suburban Mass Transit District. This organization provides financial assistance to member communities to implement commuter-related improvements. Mr. Linder has served on the Board since 2009 and was actively consulted during the Stone Avenue train station renovation project.

Fire Chief Don Gay explained that the Firemen's Pension Board was created according to Illinois State Statute to review pension investment activity and evaluate disability claims, fitness for duty and other matters of an operational nature. Kevin Sheehan and Colin Robertson are the two resident members of the 5-member Fireman's Pension Board.

Acting Police Chief Renee Strasser explained that the Police Pension Board was created according to Illinois State Statute to review pension investment activity and evaluate disability claims, fitness for duty and other matters of an operational nature. Colin Robertson is the resident member of the 5-member Police Pension Board.

President Livingston expressed a public thank you to all for their public service to the Village.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance #O-15-20 – Variation – Maximum Building Coverage / Mia Rao and Zach Schultz, 222 S. Kensington Avenue
- B. Ordinance #O-15-21 – Variation – Maximum Building Coverage / Emily and Dan Weber, 324 S. Waiola Avenue
- C. Consolidated Voucher 150511 (\$1,028,926.43)
- D. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, April 27, 2015

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

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

None

6. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING VILLAGE TRUSTEES

A. Resolution of Appreciation – Retiring Village Trustee Jim Palermo

President Livingston requested Clerk Burns read the resolution of appreciation and Clerk Burns complied. Trustee Holder moved to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for retiring Village Trustee Jim Palermo, seconded by Trustee McCarty.

President Livingston publicly expressed his thanks to Trustee Jim Palermo and extended deepest appreciation for his years of public service.

Trustee Kuchler expressed his pride in serving with Trustee Palermo. Trustee Kuchler noted Trustee Palermo's willingness to serve and always being mindful of his fiduciary responsibilities.

Trustee Holder echoed those comments noting Trustee Palermo's preparedness and passion for his position as Village Trustee.

Trustee McCarty added his thanks to Trustee Palermo for sharing his knowledge and service to the Village.

Trustee Nowak expressed his appreciation for Trustee Palermo's thoughtful research and willingness to move forward even when there were differences of opinion.

Trustee Langan provided his best wishes to Trustee Palermo and his family.

Resolution approved by voice vote.

B. Resolution of Appreciation – Retiring Village Trustee Jeff Nowak

President Livingston requested Clerk Burns read the resolution of appreciation and Clerk Burns complied. Trustee Langan moved to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for retiring Village Trustee Jeff Nowak, seconded by Trustee McCarty.

President Livingston recognized Trustee Nowak for his professional and legal background and extended his warmest regards for his public service.

Trustee Langan added his thanks to Trustee Nowak for his integrity and concerns for the infrastructure within the Village.

Trustee Kuchler expressed appreciation for Trustee Nowak's service to the community and is hopeful he will continue to be involved in public service.

Trustee Holder thanked Trustee Nowak for his thoughtful and caring public service.

Trustee McCarty noted his honor to have served with Trustee Nowak and wished him well.

Resolution approved by voice vote.

7. FAREWELL BY OUTGOING VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Nowak expressed his thanks for the honor and opportunity to serve the residents of La Grange. Trustee Nowak attributed the achievements of the Village to open debates and discussions. Acknowledging a Board whose ideas and energy have resulted in accomplishments for the betterment of the community, Trustee Nowak added his thanks to the management team and staff for their professionalism and dedication.

At 7:50 p.m. President Livingston adjourned the meeting sine die and stated there would be a momentary recess prior to the swearing in and seating of the newly elected Village Trustees.

8. OATH OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED VILLAGE OFFICIALS

At 7:55 p.m. President Livingston reconvened the meeting and stated that those elected at the April 7, 2015 consolidated election would receive the oath of office.

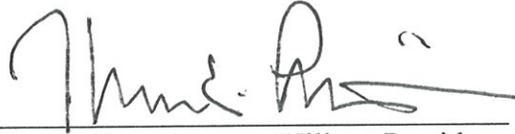
- A. Oath of Office – Newly Elected and Re-Elected Village Trustees Malia Arnett, Michael Kotynek and Mark Kuchler (re-elected)

Village Clerk Burns administered the oath of Office to newly elected Village Trustee Malia Arnett; Village Trustee Michael Kotynek; and re-elected Village Trustee Mark Kuchler

President Livingston welcomed the new Board and invited all to partake in a celebration reception.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m. it moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder.
Approved by voice vote.



Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:



John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: June 8, 2015