

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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

Monday, April 12, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange public hearing and regular meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Administrative Secretary Ellie Elder, the following were:

PRESENT: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, and Palermo with President Asperger presiding.

ABSENT: Village Clerk Milne

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn  
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson  
Village Attorney Hart Passman  
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin  
Assistant Community Development Dir. / Planner Angela Mesaros  
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone  
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham  
Police Chief Mike Holub  
Fire Chief David Fleege

President Asperger explained that there would be a public hearing prior to the regular Village Board meeting this evening.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2010-11 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget:  
Referred to President Asperger

President Asperger indicated that notice of this Public Hearing had been posted and published according to State Statute and that the budget document has been available for inspection at the Village Hall and the La Grange Public Library as well as posted on the Village website. President Asperger noted the public hearing represents the conclusion of the process by which public input has been solicited throughout the development of the budget document and asked if anyone in the

audience had any oral or written comments or questions on the FY 2010-11 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget. There being none, President Asperger inquired of Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn if any written comments had been received and was informed no.

At 7:36 p.m. with no additional oral or written comments the public hearing was closed.

At 7:38 p.m. the Village Board meeting was convened, with the same Village Officials as the Public Hearing being in attendance.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Proclamation – Arbor Day

President Asperger stated that the Village of La Grange has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 27<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and proclaimed April 30, 2010 as Arbor Day. President Asperger invited the public to celebrate Arbor Day with the planting of a tree at the Cossitt Avenue Elementary School. President Asperger recommended that the Proclamation declaring April 30, 2010 as Arbor Day in La Grange be approved. Approved by voice vote.

President Asperger noted upcoming events.

On Monday, April 19 the Village Board will hold a special workshop to discuss an operations plan which has developed in response to the Board's strategic planning session and the public is invited to attend.

Lastly, President Asperger encouraged participation in the Empty Bowls event sponsored by the La Grange Business Association and Terra Incognito with proceeds to be donated to local food pantries.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-10-09) – Amendment to Special Use Permit / Site Plan Approval – Renovation / Expansion of a Nursing Care Facility, 339 S. Ninth Avenue, MML Properties, LLC
- B. Budget Amendments (#R-10-05) – Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2010
- C. Ordinance (#O-10-10) – Final Distribution of Surplus TIF Funds

- D. Resolutions (#R-10-06 & #R-10-07) – to Accept Local Stimulus and Non-Stimulus Grant Funds – Justice Assistance Grant Program
- E. Contract – Group Health and Life Insurance Renewal
- F. Agreement – Bluff Avenue Reconstruction Project – Stage 3 – Local Agency Amendment #1 for Federal Participation
- G. Award of Contract – Bluff Avenue Reconstruction Project / Installation of Water Main Across 47<sup>th</sup> Street
- H. Village Hall Workspace Optimization
- I. Materials Purchase – Public Works Department / Fire Hydrants
- J. Material Purchase – Public Works / 2010 Spring Tree Planting Program & Resolution (#R-10-08) – Public Works / Suburban Tree Consortium
- K. Equipment Purchase – Color Copier and Scanner for Village Hall
- L. Consolidated Voucher 100322 (\$551,622.33)
- M. Consolidated Voucher 100412 (\$776,285.41)
- N. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, March 8, 2010

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, and N of the Omnibus, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Trustee Palermo referenced item 5E and inquired as to the total value of the group health insurance item and Finance Director Cipparrone responded.

Trustee Livingston referenced items 5H and 5I and inquired about these expenditures. Finance Director Cipparrone responded that item 5H has been budgeted for this fiscal year. Public Works Director Gillingham responded to item 5I and the need for replacing out of service fire hydrants.

Omnibus items approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston  
Palermo, and President Asperger  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

Trustee Langan referenced item 5A and offered his compliments to area residents who worked toward a development befitting the Village.

President Asperger echoed the sentiments.

6. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Resolution (#R-10-09) – Approving the FY 2010-11 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget: Referred to Trustee Holder

Trustee Holder explained that this item has evolved over several workshops which were conducted in the last six months and a public hearing which was conducted earlier this evening to accept any oral or written public comments. Trustee Holder indicated this five-year budget is used as a guideline for financial, administrative and operational purposes, however only the FY2010-11 operating and capital improvement budget is required to be adopted.

Trustee Holder noted that although depressed economic conditions have challenged the budget process, the Village continues to observe conservative financial management practices to lessen the burden of property taxes on La Grange residents and businesses.

Trustee Holder detailed the Village's changes in funding and financial assumptions reflected in the FY2010-11 budget and noted financial discipline by adhering closely to its five-year financial plan.

Trustee Holder noted the Village Boards commitment to maintain reserve funds at a minimum of 50% annual operating expenditures and to adequately fund pensions based upon independent actuarial valuations of the funds.

It was moved by Trustee Holder to adopt the Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Horvath expressed concerns with financial challenges and inquired about police programs. Police Chief Holub indicated that the programs will be funded by the Justice Assistant Grants.

President Asperger noted that the Village Manager's message as stated in the budget clearly defines future financial planning.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston and Palermo

Nays: None  
Absent: None

B. Ordinance (#O-10-11) – Water Rate Increase: Referred to Trustee Holder

Trustee Holder explained that the scheduled increases in water are due to water rates charged by the City of Chicago which became effective January 1, 2008. Trustee Holder stated that the Village has absorbed previous water rate increases passed along by McCook, however due to aging infrastructure and to maintain adequate water fund reserves, the Village can no longer absorb the additional cost and initiated a 10% water rate increase for three years. The third and final of the three rate increases will be effective May 1, 2010. The estimated increase in cost to homeowners is approximately \$50 annually.

It was moved by Trustee Holder to approve the ordinance for a water rate increase from \$4.806 per one hundred cubic feet to \$5.286 per one hundred cubic feet, seconded by Trustee Langan. Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, and Palermo  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Pilipiszyn informed residents about the resurfacing project on 47<sup>th</sup> Street to be performed by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Information was also provided relating to Metra's plans for the platform reconstruction at Stone Avenue Train Station.

Mr. Pilipiszyn stated that there will be extended hours at Village Hall for renewal of vehicle and animal licenses. In addition, he informed residents of the scheduled increase in refuse and yard waste stickers. Lastly, information was provided regarding the upcoming Lyons Township High School computer recycling event.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Karen Deane, 139 Malden requested Village staff to alert residents of happenings that may impact their safety. President Asperger explained the process by which the Village determines if a community wide alert should be sent and expressed her appreciation for Ms. Deane's comments.

Don Michals, 97 Bluff expressed his dissatisfaction of questioning by the La Grange Police Officer and citation he received for riding his bicycle on the

sidewalk. President Asperger indicated that the matter would be reviewed and addressed.

Linda Christianson, 131 S. Edgewood as part of the new "Go Green La Grange" organization, inquired about the availability of recycle bins at the train stations and was told the matter would be looked into.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Livingston complimented Village staff on the budget document. Trustee Livingston also stated that Ms. Deane made an excellent point and suggested that the Village err on the side of caution in communicating emergency information to residents.

Trustee Horvath concurred with Trustee Livingston. Trustee Horvath commended the environmental efforts by La Grange residents. Lastly Trustee Horvath congratulated the La Grange Police Department on their part in resolving a bank robbery.

Trustee Kuchler joined in the budget accolades, but expressed concerns related to the manner in which Mr. Michals was issued a citation and requested staff review policy and procedure. Trustee Kuchler also feels that public safety communications from neighboring communities should be provided to residents.

Trustee Palermo commented on public safety and cautioned drivers to slow down and be alert of children playing. Trustee Palermo encouraged residents to review the budget and noted the Board's role in being mindful of revenues in the wake of the economy. Trustee Palermo cited new developments related to pensions.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:26 p.m. it moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by voice vote.

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Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

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Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

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Approved Date