

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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

Monday, July 13, 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 7:32 p.m. by President Livingston. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk John Burns, the following were:

PRESENT: Trustees Holder, Kotynek, Kuchler, Langan, and McCarty, with President Livingston presiding.

ABSENT: Trustee Arnett

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

President Livingston requested that the Village Clerk lead the audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Livingston noted this as a momentous occasion for the Village in appointing a new Police Chief and promotions within the Police Department.

A. Appointment and Oath of Office – Renee Strasser, Chief of Police

With the retirement of Police Chief Holub, President Livingston indicated that Deputy Police Chief Strasser has assumed the role of Acting Police Chief since December 2014. Acknowledging her leadership; accomplishments; and responsiveness to numerous challenges, President Livingston explained the process by which the Village Manager determined Deputy Police Chief Strasser to be the most qualified candidate for Police Chief.

Upon her acceptance of a conditional offer, President Livingston added that pursuant to the Village Code, the Police Chief is appointed by the Village President with the advice and consent of the Village Board and upon recommendation of the Village Manager. President Livingston noted Renee's extensive accomplishments in her 26 years with the La Grange Police Department. Recommending the appointment of Renee Strasser as Police Chief for the Village of La Grange, President Livingston requested the Board's concurrence. Trustee Langan moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion approved by voice vote. President Livingston requested she step forward and Village Clerk Burns to administer the oath of office.

President Livingston acknowledged and welcomed several former members of the La Grange Police Department as well as Police Chief's from surrounding communities.

B. Oath of Office – Andrew Peters, Deputy Police Chief

With the promotion of Renee Strasser to Police Chief and in accordance with Village Code, Andrew Peters is being promoted to the rank of Deputy Police Chief. Acknowledging his education; qualifications; achievements; and numerous certifications, President Livingston requested Deputy Police Chief Andrew Peters come forward and Village Clerk Burns to administer the oath of office.

C. Oath of Office – David Rohlicek, Police Sergeant

With the promotions of Deputy Chief Strasser and Sergeant Peters, a vacancy in the rank of Sergeant was created. President Livingston noted that the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners approved the promotion of David Rohlicek to fill this vacancy. Noting his training; education; and certifications, President Livingston requested he step forward and Village Clerk Burns to administer the oath of office.

D. Oath of Office – Arturo Heredia, Jr. Police Officer

The La Grange Board of Fire and Police Commissioners appointed Arturo Heredia, to the position of Probationary Police Officer on July 23, 2015. Noting his background and education, President Livingston requested he step forward and asked Village Clerk Burns to administer the oath of office.

E. Annual Appointments of Village Officials

President Livingston explained the important task of appointing a Village Attorney, Village Prosecutor, Village Treasurer and Village Comptroller. President Livingston requested approval of these appointments. Trustee Langan moved to approve Mark Burkland of Holland and Knight as Village Attorney; John Kenney, Jr. as Village Prosecutor; and Lou Cipparrone as Village Treasurer and Village Collector until April 30, 2016, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion approved by voice vote.

F. Appointment – Community and Economic Development Commission

In order to complete the composition of the Community and Economic Development Commission, President Livingston recommended the appointment of Cathy Domanico to serve until 2018. President Livingston noted Ms. Domanico's background and requested the Board's approval. Trustee Holder moved to accept the appointment, seconded by Trustee Langan. Motion approved by voice vote.

President Livingston expressed thanks to all involved in the recent Art and Craft Fair.

President Livingston advised of a prior liquor commission meeting whereby the liquor commission considered an application from Steak and Vine. The commission will be recommending approval to the Village Board at its next regular meeting.

Unless unforeseen circumstances arise, President Livingston noted the July 27 and August 10, 2015 Village Board meetings would be canceled.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Right-of-Way Use License and Fiber Optic Cable Agreement – Sigecom, LLC d/b/a Wide Open West (WOW)
- B. Ogden Avenue and Locust Avenue Intersection Improvements: (1) Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation; (2) Engineering Task Order; (3) Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation; (4) Resolution (#R-15-08) Appropriating Funds for the US 34 (Ogden Avenue) at Locust Avenue Project
- C. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)
- D. Ordinance (#O-15-24) – Amendment to the Zoning Map, Denning Park, 4903 S. Willow Springs Road
- E. Award of Contract – Leaf Hauling and Disposal
- F. Award of Contract – 2015 Crack Sealing Program
- G. Ordinance (#O-15-25) – Disposal of Surplus Property / Miscellaneous Personal Property (Police)
- H. Ordinance (#O-15-26) – Disposal of Surplus Property (Fire)
- I. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, June 8, 2015

- J. Consolidated Voucher 150622 (\$1,231,590.29)
- K. Consolidated Voucher 150713 (\$863,025.83)

Trustee Kuchler requested item 4-C be removed from the Omnibus Agenda and placed under Current Business for further discussion.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, and K of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee McCarty.

Trustee Holder inquired if improvements to Ogden Avenue and Locust Avenue would be affected by the State budget crisis and Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham responded that this is a Federal funded project.

Trustee Holder expressed gratitude to Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson and Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham engaging the fiber optic cable agreement and the cost effectiveness incurred. President Livingston added that this license involved collaboration with other entities and municipalities on this innovative technology.

Motion approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Kotynek, Kuchler, McCarty and Langan
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Arnett

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Special Event – La Grange Endless Summerfest: Referred to Trustee McCarty

Trustee McCarty noted that the Village has received a request from the Park District and La Grange Business Association to hold the La Grange Endless Summerfest from Friday July 31 to Sunday August 2, 2015. Trustee McCarty noted that both the Police Chief and Fire Chief have reviewed the request for fireworks and have submitted their comments and recommendations.

Noting that Opus Construction has been consulted, Trustee McCarty moved to approve the closure of the Locust Avenue roadway parking as well as Parking Lot 14 and the entrance to Locust Avenue off of Ogden Avenue; waive restrictions for the outdoor display and sale of goods; approve carnival rides as a temporary use; grant permission for display of fireworks; and the Liquor Commissioner to grant permission to sell beer and wine at the La Grange Summerfest, seconded by Trustee Langan.

President Livingston noted the attendance of Steve Palmer in the audience and asked if he wished to speak. Mr. Palmer announced the need for volunteers and an opportunity to sign up on-line. Trustee Holder encouraged all to attend this fun filled event.

Motion approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Kuchler, Kotynek, McCarty, Holder and Langan
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Arnett

- 4-C. Ordinance (#O-15-27) Special Use / Site Plan Approval to Allow a Fitness Studio, in the C-3 General Service Commercial District, Right Fit Sport Fitness Wellness, LLC, 1045 S. La Grange Road (Removed from Omnibus for further discussion.)

Trustee Kuchler explained the circumstances by which Right Fit Sport Fitness wishes to operate a fitness center at 1045 S. La Grange Road which is in the C-3 General Service Commercial District and whereby fitness centers are required to obtain a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Approval. Providing information on hours of operation; parking; and training sessions, Trustee Kuchler noted that the Plan Commission held a public hearing on June 9, 2015 and recommended approval. Trustee Kuchler moved to approve the ordinance granting a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Approval to authorize a fitness studio at 1045 South La Grange Road, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Explaining his reasoning for removing this item from the Omnibus portion, Trustee Kuchler stated this being the perfect location for a fitness center. Trustee Kuchler encouraged staff to focus other fitness centers outside of the Central Business District which should be utilized for retail businesses. Trustee Kuchler welcomed Mr. Steve Gray Head of Operations from Right Fit who also serves as Coach at Nazareth High School.

Motion approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Kotynek, Kuchler, Langan, and McCarty
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Arnett

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

President Livingston inquired if there was a Manager's report. Village Manager Pilipiszyn provided information regarding parking management and a free valet parking service. At the recommendation of the Community and Economic Development Commission, Mr. Pilipiszyn noted the free valet parking service would begin on a trial basis and be available in the Central Business District on Friday and Saturday evenings. Mr. Pilipiszyn added that as additional data is collected, the Board would be provided status updates for future consideration.

In addition, Mr. Pilipiszyn requested Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham to provide the status on various capital improvements throughout the Village. Mr. Gillingham offered information on the renovation of the East Avenue Pump Station; Cossitt Avenue resurfacing project; and the Kensington Avenue resurfacing project. Mr. Gillingham noted sewer televising in conjunction with the NICOR gas main replacement project. Mr. Gillingham advised that railroad crossing work on the Indiana Harbor Belt has been completed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Mr. Don Johnson, 240 S. La Grange Road expressed concerns on tandem trucks utilizing La Grange Road and encouraged enforcement. President Livingston thanked him for providing the information.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Kuchler noted his attendance at the recent Art and Craft Fair and expressed his thanks to all who participated in making this a successful and well attended event.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m. Trustee Langan moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion approved by voice vote.



Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:



John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: August 24, 2015