

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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

Monday, November 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: Trustees Arnett, Holder, Langan, Kotynek, Kuchler, and McCarty, with President Livingston presiding.

ABSENT: None

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  
Police Chief Renee Strasser  
Fire Chief Don Gay

President Livingston requested Village Clerk John Burns introduce members of Boy Scout Troop 66. Clerk Burns introduced Scout leader John Svoboda and Boy Scouts JJ Svoboda, PJ Kurtzner, Ryan Oeste, George Bee, Ryan Plybon, and Peter Schwabe. Information was provided on a new display at the La Grange Public Library to honor Veterans prior to the presentation of the flags and the pledge of allegiance

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Livingston advised that residents now have access to property information on the Village's website under the Geographic Information Systems icon on the Home Page.

President Livingston provided information on the Robert E. Coulter, Jr. American Legion Post tribute to Veterans on November 11. President Livingston added that Village offices would be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-15-43) – Creating an Additional Class A-2 Liquor License, Thipi LLC d/b/a Taco Cantina, 50 A South. La Grange Road
- B. Material Purchase – Public Works/FY 2015-16 Tree Planting Program  
Resolution (#R-15-11) – Public Works / Suburban Tree Consortium
- C. Ordinance (#O-15-44) – Disposal of Surplus Property / Miscellaneous Personal Property
- D. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, October 12, 2015
- E. Consolidated Voucher 151026 (\$496,540.54)
- F. Consolidated Voucher 151109 (\$1,311,621.19)

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

Approved by 6 to 0 roll call vote.

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. La Grange Business Association / 2015 Hometown Holiday Walk – Request for Village Sponsorship: *Referred to Trustee McCarty*

Trustee McCarty explained that the December 5, 2015 Hometown Holiday Walk has always been a positive reflection of the Village of La Grange and brings shoppers into the community. The La Grange Business Association is requesting the Village co-sponsor this annual event and approve additional funding to offset escalating operating costs. Trustee McCarty noted that previously the La Grange Business Association has received \$12,000 in Village sponsorship and beginning this year the Village has budgeted \$16,000.

Trustee McCarty added that the Village's position of sponsorship is marketing the event, which includes newspaper advertisements posters, the production and mailing of the brochure describing the activities for the evening.

Trustee McCarty listed the conditions outlined in the sponsorship policy and noted that approval would include compliance to those conditions.

It was moved by Trustee McCarty to support the Hometown Holiday Walk's cost of advertising and marketing for 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$16,000, with the conditions as outlined in the Village's sponsorship policy, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by 6 to 0 roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Kotynek, Kuchler, Arnett, Langan and McCarty

Nays: None

Absent: None

President Livingston reminded residents to shop locally and shop small on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

B. First National Bank of La Grange Façade Loan Program: *Referred to Trustee McCarty*

Trustee McCarty noted the unique partnership between Village government, residents and businesses which has attributed to the success achieved by La Grange. Trustee McCarty elaborated on the diversity in buildings and visual balance throughout the downtown area. Explaining the previous façade loan program within the TIF District, Trustee McCarty noted that economic conditions have improved and interest from property owners to enhance and attract new businesses is relevant. Trustee McCarty added that FNBC Bank & Trust has proposed to sponsor a renewed façade renovation program. Indicating that the loan program would be administered by FNBC at no cost to the Village, Trustee McCarty identified the key elements of the program along with risks which may be incurred.

Trustee McCarty noted that the La Grange 2020 Task Force as well as the Community and Economic Development Commission have reviewed the concept with FNBC and recommend that the Village Board proceed with implementation. Introducing Kevin McLaughlin of FNBC Bank and Trust, Trustee McCarty noted his willingness to answer questions.

Trustee McCarty moved for approval of an Ordinance for a Façade Renovation Loan Program to be administered by FNBC Bank & Trust of La Grange, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Trustees Kotynek and Arnett had inquiries regarding interest rates and possible changes. Mr. McLaughlin noted that the interest rates are fixed rates for the full term of the loan.

President Livingston expressed thanks to the various entities which have once again made this an opportunity for improvements.

Trustee Arnett expressed concerns related to defaulted loans and was advised that the bank would incur first risk and if necessary the Village would be responsible to pay off the balance of a loan should the borrower default.

Trustee Kuchler inquired should a loan default what portion would the Village be responsible for. Mr. McLaughlin noted principal and interest but not legal fees.

Trustee Langan noted his support as he feels it is a good partnership with the bank in addressing improvements within the Village.

Noting his support, Trustee McCarty inquired if the Design Review process is part of this arrangement. Community Development Patrick Benjamin responded that would only incur if there were a design review district which is not the case.

Approved by 6 to 0 roll call vote.

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

- C. Combined Dispatch Center: (1) An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Villages of La Grange, La Grange Park And Western Springs To Establish A Combined Dispatch Center For Law Enforcement, Fire, Ambulance And Other Emergency Communication Services; (2) An Ordinance Dissolving The La Grange Emergency Telephone System Board And Acknowledging Participation In A Newly-Created Joint Emergency Telephone System Board; (3) Motions To Authorize The Expenditure Of Funds To Purchase Upgrades To Computer Automated Dispatch Software, To Engage Architectural Services For The Build-Out Of A Combined Dispatch Center Within The La Grange Police Station, And To Purchase Emergency Medical Dispatch Software; And (4) An Ordinance Declaring Certain Village Property As Surplus For Assignment And Use By The Combined Dispatch Center: *Referred to Trustee Kuchler*

Trustee Kuchler provided lengthy details on the collaboration between the Villages of La Grange, La Grange Park and Western Springs to share public safety services. Acknowledging that the three Villages agreed on hiring Ms. Kimberly Knutsen as the Project Manager and Executive Director, Trustee Kuchler noted the necessary steps and documents to advance project implementation and establishment of the "Lyons Township Area Communications Center" (LTACC).

Trustee Kuchler itemized the major provisions of the intergovernmental agreement; the need to dissolve the La Grange Emergency Telephone System Board and to recognize the Village's participation in a Joint Emergency Telephone System Board; authorization for the expenditure of funds for upgrades; authorization for the expenditure of funds for architectural services to establish the center within the La Grange Police Department; authorization to purchase specific emergency medical software; and disposal of surplus property to be utilized by the center.

Trustee Kuchler noted recent legislation, approved by the State of Illinois, requires municipalities that serve a population of less than 25,000 to adhere to the consolidation of individual public safety communication centers. Trustee Kuchler added that State certification recognized by the deadline of January 1, 2016 will allow the Lyons Township Area Communications Center to be placed in a competitive grant cycle under the new State

law. Trustee Kuchler annotated the total cost for expenditures and proportionate cost for each of the municipalities.

Trustee Kuchler moved to approve and authorize all of the elements related to the combined dispatch center to be known as the Lyons Township Area Communications Center all as set forth in the Board Report and accompanying documents: (1) an intergovernmental agreement among the Villages of La Grange, La Grange Park, and Western Springs; (2) an ordinance dissolving the La Grange Emergency Telephone System Board and approving a new Joint Emergency Telephone System Board; (3) the purchase of computer automated dispatch software, emergency medical dispatch software, and miscellaneous related materials and equipment; (4) the engagement of architectural services for build-out of the Lyons Township Area Communications Center; and (5) an ordinance declaring various Village property as surplus for assignment to and use by the Lyons Township Area Communications Center, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Holder expressed concerns on expenses for reconfiguration of the facility and was advised that long term investment is beneficial for anticipated growth in the center.

Trustee Kuchler added his concerns related to expenses and encourages accepting other municipalities into the program.

Having previously served on the La Grange 2020 Task Force, Trustee Kotynek noted the vision of this combined communication endeavor and the long term benefits to be achieved.

Trustee Arnett inquired if the other municipalities had voted in favor of this endeavor and Ms. Knutsen advised of their scheduled meetings.

Trustee McCarty referenced needed upgrades to the Village's current systems and supports moving forward with State requirements in order to be considered for possible grants.

Trustee Kuchler urged accepting other municipalities into the program. President Livingston advised that experience will direct this regional effort.

Approved by 6 to 0 roll call vote.

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

President Livingston extended thanks to the Trustees, Departmental Staff and all involved in moving forward with this regional venture.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Pilipiszyn noted that Fire Chief Don Gay would provide information on how the Village is prepared to manage emergency situations.

In preparation for the upcoming budget meetings, Mr. Pilipiszyn noted that Finance Director Lou Cipparrone would provide an overview related to revenues and expenditures.

A. Emergency Preparedness Informational Presentation

Fire Chief Don Gay provided information on the Villages preparedness in the event of emergency situations. Annotating specifics related to severe weather conditions, Chief Gay provided details on training and life safety strategies in place. Advising of the decision making process in the event of an emergency, Chief Gay noted cooperation with State and Federal agencies.

President Livingston extended thanks to the Fire Chief Gay and staff for the detailed presentation in their efforts to maintain public safety.

B. Pre-Budget Development Informational Presentation – Revenues and Expenditures

Finance Director Lou Cipparrone provided a year-to-date overview on the Village's revenues and expenditures. Advising that the Village continues to remain under cost containment, Mr. Cipparrone noted future budget issues related to the State's delay in allocations. Mr. Cipparrone indicated anticipated expenditures which will be discussed at the upcoming Strategic Planning Session in January.

As budget development begins, President Livingston thanked Mr. Cipparrone for the overview and opened the floor for Trustee discussion.

Trustee Arnett expressed concerns regarding State funds being withheld. President Livingston advised of upcoming legislation to provide for the release some municipal funds. President Livingston also noted the Villages solid planning for funding pensions and maintaining reserves.

Trustee McCarty noted concerns related to a property tax freeze. President Livingston noted continuation of these items for discussion.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Holder commented how new developments will enhance property values.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 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: November 23, 2015