MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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

Monday, January 25, 2016 - 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 Kotynek, Kuchler, Langan and McCarty, with President Livingston presiding.

ABSENT: Trustees Arnett and Holder

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

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

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Livingston expressed thanks to churches, Leadershop, NAACP and all others involved in making the annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy a successful event.

President Livingston congratulated Community Nurse Association for 95 years as an important part of La Grange and its history.

President Livingston thanked the Village Board and staff for participating in its biennial retreat and strategic planning exercise on January 11, 2016. A report regarding that meeting will be provided at a future meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Ordinance (#O-16-01)– An Ordinance Authorizing and Granting a Franchise to Northern Illinois Gas Company (d/b/a Nicor Gas Company) Its Successors and Assigns, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Natural Gas Distributing System in and Through the Village of La Grange, Illinois.

B. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, December 14, 2015.

C. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, January 11, 2016.

D. Consolidated Voucher 151228 ($1,203,696.85), 160111 ($776,111.78), and 160125 ($696,748.89).

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

Approved by 4 to 0 roll call vote.

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Ordinance – Variation – Maximum Building Coverage / Anthony and Laura Pigatto, 605 S. Brainard Avenue: *Referred to Trustee Langan*

Trustee Langan explained that Anthony and Laura Pigatto, owners of the property at 605 S. Brainard Avenue, have applied for a variation from maximum building coverage requirements to construct an addition.

On December 1, 2015, the Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on the matter and recommended that the variation be granted as requested.

Trustees asked the architect, Randy King, about whether or not the addition would increase the risk of flooding. Mr. King responded that the addition is planned to be built on area that is currently a concrete patio and therefore, impervious surface will not be increased.

Trustees also asked about the current status of the property which exceeds the allowable building coverage and whether or not the condition predates the current code provisions or if

a previous variance had been granted. The Community Development Department will evaluate.

After conferring with the property owner, Mr. King requested that action on the matter be continued.

It was moved by Trustee Kuchler and seconded by Trustee Langan to continue the matter to a future meeting date. Carried by voice vote.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Village Regulation of Small Cell Sites

Village Manager Pilipiszyn introduced the topic and asked Village Attorney Burkland to provide a summary of his legal analysis and general staff recommendations.

Attorney Burkland discussed the primary components of a draft ordinance to regulate small cell sites in the Village. Generally, the staff recommendation is to provide provisions for the siting of small cells in appropriate locations, identify appropriate facilities for installation, and provide for the negotiation of lease terms, including rent.

The key provisions of the draft ordinance require each small cell to receive a permit and further recommends that the most preferred location for small cells is Village-owned utility poles within an arterial street right-of-way, parking lot related to a government use or within a collector street right-of-way (in that order). Other locations would also be considered, such as Village-owned light poles, Village owned utility poles and utility poles owned and maintained by public utilities such as ComEd when appropriate.

Trustees asked questions regarding maintenance of abandoned facilities, rent structure, potential impact of leasing arrangements on ComEd utility poles if an opportunity to underground those facilities became available, co-location, concealment, and the average size of the equipment.

President Livingston expressed appreciation to the Village Attorney and staff and noted that staff would be analyzing the feedback from the Village Board and report back with a final draft recommendation and ordinance at an upcoming meeting.

B. Capital Projects Workshop

President Livingston noted that the discussion on capital projects is a critically important part of the formation of the Village's annual budget. He thanked staff for assembling report and asked Village Manager Pilipiszyn to introduce the topic.

Village Manager Pilipiszyn commented that between the change in scope of the Village street program, the reduced capital transfer from the General Fund, and the combined use of that transfer and MFT monies towards MARS, the Village's pay-as-you-go funding method for streets and future segments of MARS will be challenging.

The Village also continues to operate under cost containment which reduced general fund transfers to the capital projects fund by $300,000 annually. A plan to restore funding should be considered.

Village Manager Pilipiszyn introduced Director of Public Works Ryan Gillingham who provided a status report regarding current capital projects and projects recommended by staff in the future.

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham indicated that there are approximately 60 projects to discuss and proceeded to present each item under this topic which included a status report of Capital Projects for Fiscal Year 2015-16 and Capital Project recommendations for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

Trustees asked questions regarding losses in the water fund due to leaks, and also provided comments regarding informing the public about the Village's attainment of grant funding.

At the conclusion of its review of capital projects, it was the consensus of the Village Board to concur with staff's budget recommendations for the Capital Projects, Water and Sewer Funds.

President Livingston suggested that staff plan to check-in with the Village Board in July regarding the status of the water fund losses / leak study. He further noted that many projects have been completed in the past year, and appreciated the efforts of the entire management team.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Matthew Simmons of AMJ towing expressed concerns regarding no longer being on the Police Department list of towing vendors. President Livingston thanked Mr. Simmons and said that the management team would look into the matter.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:16 p.m. Trustee Langan moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee McCarty. Motion approved by voice vote.

Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:

John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: 2/8/16