

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
(NOTE CHANGE OF TIME AND LOCATION)
La Grange Memorial Hospital
5101 S. Willow Springs Road
Dixon Conference Room
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, January 11, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange regular meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Livingston. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk John Burns, the following were:

PRESENT: Trustees Arnett (arrived 6:25 p.m.), Holder, Kotynek, Kuchler, Langan, 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 opened the meeting with introductory remarks and a review of the agenda for this evening's strategic planning session.

President Livingston reviewed the Village's core values and solicited comment from the Village Board. The Village Board re-affirmed that the over-arching mission / core value for the Village government is to "Preserve and Enhance the Quality of Life We Enjoy in La Grange." The Village Board also re-affirmed its five other core values which are as follows: (1) Maintain and Strengthen the Village's Strong Financial Position; (2) Structure, Support and Develop Staff Resources to Deliver Core Services; (3) Maintenance and Capital Planning for our Infrastructure; (4) Delivery of Core Services; and (5) Community Vitality.

President Livingston noted that the current set of core values remains relevant and important.

The Village Board then engaged in an assessment of the Village's strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities.

Next, the Village Board engaged in a lengthy review and discussion of its current strategic goals. The total number of strategic goals – 23 – remained static. This was an important consideration for the Village Board and staff in order to: (1) acknowledge that many of the Village's strategic priorities were moving from a planning / approval stage to an implementation stage, and (2) reserve the necessary time required for senior staff to effectively manage the workload of strategic priorities over the next two years. Consequently there was limited refinement of the existing strategic goals and a limited number of new goals added to the matrix.

Five goals were retitled to specifically recognize their on-going nature. Two goals were designated as having been completed: "Evaluate Police Department Restructuring Plan" and "Urban Forest Reforestation and EAB". Two new goals were added which focused on improving reliability of the Com Ed system in La Grange and increasing the use of the Village's advisory boards and commissions.

As a result of this goal-setting process, the major areas of emphasis for the Village over the next two years are as follows:

- ✓ strong financial management through continuation of the Village's cost containment plan, examining revenue trends, and evaluation of revenue options;
- ✓ continued evaluation and application of technology to capture institutional knowledge, enhance operational efficiency, and to manage information;
- ✓ organizational development and succession planning;
- ✓ capital asset maintenance and replacement of the Village's street, water, and sewer infrastructure;
- ✓ enhance existing and develop new public information practices;
- ✓ creation of a facilities plan to maintain and replace Village buildings;
- ✓ complete the implementation and commence with the operation of a regional public safety communications center, and continue to evaluate opportunities for functional consolidation of core services particularly within the Village's public safety departments;
- ✓ continue with existing economic development initiatives;
- ✓ continue to manage the Village's existing supply of public parking;

- ✓ continue to monitor land use and planning trends and update the Village's zoning code as needed;
- ✓ continue with "green" initiatives and practices;
- ✓ complete the re-development of the YMCA property;
- ✓ continue with the Stone Avenue Train Station Master Plan;
- ✓ work with ComEd to improve system reliability in La Grange; and
- ✓ enhance the use of the Village's advisory boards and commissions.

The Village Board commented on several other matters which will likely be addressed either through budget development or a workshop discussion.

No formal action was taken by the Village Board.

President Livingston stated that staff will prepare a report summarizing the planning session.

Trustee Holder moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Kuchler.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.



Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:



John Burns, Village Clerk

1/25/16
Approved Date