

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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

Monday, February 22, 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
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Police Chief Renee Strasser
Fire Chief Don Gay
Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros

The Village Clerk led the audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Livingston reported that La Grange is featured in the March issue of Chicago Magazine as a destination to visit. The article is titled "A Field Guide to La Grange: Why it's high time you hopped on the Metra and zoomed out to this leafy suburb". He noted that community vitality is a strategic pillar and thanked the partnership of residents, businesses and government for the accolades.

President Livingston reported that as an example of community vitality, the La Grange Business Association continues its "La Grange Gives" promotion until the end of the month.

The promotion donates money to various non-profit organizations in the community when residents and guests dine out in La Grange from February 15-28. More information is available on the LGBA website.

President Livingston noted that a Budget Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 12 beginning at 8 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the Village Hall. Preliminary budget documents will be available at the Village Hall and Library, and posted on the Village's website by Friday, March 4.

President Livingston thanked the Village team and Com Ed for its partnership as the Village sustained 70+ mph winds on February 19. Brush was picked up as a result of the storm and regular brush pickup services will begin the first week of April.

A. Summary Report of Strategic Planning Session: 2016

President Livingston reported that the Village Board conducted its biannual strategic planning session on January 11, 2016 and provided a summary of the process and outcome of the meeting.

The session consisted of three components - affirmation of core values, SWOT and goal setting.

The Village developed a set of five pillars several years ago which are the framework of the Village's core values. The pillars organize the strategic priorities and were reaffirmed as a part of the strategic planning process.

The team also conducted a review of external and internal factors impacting the Village through a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis. Some of the noted strengths included a professional staff, engaged community, momentum and a strong place to live and work. Weaknesses such as lack of flexibility to raise revenue, landlocked, parking, and reserves were also noted. Homeless was noted as a strength, weakness and opportunity.

Finally, the team evaluated existing goals and considered new goals for the future. Some items that were retitled included a review of new technology; combined dispatch, land use planning trends, YMCA redevelopment; and the Stone Avenue Train Station Master Plan.

Several items were removed because they were completed such as the Emerald Ash Borer and the restructuring of the Police Department.

New goals include the appearance of Com Ed lines and reliability and enhancing the use of advisory boards and commissions. The Village Board also plans to address several matters through budget development or a workshop discussion as follows; assess cost containment strategy for the future; facilities planning; economic development strategies

and tactics; Tier 3 stormwater management; and final consensus regarding the signalization of 47th and East Avenue.

President Livingston thanked the Village Board and team for their engagement in the process. The goals from the strategic planning process will be incorporated into the budget process which the Village Board will be working on over the next several weeks. Budgetary impacts as a result of macro-economic issues will also be considered as the Village Board makes decisions to provide efficient and affordable Village government services.

Trustee McCarty noted that a consolidated master plan for stormwater management is important.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance – Variation – Required Front Yard / Julia and McAllister Faron, 300 S. 9th Avenue.
- B. Ordinance – Variation – Required Front Yard and Maximum Building Coverage / Tonia and Jack Devine, 230 S. Catherine Avenue.
- C. Purchase – Fire Department / Replacement of Fire Prevention Utility Vehicle.
- D. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, February 8, 2016.
- E. Consolidated Voucher 160222.

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

Trustee McCarty noted that he considered removing Item B from the Omnibus Agenda but decided not to given the unanimous approval of the ZBA. He noted that it is important for architects to consider designs that include pervious pavement in the interest of Village-wide flood control.

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

None.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

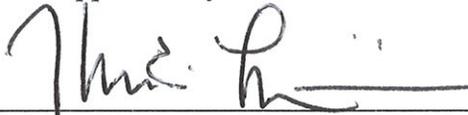
None.

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:51 p.m. Trustee Langan moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Kotynek. Motion approved by voice vote.



Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:



John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: