



**VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

MONDAY, May 9, 2016

7:30 p.m.

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

**Thomas E. Livingston
Village President**

**John Burns
Village Clerk**

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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AGENDA

Monday, May 9, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
 - Trustee Arnett*
 - Trustee Holder*
 - Trustee Kotynek*
 - Trustee Kuchler*
 - Trustee Langan*
 - Trustee McCarty*
 - President Livingston*

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

 - B. RECOGNITION OF LA GRANGE GARDEN CLUB

3. ADJOURNMENT

The Village of La Grange is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who require certain accommodations so that they can observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions, regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the Village's facilities, should contact the Village's ADA Coordinator at (708) 579-2315 promptly to allow the Village to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN
VOLUNTEERS**

Introduction: Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

(3-year term, 3 members)

In accordance with state statute, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (BOFPC) oversees certain personnel matters within the Fire and Police Departments. More specifically, they are responsible for the initial appointment of all full time firefighter/paramedics and police officers, they make promotional appointments, and they administer disciplinary action.

For the Fire Department, the BOFPC approved a new Firefighter Paramedic Eligibility Register and hired a new Firefighter/ Paramedic.

For the Police Department, the BOFPC promoted two Police Sergeants and hired three new police officers. One of these three police officer positions was created by the referendum.

In the upcoming months, the BOFPC will be approving a new Police Officer Eligibility Register and filling two police officer vacancies.

Mark A. Lies, II,	—	17 years, and current chair of the commission
Elyse Hoffenberg	—	2 years
Paul Kerpan	—	3 years

Introduction: Trustee Dave McCarty

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

(3-year term, 15 members)

The Community and Economic Development Commission (CEDC) considers and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding economic development issues and matters related to the relationships between our residential neighborhoods and commercial business districts.

Having participated as members of the La Grange 2020 Task Force, the CEDC offered guidance and recommendations on numerous topics related to Village Government, with a particular emphasis on economic development. That heightened area of focus was incorporated into the referendum budget by the Village Board. The CEDC discussed new economic development strategies such as valet parking, wayfinding signage at major entry points into the Village, and a privately-managed façade loan program.

Russ Riberto	—	2 years, and current chair of the commission
Jim Arnold	—	Appointed June 8, 2015
Caroline Dillon	—	Appointed June 8, 2015
Lou Gale	—	Appointed June 8, 2015
Camille Hall	—	Appointed June 8, 2015
James Janevski	—	Appointed June 8, 2015
Cathleen Domanico	—	Appointed July 13, 2015
Laura Tussing	—	2 years
Lisa Sher	—	2 years
Rebecca Wimbush	—	5 years
Margaret Carlson	—	9 years
Mark Reich	—	9 years
Elizabeth Stiles	—	9 years
Lester Williams	—	9 years
Steve Palmer	—	16 years

Introduction: Trustee Bill Holder

DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

(3-year term, 7 members)

The Design Review Commission (DRC) reviews matters related to the Central Business District Facade Renovation/Restoration program; reviews and offers recommendations to the Village Board on Design Review applications within the Design Overlay District (which generally encompasses the Central Business District along La Grange Road, Hillgrove and Burlington Avenues); and administers the Village's Commercial Building Comprehensive (CBC) Sign Plan.

This past year, the DRC recommended approval of the façade renovation for Owl and Lark, 43 South La Grange Road. At the request of the Community Economic Development Commission, the DRC reviewed and commented on design concepts for gateway signage.

Andrea Barnish	—	24 years, and current chair of the commission
John Boehms	—	Appointed June 8, 2015
Troy Pavelka	—	6 years
Michael Thuma	—	7 years
Carol Vizek	—	7 years
Tim Reardon	—	9 years
Regina McClinton	—	25 years

Introduction: Trustee Malia Arnett

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

(2-year term, 7 members)

The Environmental Quality Control Commission (EQCC) continues to be active in helping to raise public awareness of environmental issues and “green” initiatives.

In recent years, the EQCC was involved in evaluating the Village’s solid waste contract. The EQCC also advises the Village on various environmentally-related matters including Energy Impact Illinois, Cook County Solid Waste Plan, quarry blasting activities and the Emerald Ash Borer.

This past year, the Commission was actively involved in assisting with and promoting several recycling and environmental events in La Grange and the region including document shredding, prescription drug take back, and electronics. A shredding event scheduled for June, 2016 is in the process of being planned.

Glenn Wentink	—	28 years, and current chair of the commission
Beth Augustine	—	Appointed June 8, 2015
Rose Naseef	—	2 years
Rebecca Davies	—	3 years
Linda Christianson	—	7 years
Richard Battistoni	—	26 years

Introduction: Trustee Mike Kotynek & Trustee Mark Langan

PLAN COMMISSION

(3-year term, 7 members)

The Plan Commission reviews and recommends applications for special use permits, planned development approval, site plan approval, amendments to the Zoning Code and official map, vacation of public rights-of-way, and subdivision plats.

During this last fiscal year, the Plan Commission conducted public hearings and considered issues related to amendments to the zoning map, planned development, special use permits, site plan and design approvals for development of Aspired Living of La Grange – an assisted living/memory care facility at 35 Shawmut; special use permits and site plan approval for a new parish center at St. Cletus Parish and a fitness center on south La Grange Road. Also, the Plan Commission recommended a zoning map amendment at 100 S. Catherine to rezone the First Church of Christ Scientist from IB Institutional Buildings to R-4 Single Family Residential to re-subdivide into three single family lots for redevelopment. In addition, the Plan Commission recommended amendments to the text of the Zoning Code to allow tutoring services, mobile phone repair in the central commercial district, and a bank at La Grange Crossing, 1 N. La Grange Road in the C-3 (Limited) district.

The Plan Commission continues to review the remaining sections of the Zoning Code to complete a comprehensive update of the Code, including commercial, office, industrial uses such as craft breweries, accessory uses, fences, parking, non-conformities and definitions.

Wayne Kardatzke	—	21 years, and current chair of the commission
Dave Schwartz	—	Appointed June 8, 2015
Julie Egan	—	2 years
Jay Stewart	—	5 years
Greg Paice	—	8 years
Laura Weyrauch	—	9 years
Tom Williams	—	9 years
Jerry Reich	—	16 years

Introduction: Trustee Mark Kuchler

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

(5-year term, 7 members)

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) reviews applications for relief from one or more requirements of the Village's Zoning Code, conducts public hearings and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding those applications for zoning variations. Typical requests for zoning variations relate to front, side and rear yard setbacks for single-family homes; building coverage for single-family homes; building coverage and setbacks for the replacement of detached garages; and the like.

Over the past year, the ZBA has heard five cases for variance requests involving the following subject matters: parking in the front yard, required front yard, and maximum building coverage for front porches and two home additions.

Ellen Brewin	—	22 years, and current chair of the Board
John Pappas	—	Appointed June 8, 2015
Laura Blentlinger	—	2 years
Michael Finder	—	6 years
Jeff Hoffenberg	—	6 years
Peter O'Connor	—	7 years
Ian Brenson	—	10 years

CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS APPOINTED TO INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS

1. Jim Liotta, Director, Police Auxiliary —

The Village of La Grange is fortunate to be served by an Auxiliary Police Force. The Unit consists of ten (10) public safety officers who volunteer their time to serve the citizens of La Grange. The Auxiliary Unit's leader is Jim Liotta. He has served the Village of La Grange for a total of 25 years, with the last 22 as the Director. Year after year, Jim leads the Auxiliary Unit for the total hours worked at all of La Grange's Special Events.

Introduction: Police Chief Renee Strasser

2. Curtis Linder, Trustee, West Suburban Mass Transit District —

The West Suburban Mass Transit District was created in 1970 through a federal endowment to: monitor passenger rail services provided by the Burlington Northern Railroad and METRA; provide financial assistance to member communities to implement commuter-related improvements; and financially support system-wide improvements, such as purchasing passenger rail cars to be used exclusively on the Chicago to Aurora rail line. La Grange is a charter member. As such, the Village appoints a resident to the District's Board of Trustees. The Village's current representative to the District is Curtis Linder, who has served on the Board since 2009. He is currently an Executive Officer on the Board, serving as Treasurer. Mr. Linder was also actively consulted during the Stone Avenue Train Station renovation project and was instrumental in assisting the Village in securing grant funding for the Stone Avenue Train Station master improvement plan.

Introduction: Andri Peterson, Assistant Village Manager

3. Kevin Sheehan and Jon Peterson, Firemen's Pension Board advisory members.

The Firemen's Pension Board was created according to Illinois State Statute to review pension investment activity, and evaluate disability claims, fitness for duty and other matters of an operational nature.

Kevin Sheehan is one of two resident members of the 5-member Firemen's Pension Board. Mr. Sheehan has served on the Fireman's Pension Board since June 2014.

Jon Peterson is the second resident member of the 5-member Fireman's Pension Board. Mr. Peterson has served on the Fireman's Pension Board since June 2015.

Introduction: Fire Chief Don Gay

4. John Kunkle and Mike Meagher, Police Pension Board advisory members.

The Police Pension Board was created according to Illinois State Statute to review pension investment activity, and evaluate disability claims, fitness for duty and other matters of an operational nature.

John Kunkle is one of two resident members of the 5-member Police Pension Board and currently serves as its Vice President. He has served on the Board since June 2015.

Mike Meagher is the second resident member of the 5-member Police Pension Board. He has served on the Board since June 2015.

Introduction: Police Chief Renee Strasser