

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

First Floor Conference Room
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Tuesday, February 15, 2011 — 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Environmental Quality Control Commission of the Village of La Grange was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, in the first floor conference room at the Village Hall and was called to order by Chairman Glenn Wentink at 7:07 p.m.

PRESENT (and constituting a quorum): Commissioners Battistoni, Christianson, Hirt, and Gabrek, with Chairman Wentink presiding.

ABSENT: Weber

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson; Jim Caporusso, West Cook County Solid Waste Agency; and Phil Kowalski, Shaw Environmental.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Christianson, seconded by Commissioner Battistoni to approve the minutes from January 19, 2011 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. BUSINESS AT HAND

A. Recycling / Refuse Disposal Presentation

Chairman Wentink provided an overview and program summary regarding the Village's current refuse service. Chairman Wentink introduced Jim Caporusso from the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency and Phil Kowalski from Shaw Environmental. He explained that they had been invited to the meeting to help the EQCC better understand existing conditions and alternatives related to refuse collection and disposal. The EQCC plans to use the information received as part of the discussion to help provide recommendations to the Village regarding meaningful and realistic options for refuse collection and disposal in the future.

Mr. Caporusso and Mr. Kowalski described the purpose of the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency and the services that it provides to its member communities. Mr. Kowalski also explained the Regional Disposal Project (of which La Grange is a member) and its value to participating member communities. Mr. Caporusso described the results of a recent WCCSWA survey of its member communities and reported that out of the twenty responses received (including La Grange), eighteen municipalities provide municipal refuse services through a franchise agreement. Thirteen of the eighteen municipalities provide a toter (wheeled cart) program, and five offer hybrid or other programs that vary by community. Mr. Caporusso reported that municipalities that have switched to toter programs have seen an increase of 15 – 20% in recycling rates. He also reported that La Grange has one of the highest rates of recycling among all WCCSWA member communities.

Significant discussion ensued among EQCC members and numerous questions were asked by Commissioners regarding how the various municipal programs operate and their benefits and drawbacks.

After the presentation was concluded, Chairman Wentink introduced a draft citizen survey regarding service delivery options to Commissioners. He summarized the general goals identified by the EQCC as they assess current and future refuse service options. These goals include: 1) maintain dedication to recycling (current system successfully raised consciousness – maintain and / or take it to the next level); 2) provide baseline revenue to hauler (attractive for best pricing and fairness among all residents); 3) provide options to the community in order to cater to the spectrum of user needs; and 4) easy to administer.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Peterson reported on the status of the recommendations of the EQCC regarding the Emerald Ash Borer. Additional enhancements regarding pesticide use will be included on the website for the public's information. In addition, the Village's Capital Projects budget included details about the continued analysis that the Village will be doing regarding the Emerald Ash Borer, tree survey, and treatment options. A copy of that report was requested to be sent to all EQCC members via e-mail.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. SCHEDULE NEXT EQCC MEETING

After discussion, it was agreed that the next EQCC Meeting would be held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7 p.m. In continuation with the EQCC's plan to learn about the Village's refuse

disposal program and general disposal options, a representative from Allied Waste will be invited to attend the meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business before the Environmental Quality Control Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrianna Peterson, Assistant Village Manager