

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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

Monday, April 11, 2016 - 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange public hearing and 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 Holder, Kotynek, Kuchler, Langan and McCarty, with President Livingston presiding.

ABSENT: Trustee Arnett

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  
Executive Assistant Erica Stewart

2. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2016-17 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget:  
Referred to President Livingston

President Livingston explained the budget development process and indicated that notice of this Public Hearing had been posted and published according to State Statute. Copies of the proposed budget document have been available for inspection at the Village Hall, the La Grange Public Library as well as posted on the Village website. President Livingston noted the public hearing represents the conclusion of the process by which public input has been solicited throughout the development of the budget document.

With no additional oral or written comments, President Livingston closed the public hearing. The regular Village Board meeting was convened, with the same Village Officials as the Public Hearing being in attendance.

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

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Oath of Office – Police Officer Taylor Falls

President Livingston introduced the background of Taylor Falls who has been appointed by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to the position of probationary Police Officer. President Livingston invited Clerk John Burns to administer the Oath of Office to Police Officer Taylor Falls.

B. Oath of Office – Police Officer Kyle Niewold

President Livingston introduced the background of Kyle Niewold who has been appointed by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to the position of probationary Police Officer. President Livingston invited Clerk John Burns to administer the Oath of Office to Police Officer Kyle Niewold.

President Livingston acknowledged and welcomed Park District President Mary Ellen Penicook and Erica Stewart, new Executive Assistant for the Village.

President Livingston announced that the Village's Annual Water Quality Report for 2015 is available online and the Village continues to meet all EPA standard for water quality and testing.

The Village of La Grange was featured in the April 2016 issue of West Suburban Living Magazine and in the February 2016 issue of Chicago Magazine.

The BNSF has plans to replace Kensington Avenue railroad crossing tentatively beginning on Friday, April 22 through Friday, April 29 and the crossing will be closed during their work. He also announced that a bid opening for the 50<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Sewer Project was held last week. The low bid came in under budget and is in the process of being reviewed.

Com Ed will replace all existing electric meters in La Grange with Smart Meters starting this July. Residents will start to receive information in their April bills regarding the upcoming meter replacement program.

The Liquor Commission met earlier in the evening and will be recommending the creation of a new Class A-2 Liquor License for Armand's Victory Pizza, 26 S. La Grange Road, at the next Village Board Meeting.

The Village will be hosting a Prescription Drug Take Back Day with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to collect unwanted, unused, and expired

prescription drugs on Saturday, April 27, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the La Grange Police Department, located at 304 W. Burlington Avenue.

A regional Electronics Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Westchester. More information is available on the Village website.

The annual Hydrant Flushing Program has commenced and is expected to be completed by the end of May.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Harlan Hirt of 421 S. Spring Avenue, stated that it is in the interest of La Grange to retain the Park District land related to Item 6.A. on the Agenda as open space as consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Orlando Coryell of 115 S. Spring Avenue, asked the Village Board to table the vote until legal issues involving Park District land related to Item 6.A. on the Agenda are resolved.

Matthew Klein, representing uBreakiFix (Item 6.B.), stated that his proposed use will attract customers, contribute to the synergy with other retailers, and is a high sales tax generator with about 2/3 to 3/4 of revenue collected subject to sales tax.

Mr. Tom Byer expressed concerns regarding the Park District's authority to sell three parcels of land related to Item 6.A. on the Agenda, when he believes they only have the ability to sell two parcels.

Resident Mark Wohlberg stated that La Grange needs more open space and supports Mr. Byer's, Mr. Hirt's and Mr. Coryell's positions regarding the sale of Park District land related to Item 6.A.

5. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance- Zoning Text Amendment to Authorize Educational Tutoring Services in the C-1 Central Commercial District- Mathnasium: (Hanh Pham), 322 W. Burlington Avenue.
- B. Award of Contract- Villa Venice Water Main Lining Project
- C. Purchase- Replacement of Village Computer Server
- D. Resolution- Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2016.
- E. Ordinance- Disposal of Surplus Property / Miscellaneous Personal Property (Police Department).

- F. Consolidated Voucher 160328.
- G. Consolidated Voucher 160411.
- H. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Special Meeting, Saturday, March 12, 2016- Budget Workshop.
- I. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, March 14, 2016.

Trustee Holder asked for clarification regarding the replacement of the computer server. Finance Director Lou Cipparrone explained that the server upgrade is the first phase. The second phase will be to transfer the network to the fiber optic infrastructure to provide connectivity to other Village locations.

Trustee McCarty inquired whether the text amendment regarding tutoring services in the C-1 District would apply to other commercial districts. President Livingston advised that it will be looked into at the staff level.

Trustee McCarty stated he will abstain from voting on Omnibus Agenda Item A but will vote on all other items. It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee McCarty.

Approved by 5 to 0 roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Kotynek, Kuchler, Langan and McCarty (abstained from Item A)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Trustee Arnett

## 6. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Resolution- Approving the FY 2016-17 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget:  
*Referred to Trustee Kotynek.*

Trustee Kotynek reported that the budget is the Village's most important policy document as it sets forth the Village's spending priorities over the next five years and how those priorities will be funded. Numerous budget discussions were held over the past six months to develop the final budget document and five year financial plan. A public hearing was held earlier this evening to provide residents with an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget document.

He reported on several favorable aspects of the proposed budget including a projected surplus, the stabilization of General Fund revenues, and conservative budgeting approach. While these aspects are encouraging, the Village must maintain fiscal discipline as a result of the State budget impasse and potential impacts on local

government revenues. While the budget continues to be impacted by fiscal containment efforts, capital expenditures of approximately \$11.6 million are budgeted in FY 2016-17.

President Livingston thanked the Board and staff for months of discussion and hard work towards developing a budget that reflects the Village's priorities and operational policies. He also thanked Director of Finance, Lou Cipparrone, for another award winning budget.

It was moved by Trustee Kotynek to adopt the Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2017-17 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

B. Ordinance- Zoning Code Text Amendment to Authorize Mobile Phone Repair in the C-1 Central Commercial District, uBreakiFix, 72 S. La Grange Road: *Referred to Trustee Langan*

Trustee Langan introduced a request from uBreakiFix mobile phone repair shop to approve the business on the first floor of the building at 72 S. La Grange Road. The repair shop would include sales of mobile phone cases and other mobile phone and computer accessories. The proposed location of the repair shop is zoned in the C-1 Central Commercial District and core retail area.

A text amendment is required to authorize a mobile phone repair shop as electronic repair shops are not an authorized use in the commercial districts under the La Grange Zoning Code. The Plan Commission conducted a public hearing and voted 3 in favor and 2 opposed on a motion to recommend approval of the application. As such, the vote is deemed to be a recommendation to deny the application because a concurring vote of at least four Commissioners is required to recommend approval.

Trustees discussed the age of the code and that the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) categories did not include the evolution of technology to include mobile phone repair; parking; square footage of the business; potential support of this business by other businesses; customer demand and sales tax generation.

Mr. Jeff Schwartz confirmed that a similar store operating in Geneva produces approximately 60% sales tax with similar square footage. The business will repair phones and other electronics as well as sell related products.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve an Ordinance approving a Zoning Code Text Amendment to Authorize Mobile Phone Repair in the C-1 Central Commercial District, uBreakiFix, 72 S. La Grange Road, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Approved by a roll call vote.

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

C. Ordinance- (1) Zoning Map Amendment, (2) Special Use Permit, (3) Planned Development Concept/ Final Plan Approval, (4) Site Plan Approval and (5) Design Review Permit to Authorize an Assisted Living Facility with Memory Care, Zoning for Proposed Development, Pathway Development Partners, (Aspired Living of La Grange), 35 Shawmut Avenue: *Referred to Trustee Langan*

Trustee Langan reported that Pathway Development Partners, LLC, is the contract purchaser of a 2.82 acre northwest portion of Gordon Park currently used a passive park land. Pathway proposes to construct an assisted living and memory care facility on the subject property. The facility will consist of 116 units with a one-story 32 unit, memory care facility, a five story building with 84 assisted living units and outdoor spaces / parking lot.

Bob Helle from Pathway Development Partners, LLC, presented a power point for the Pathway Project. Pathway will offer apartments with kitchenettes and full services such as food, wellness services and activities for the residents. The facility will be licensed under IDPH and will employ 50 full time employees. The facility will not offer skilled care, but relationships with area nursing homes will be established.

Mr. Helle also introduced several other individuals who discussed engineering and planning related to the project including emergency access, extension of Shawmut Avenue, pedestrian access, landscape plan, stormwater requirements and utilities. Pathway Development Partners will also provide financial amenities for Village operations, access to the site, access to the Park, and streetscape enhancements which they are committed to maintaining.

Trustees asked questions related to clarification of the front and side yards; competition from similar facilities in the area; concerns regarding the building extending over the property at the front door; location of the fence; lot coverage; suitability of the use for the site; ongoing maintenance; ambulance / fire access; parking; green space; traffic flow; and data used to determine public participation.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve an Ordinance for a (1) Zoning Map Amendment, (2) Special Use Permit, (3) Planned Development Concept / Final Plan Approval, (4) Site Plan Approval and (5) Design Review Permit to Authorize an Assisted Living Facility with Memory Care, Zoning for Proposed Development, Pathway Development Partners (Aspired Living of La Grange), 35 Shawmut Avenue, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Approved by a roll call vote:

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

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Lara Taylor of 118 S. Park, representing Neighbors for North Campus Safety, thanked the Village Board for taking the group's concerns seriously and noted the newly placed stop signs have immensely increased pedestrian safety. Ms. Taylor voiced concerns about school buses continuing to use Village streets after 4:00 p.m. and on the weekends. Ms. Taylor asked the Village Board to encourage LTHS to adopt the recommendations in the KLOA traffic study related to the use of the LTHS parking lot; use of traffic aids before and after school, and installation of signage on Park Road stating "no parking any time on entire block."

President Livingston thanked Ms. Taylor and School District 204 for the partnership.

Resident Orlando Coryell commented on the loss of value on the east side of 141 N. La Grange Road. He also stated the Lyons Township High School has empty property on Cossitt Avenue and should build parking area for buses.

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

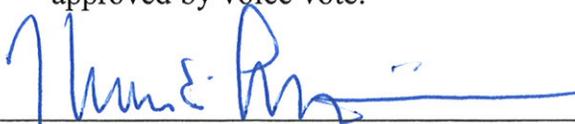
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10. CLOSED SESSION

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:52 p.m. Trustee Kotynek moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion approved by voice vote.



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Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:



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John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: