

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES RE-SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
Village Hall Auditorium
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, May 9, 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 Arnett, Holder, Kotynek, Kuchler, Langan, and McCarty

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Mark Burkland
Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief Don Gay
Police Chief Renee Strasser
Congressman Dan Lipinski

President Livingston noted the meeting would include recognition of volunteers from the various boards and commissions as well as a special recognition of the La Grange Garden Club. President Livingston requested everyone in the audience introduce themselves and announce which board or commission they represent. President Livingston then welcomed guest Congressman Dan Lipinski.

President Livingston requested Village Clerk John Burns lead the audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Elaborating on the numerous accomplishments throughout the past year, including the start of a new budget, manor care expansion, downtown growth and a new dispatch communications, President Livingston acknowledged our legislators, legal counsel,

volunteers, and staff for working together and our Police and Fire department for keeping La Grange and surrounding region safe.

President Livingston then invited the members of the La Grange Garden Club to share with the audience some of their contributions to La Grange. Member Jan McFarland talked about their participation in Arbor Day, scholarships they offer to students studying environmental science or horticulture, and planting flowers in areas like the post office or near memorials—all things to make La Grange “more colorful and a fun place to be.”

President Livingston thanked the La Grange Garden Club and presented them with a plaque to show the Village’s appreciation for their time and contribution to the Village over the years.

President Livingston then invited Congressman Dan Lipinski to say a few words. Congressman Lipinski thanked the volunteers of La Grange and noted the significance of people putting time into their community. Congressman Lipinski stated La Grange is a vibrant Village and draws people here like a “magnet.”

A. RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

In appreciation for the citizen volunteers who have rendered thoughtful and dedicated service to the Village by participating on various advisory boards and commissions over the past year, President Livingston stated that each Trustee along with Village staff would give a brief synopsis of the functions of each advisory board and commission, and announce the names of the members along with their years of service.

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (3-year term, 3 members)

Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson stated that in accordance with State Statute, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners oversees certain personnel matters within the Fire and Police Departments. They are responsible for the initial appointment of all full-time firefighters/paramedics and police officers; they make promotional appointments; and 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.

Members are: Mark A. Lies, II, 17 years of service and current chair of the commission; Elyse Hoffenberg, 2 year of service; and Paul Kerpan, 3 years of service.

Community & Economic Development Commission (3-year term, 15 members)

Trustee McCarty noted that this commission considers and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding economic development issues and matters related to the relationships between 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.

Members are: Russ Riberto, 2 years of service 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 of service; Lisa Sher, 2 years of service; Rebecca Wimbush, 5 years of service; Margaret Carlson, Mark Reich, Elizabeth Stiles and Lester Williams all serving for 9 years; and Steve Palmer 16 years of service.

Design Review Commission (3-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Holder explained 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.

Members are: Andrea Barnish 24 years of service and current chair of the commission; John Boehms, appointed June 8, 2015; Troy Pavelka, 6 years of service; Michael Thuma and Carol Vizek both serving for 7 years; Tim Reardon, 9 years of service; and Regina McClinton, 25 years of service.

Environmental Quality Control Commission – (2-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Arnett explained that 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.

Members are: Glenn Wentink, 28 years of service and current chair of the commission; Beth Augustine, appointed June 8, 2025; Rose Naseef, 2 years of service; Rebecca Davies, 3 years of service; Linda Christianson, 7 years of service; and Richard Battistoni, 26 years of service.

Plan Commission – (3-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Kotynek and Trustee Langan explained that 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.

Members are: Wayne Kardatzke, 21 years of service and current chair of the commission; Dave Shwartz, appointed June 8, 2015; Julie Egan, 2 year of service; Jay Stewart, 5 years of service; Greg Paice, 8 years of service; Laura Weyrauch and Tom Williams both serving for 9 years; and Jerry Reich, 16 years of service.

Zoning Board of Appeals – (5-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Kuchler stated that 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.

Members are: Ellen Brewin, 22 years of service and current chair of the Board; John Pappas, appointed June 8, 2015; Laura Blentlinger, 2 years of service; Michael Finder and Jeff Hoffenberg both serving for 6 years; Peter O'Connor, 7 years of service; and Ian Brenson, 10 years of service.

President Livingston announced that the Village Board would also like to thank several citizen volunteers who hold appointed positions and requested members of staff to recognize these individuals.

Acting Police Chief Renee Strasser, on behalf of the Village, expressed her gratitude to the Police Auxiliary Force and Jim Liotta who has served on the Auxiliary Police Force for 25 years, the last 22 years as Director.

Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson expressed the Village's gratitude to Curtis Linder who has represented the Village of La Grange by serving as a Trustee on the West Suburban Mass Transit District. This organization provides financial assistance to member communities to implement commuter-related improvements. Mr. Linder has served on the Board since 2009 and was actively consulted during the Stone Avenue train station master improvement project.

Fire Chief Don Gay explained that the Firemen's Pension Board was created according to Illinois State Statute to review pension investment activity and evaluate disability claims,

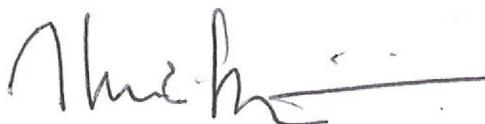
fitness for duty and other matters of an operational nature. Kevin Sheehan, a member since June 2014 and Jon Peterson, a member since June 2015, are the two resident members of the 5-member Fireman's Pension Board.

Acting Police Chief Renee Strasser explained that 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, member since June 2015 and Mike Meagher, member since June 2015, are the two resident members of the 5-member Police Pension Board.

President Livingston expressed a public thank you to all for their public service to the Village.

3. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 p.m., moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Approved by voice vote.



Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:



John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: