

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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

Monday, May 23, 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, Kotynek, Langan and McCarty, with President Livingston presiding.

ABSENT: Trustees Holder, Kuchler

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

President Livingston asked the Village Clerk to lead the audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Livingston noted that the "Ahh La Grange!" Carnival will take place starting June 3rd 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., June 4th 12:00 p.m.-10:00p.m., June 5th 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and the 70th Annual Pet Parade will take place June 4th 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

President Livingston announced the Community Shred/Recycling Event will be held on June 11th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Restore will also be attending. A list on acceptable recyclables/appliances are listed on the Village website at www.villageoflagrange.com.

President Livingston also announced that on May 30th at 8:30 a.m., Lyons Township will hold a ceremony honoring past and present La Grange residents who serve and have served our Country. Village Hall will be closed Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day.

The next Village Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on June 13th at 7:30 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments regarding agenda items.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance – Design Review Permit #91, 9 South La Grange Road, Kama Indian Bistro
- B. Award of Contract – 2016 Lane Marking Program
- C. Purchase – Police Department/Replacement of Investigations Vehicle
- D. Ordinance – Disposal of Surplus Property/Miscellaneous Personal Property
- E. Consolidated Voucher 160425
- F. Consolidated Voucher 160509
- G. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday April 25, 2016
- H. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, May 9, 2016

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

Approved by 4 to 0 roll call vote:

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

None.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. LGBA – Request for Additional Funding/Continued Discussion

Village Manager Bob Pilipiszyn summarized the LGBA's request for additional funding from the Village of La Grange for technological improvements and operational support in the amount of \$20,000(one-time). This amount would fund a member-driven website and a new smartphone app.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to concur with staff recommendation to fund the LGBA's scope of work with no additional stipulations beyond what is outlined in the Board Report.

B. Communications Workshop

Village Manager Bob Pilipiszyn went over the four methods of communications currently exercised by the Village: Village Website, Spokesman, Cable TV and Code Red.

Village Spokesman

Trustee McCarty and Trustee Langan discussed ideas regarding the Village Spokesman. They both agreed sending a physical copy in the mail still appeals to the Village demographics, however sending a smaller mailer with better focused information may be more efficient. Trustee McCarty suggested this in a form of a "story"- a theme for the newsletter, explaining La Grange's new development and infrastructure.

Village Website

Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson navigated through the website's pages on a projector in front of the auditorium. Trustee McCarty asked to view the Geographic Information System (GIS) capability on the Village website. This feature allows residents to view a particular address in La Grange on a map with a property summary including schools, garbage collection, and pin number for that address. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham stated this feature also provides zoning information, web links to area Government Officials, and the Cook County Accessor's Office.

Clerk Burns suggested providing a 2-3 minute "how to" video on the Village Cable Television channel to help residents navigate through the website and its features like GIS.

Assistant Director of Community Development, Angela Mesaros, discussed the different Facebook pages featuring La Grange. Currently "Shop La Grange" has a Facebook page managed by the Community Development Office. This page features information regarding retail in the Village. This page currently has a little over 900 "likes" (followers). There is another Facebook Page called "La Grange, IL" that is not managed by Village staff. This website has 9,000 "likes" (followers) and Nancy Cummings, Director of the La Grange Business Association, is one of the website's administrators. Discussion ensued about the possibility of collaborating with this group so that information is efficiently shared and distributed.

Code Red

Police Chief Renee Strasser noted Code Red is a service for emergency notifications and is to be used for emergencies only, such as crimes or severe weather conditions. This is a service residents must opt-in to if they chose to receive these notifications. Currently Code Red has about 20,000 subscribers.

Cable TV

Village cable television is event-driven and typically consists of Village Board Meetings and character generated messages. Trustee Arnett suggested also airing videos of past events such as the Pet Parade. President Livingston thanked LTTV for all the work they do for La Grange cable television.

President Livingston added he keeps a Twitter account for the Village of La Grange. He has 19 followers and typically “tweets” events as they are happening.

Press releases are typically written in regards to public safety, operations, or construction information. This information is posted to the Village Website under “Village News.” The Village also keeps a calendar on the Website which pushes out notifications to anyone who is subscribed to receive these electronic notifications to their phone or email accounts.

Trustee McCarty suggested the idea of interactive information in the lobby of Village Hall as a way to share information while residents are there for other Village business. This information could also be shared with schools, train stops and other public spaces.

President Livingston recommended using the Community and Economic Development Commission as a vessel to focus on growing communications but should also utilize outside groups such as the “La Grange, IL” Facebook page to learn from and work together.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None.

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

10. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:27 p.m. Trustee Langan moved to convene in closed session for the purpose to consider probable or imminent litigation against or by the Village, seconded by Trustee McCarty. Motion approved by 4 to 0 roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Arnett, Kotynek, Langan and McCarty

Nays: None
Absent: Trustees Holder, Kuchler

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:01 p.m. Trustee Arnett moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee McCarty. Motion approved by voice vote.



Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:



John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: