

MINUTES

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

Monday, May 10, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Administrative Secretary Ellie Elder, the following were present:

PRESENT: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Langan, Livingston, Kuchler, and Palermo

ABSENT: Village Clerk Milne

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Mark Burkland
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief David Fleege
Police Chief Mike Holub

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Employee Recognition – Fire Captain David Rapp, State Fire Marshall Medal of Honor Recipient

President Asperger recognized Fire Captain David Rapp on his professionalism and exemplary performance in the line of duty, placing the safety of others above his own. President Asperger noted that Fire Captain Rapp will be recognized at the Office of the State Fire Marshal Annual Firefighting Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony at the State Capitol in Springfield. The entire Village Board commended Fire Captain David Rapp.

President Asperger announced that the weekly Farmer's Market will resume on Thursday, May 13.

The La Grange Business Association will display painted rain barrels to be viewed and later auctioned to benefit non-profit community based organizations. President Asperger commented on the successful empty bowls event which raised funds to support local food pantries.

President Asperger indicated that the Village has received notification of the planned demolition of the vacated YMCA building.

The Plan Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 11 to continue their review of the Zoning Code.

Lastly, President Asperger noted that correspondence is being sent to Governor Quinn urging him to approve an amendment to the Illinois Vehicle Code which requires motorists to stop for pedestrians crossing in a marked crosswalk rather than just yielding.

B. Appointments – Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

President Asperger noted that a vacancy was created on the Zoning Board of Appeals when Nancy Pierson was appointed to serve on the Plan Commission. President Asperger submitted the appointment of Jeff Hoffenberg who resides at 1030 S. Stone Avenue to fill Ms. Pierson's unexpired term. President Asperger also submitted the appointment of Michael Finder who resides at 73 N. Edgewood Avenue to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Kathy Schwappach who will be transferring to the Board of Fire and Police Commission to replace Larry Gess who is relocating to Indian Head Park. Trustee Langan moved to approve the appointments, seconded by Trustee Holder. The motion was approved by voice vote.

C. Appointment – Design Review Commission

President Asperger indicated that Gary Young will be stepping down from the Design Review Commission. To fill the vacancy President Asperger submitted the appointment of Troy Pavelka who resides at 912 Arlington to serve as a member on the Design Review Commission for a term to expire in 2013. Trustee Langan moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Trustee Holder. The motion was approved by voice vote.

D. Appointments and Re-appointments – Advisory Boards and Commissions

President Asperger recommended the appointments and re-appointments of the following: Mark Lies who resides at 437 S. Spring to serve on the Board of Fire and Police Commission until 2013; Kathy Schwappach who resides at 139 N. Madison to serve on the Board of Fire and Police Commission until 2011; Richard Holly who resides at 29 N. Park, John Stewart who resides at 340 Blackstone, and Lester Williams who resides at 114 East Avenue all to serve on the Community and Economic Development Commission until 2013; Andrea Barnish who resides at 1101 W. Cossitt, Tim Reardon who resides at 21 S. La Grange Road, and Troy Pavelka who resides at 912 Arlington all to serve on the Design Review Commission until 2013; William Holder who resides at 611 S. Waiola to serve on the Emergency Telephone System Board until 2011; Greg Paice who resides at 216 S. Madison and Jerry Reich who resides at 19 N. Drexel both to serve on the Plan Commission until 2013; Police Chief Mike Holub to serve on the Police Pension Board until 2012; Mike Finder who resides at 78 N. Edgewood to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals until 2011; and Jeff Hoffenberg who resides at 1030 S. Stone to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals until 2015.

Trustee Langan moved to approve the appointments and re-appointments as noted, seconded by Trustee Livingston. The motion was approved by voice vote.

President Asperger expressed her thanks to all who offered to volunteer their time and service to the community.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-10-12) Variation – Fence Height on Corner Side Yard / 146 N. Waiola Avenue
- B. Ordinance (#O-10-13) Variation – Required Front Yard / Paul and Margaret Houston, 921 Arlington Street
- C. Ordinance (#O-10-14) Creating an Additional Class F-2 Liquor License – La Grange Field Club, 1314 W. 47th Street
- D. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)
- E. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)

- F. Construction Contract & Engineering Services Agreement – Neighborhood “H” Street Resurfacing Project (Heuer & Associates \$57,053; Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. \$639,900)
- G. Purchase – Public Works Department / Replacement Grapple Loader Truck (Petersen Industries, Inc., Lake Wales, Florida \$57,470; City International, Chicago, Illinois \$61,950)
- H. Purchase – Public Works Department / Replacement of F-350 and F-450 One Ton Trucks
- I. Resolution (#R-10-10) Request to Close La Grange Road / Pet Parade
- J. IDOT (#R-10-11) Permit for Work on State Rights-Of-Way
- K. Ordinances (#O-10-15 & #O-10-16) – Disposal of Surplus Property
- L. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Monday, April 12, 2010
- M. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Special Village Board Meeting on Monday, April 26, 2010
- N. Consolidated Voucher 100426 – (\$465,433.92)
- O. Consolidated Voucher 100510 – (\$700,576.67)

To provide clarification relating to item 4-C on the agenda, Trustee Kuchler explained that although some Trustees are members of the La Grange Field Club, the Village Board is voting to amend the code to allow another liquor license to be created and upon approval, the Liquor Commissioner will issue the liquor license to the applicant.

Trustee Kuchler requested items 4-D and 4-E be removed from the Omnibus Agenda and placed under Current Business for further discussion

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, C, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N and O of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, and Palermo
Nays: None
Absent: None

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

4-D Engineering Services Agreement – Preliminary Engineering Study for Improvements to the 47th Street Corridor (Removed from Omnibus for further discussion.)

Trustee Kuchler presented the item and gave detailed information relevant to the identified improvements for pedestrian safety and traffic management at the 47th Street Corridor.

Trustee Kuchler itemized the preliminary engineering study recommendations for improvements provided by the Village's traffic engineering consultant, KLOA, Inc. and funding sources for the possible reconfiguration of the roadway.

Trustee Kuchler indicated that the engineering study would be completed this fall and any proposed improvements to the 47th Street Corridor would be discussed in a workshop setting.

Trustee Kuchler moved to approve a contract with KLOA to perform the engineering study in an amount not to exceed \$14,000, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Kuchler noted the importance in communicating to residents all of the work which the Village has completed and planned for traffic calming and pedestrian safety within the 47th Street Corridor. Trustee Kuchler sought to confirm if the study would be postponed until after the current resurfacing of 47th Street was completed and Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham responded affirmatively. Trustee Kuchler inquired about other corridor projects and their effectiveness such as CREATE and Mr. Gillingham responded that each will be evaluated and presented to the Village Board in the future for discussion.

Trustee Langan commented on the pedestrian crosswalk at 9th Avenue and 47th Street. He said that residents in the neighborhood appreciate the attention which the Village has given to the matter of increased pedestrian safety and more cars are stopping at the crossing.

Trustee Horvath suggested that a flashing red light at the crossing may be a better synchronization with the new state law.

Trustee Palermo inquired if the gathering of data by the consultant would be performed when schools are in session. Mr. Gillingham responded affirmatively, however it would not be gathered during the resurfacing project.

Trustee Palermo echoed Trustee Langan's comments on the pedestrian crosswalk and added his hopes that the Governor signs the legislation to require motorists to stop for pedestrians crossing in a marked crosswalk.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, and Palermo
Nays: None
Absent: None

4-E Equipment Purchase – Police Department / Replacement and upgrade of Emergency 9-1-1 Telephone Answering System (Removed from Omnibus for further discussion.)

Trustee Kuchler presented this item in detail to communicate the need for replacement and upgrades to the current Emergency 9-1-1 telephone answering equipment and implementation of an enhanced digital mapping system. It was noted that AT&T is the only company that can provide the equipment and installation in a timely manner. Trustee Kuchler indicated that federal funds in the amount of \$100,000 have been appropriated through Congressman Lipinski's office to offset the cost of the equipment.

Trustee Kuchler moved to waive the competitive bidding process and authorize staff to enter into an agreement with AT&T for the purchase and installation of a replacement and upgraded Emergency 9-1-1 Telephone Answering System (\$211,579) and for the implementation of the enhanced digital mapping system (\$25,000), for a total project cost not to exceed \$236,579, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Kuchler noted his thanks for appropriated federal funds and inquired about the balance needed to purchase the equipment. Finance Director Lou Cipparrone noted that funds have been budgeted for this purchase in the Equipment Replacement Fund and the Emergency Telephone System Board Fund.

Trustee Kuchler inquired about other municipalities desire to participate in a joint dispatch. Police Chief Mike Holub noted that the Village has reached out to other communities to share one network. Chief Holub added that the Village of La Grange is preparing for advances in technology and is willing to consider joint agreements. President Asperger noted that discussions have been on-going with other Police and Fire Chiefs in the surrounding communities.

Trustee Langan noted his support for this purchase. As a participant on the Emergency Telephone System Board, Trustee Holder concurred with his support of this purchase.

Trustee Palermo believes this is a good opportunity for a regional dispatch system.

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn briefly described the intergovernmental process by which such matters are handled.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, and Palermo

Nays: None

Absent: None

A. Special Event – La Grange Business Association “Ahhh! La Grange” Carnival: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan made known that the La Grange Business Association has requested the Board’s permission to conduct the “Ahhh! La Grange Carnival” which would take place the weekend of the Pet Parade, June 4 through June 6, 2010. Trustee Langan explained the details of the event including a request to sell alcoholic beverages during the operating hours. Trustee Langan added that the sale and service of liquor would be conducted by a licensed caterer and that the La Grange Business Association would monitor and control liquor management.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve the “Ahhh! La Grange Carnival” subject to specific conditions; approve the temporary closure of Harris Avenue from La Grange Road to Ashland Avenue; waive restrictions which prohibit the consumption of alcohol on the public way; waive the restrictions for the outdoor display and sale of goods and services in the C-1 Zoning District; and approve carnival rides as a Temporary Use, seconded by Trustee Livingston. The motion was approved by voice vote.

B. Special Event – La Grange Art & Craft Fair: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan noted that the Village has received a request from the La Grange Business Association to hold the 35th Annual Art and Craft Fair on Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11, 2010. The location utilized for the past few years was found to be favorable and is being requested again this year, however it will again be necessary for the Board to approve various road closures.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve the closure of Harris Avenue west of La Grange Road to Ashland Avenue and Madison Avenue from Harris Avenue

south to just north of the entrance to the parking lot located at Harris and Madison Avenues and the closure of Village Parking Lots 3 and 4 on each side of the Senior Center on July 10 and 11, 2010 for the La Grange Art and Craft Fair, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Motion approved by voice vote.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn reminded residents about the upcoming computer recycling event to be conducted on Saturday, May 15 and provided contact information.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Palermo noted his surprise in the number of citizens willing to volunteer to serve on the various Boards and Commissions. Trustee Palermo encouraged communication to residents for future vacancies.

Trustee Kuchler extended his congratulations to Fire Captain David Rapp along with the Department of Public Works on their professionalism in the performance of their responsibilities.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35p.m. it moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Motion approved by voice vote.

Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

June 14, 2010
Approved Date