

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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

Monday, August 22, 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 7:31 p.m. by President Livingston. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk John Burns, the following were:

PRESENT: Trustees Arnett, Holder, Kotynek, Kuchler, and Langan, with President Livingston presiding.

ABSENT: Trustee McCarty

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Mark Burkland
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Community Development Director Charity Jones
Deputy Police Chief Andy Peters
Fire Chief Don Gay

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

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On Thursday, August 11, the Village experienced a significant power outage stemming from the McCook station. While Com Ed was able to restore power temporarily that evening, numerous problems with Com Ed equipment created a ripple effect for system reliability during the weekend of August 13 and 14. As a result, Com Ed established a command center and provided generators to temporarily restore power while an action plan was finalized and put into motion. The Village is continuing to work closely with Com Ed to identify and implement projects that improve the reliability of the Village's electrical system. President Livingston extended thanks to residents and businesses for their patience.

President Livingston thanked the La Grange Business Association and the Park District of La Grange, volunteers, Public Safety and Public Works personnel for the successful Endless Summerfest the weekend of August 6.

President Livingston stated earlier that evening, the Liquor Commission met to consider a request for a liquor license for a new owner of a long standing business in La Grange, Antonino's Ristorante, at 701 W. Hillgrove Avenue. Antonino's has been a dining destination in La Grange for 28 years and a new owner now plans to continue the legacy. The Liquor Commission will be recommending approval of the license to the Village Board at its next regular meeting.

President Livingston recognized and thanked Smothers Realty Group which is celebrating their 20 year anniversary in La Grange this year.

President Livingston announced that the Robert E. Coulter American Legion will conduct a commemoration ceremony to honor the victims of September 11, 2001. The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 11 at the Robert E. Coulter Post 1941, located at 900 S. La Grange Road and thanked the Legion, our first responders, and military personnel both past and present.

BNSF and Metra have announced track resurfacing and tie replacement work during the week of August 27 to September 9. President Livingston noted that temporary crossing closures may be required. Additional information will be provided on the Village's website www.villageoflagrange.com.

Metra representatives will be partnering with La Grange Police Officers and Firefighters on August 25 to hold an Operation Lifesaver Station Safety Blitz. The partnership will promote train and grade crossing safety.

A. Appointment - Glenn Wentink, Plan Commission

Trustee Langan and Holder commented that Glenn Wentink has done great work for the Village and that he will be a great addition to the Plan Commission. Appointment approved by a voice vote.

B. Appointment – Clayton Edwards, Zoning Board of Appeals

Trustee Holder commented that Clay Edwards will be a great addition to the Zoning Board of Appeals and also wanted to recognize Jerry Reich for his contribution to the Plan Commission for 16 years. Appointment approved by a voice vote.

C. Annual Appointment of Village Officials

Trustee Langan moved to approve the annual appointment of Village Officials, seconded by Trustee Kotynek. Appointment approved by a voice vote.

D. Oath of Office – Brian Cramer, Fire Lieutenant

E. Oath of Office- William Kallal, Fire Lieutenant

F. Appointment- Charity Jones, Director of Community Development

Appointment approved by a voice vote.

G. Proclamation- CommUNITY Diversity Group 25th Annual Race Unity Rally

Clerk Burns read the CommUNITY Diversity Group Proclamation aloud. Trustee Langan moved to accept the Proclamation, seconded by Trustee Holder. Proclamation approved by a voice vote.

H. Storm Water Management Projects Update

President Livingston stated that the Village was served with papers by the Hanson Quarry to stop the 50th Street Storm Sewer Project. Agreed mediation by both parties has been scheduled for early September. Litigation is contingent upon successful mediation. President Livingston stated the Village will fight for this project as the goal is to modernize the Village's water system. President Livingston also thanked legal counsel Mark Burkland and Neil Gerber for all their hard work on this issue.

President Livingston also provided a status on the anticipated Brainard Avenue Flood Protection Barrier. President Livingston noted the use of the barrier is for the rarest of occasions, only to assist the Village's system to catch up from a heavy rain fall, such as a 100-year rainstorm. The barrier is not possible without the consent and assistance of the La Grange Country Club.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments regarding agenda items.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance – Creating an Additional Class A-2 Liquor License, West Burlington LLC, d/b/a Barrel House Social of La Grange, 100 W. Burlington Avenue
- B. Ordinance- Variation- Required Side yard, 1044 S. Ashland Avenue
- C. Ordinance- Proposed Special Service Area- (SSA) #9 Ogden Avenue/La Grange Road Sidewalk – Opus Development, Uptown La Grange, 31 E. Ogden Avenue
- D. Award of Contract – Police and Fire Station Chiller Replacement and HVAC Controls Upgrade
- E. Award of Contract- 2016 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program
- F. Consolidated Voucher 160725
- G. Consolidated Voucher 160808
- H. Consolidated Voucher 160822
- I. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, July 11, 2016

Approved by 5 to 0 roll call vote:

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Special Event – La Grange Business Association 21st Annual “West End Art Festival,” 2016 Summer Art Project, and “An Evening of Art & Jazz” West End Art Fair; *Referred to: Trustee Arnett*

The Village received a request from Andrea Barnish, Chairperson of the La Grange Business Association’s West End Art Festival seeking approval to conduct the 21st annual "West End Art Festival". The festival is planned to take place on Saturday, September 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday September 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This event would again be held on Burlington Avenue between Brainard and Spring Avenues, as well as in the park area surrounding Stone Avenue train station. It is anticipated that up to 150 artists and exhibitors, as well as a few food

vendors, will be at the event. Along with great art, patrons will also have the opportunity to enjoy a Culinary Tent featuring the art of food with cooking demonstrations and tastings by local restaurants, performance art with theatre, music and dance as well as food from La Grange restaurants and art activities for the kids.

In addition to the art festival is the Summer Art Project Bird House Auction to be held on Saturday, September 17th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy live music, food and drink with the live auction starting at 6:00 p.m. Following the live auction the La Grange Business Association would also like to host the seventh annual "An Evening of Art and Jazz" event on Saturday, September 17th, featuring live jazz music starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Village Liquor Commissioner will separately consider permission for the tastings and sale of beer and wine pursuant to the request in the letter dated August 8, 2016, from Andrea Barnish, Chair of the West End Art Festival.

If you concur with this request, the Village will need to formally approve: (1) the closure of Burlington Avenue, portions of Stone and Waiola Avenues, and (2) waive restrictions for the outdoor display and sale of goods and services in the C-2 Zoning District.

Village staff has reviewed this request and recommends its approval subject to certain conditions as outlined in the Board Report. A single motion for the approval is appropriate.

This event was approved by a voice vote.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Pre-budget Development Workshop – Cost Containment Plan

Village Manager Bob Pilipiszyn remarked that the cost containment plan has been successful in stabilizing Village finances, it has now entered its seventh consecutive year, and is programmed to remain in place for each year of the Village's current five-year financial plan.

He proceeded to state that the purpose of the workshop is to present the Village Board with preliminary revenue and expenditure projections and how that information may either support the restoration of certain expenditures that were cut as part of the Village's cost containment efforts, or cause the Village to retain cost containment as part of normal operations.

Finance Director Lou Cipparrone gave a brief overview of the Village's Operating Budget; the Village ended fiscal year 2015-2016 with a \$1.0 surplus in

the General Fund and attributed this to building permits issued for the new Uptown La Grange Development, Condominiums at 40 S. Ashland, and public safety position vacancies, which have been since filled. Fiscal year 2016-2017 is anticipated to have a status quo Operating Budget with no new expenditures.

There are several new revenue growth opportunities that are not included in the current budget such as a one-time contribution from Pathways Senior Living Development and new property tax revenue from Uptown La Grange, 40 S. Ashland and Pathways, which is not expected to take effect until fiscal year 2018-2019.

There is an increase in the pension fund tax levies of \$270K over what was budgeted due to the update to Lauterbach & Amen Mortality Tables in 2015. This will cause an increase in the pension costs and an impact in budget development moving forward.

Mr. Pilipiszyn concluded the staff presentation by indicating that the Village's management team has worked hard at controlling expenditures and at identifying alternative revenue generating opportunities. He added that the team would like to come out of cost containment. However, with the unanticipated increase in pension valuations, coupled with new revenues not yet being realized with new growth, it was staff's recommendation that the Village continues to work towards moving out of cost containment, but not in this upcoming budget. He estimated that the Village may be 1-2 years away from doing so. The Village's financial condition can be re-assessed one-year from now. President Livingston thanked Messrs. Pilipiszyn and Cipparrone for their presentation and opened the floor to the Board of Trustees for discussion.

After clarifying questions and comments, it was the consensus direction of the Village Board to concur with the staff recommendation to maintain the cost containment plan for the time being and for the Village to continue to be cautious.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

La Grange resident Joe Fedoruk voiced several concerns involving the construction of the 40 S. Ashland project. Mr. Fedoruk expressed that he is not satisfied with the Village's responsiveness and communication with him regarding the handling of these matters.

La Grange resident Phillip Bernard echoed Mr. Fedoruk's concerns, and also inquired as to relief for Mr. Fedoruk.

President Livingston thanked the residents for expressing their concerns. President Livingston indicated that the Village Board is aware of the concerns and that considerable staff time and resources has been dedicated towards problem-solving.

To further be accountable, President Livingston offered to meet with Mr. Fedoruk to discuss his concerns in more detail.

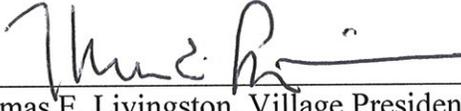
9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Holder suggested that the Village may need to revisit considerations extended to the La Grange Country Club in light of pending litigation involving the construction of the 50th Street Storm Sewer Project.

Trustee Kuchler acknowledged receipt of Mr. Fedoruk's concerns expressed this evening and by email to members of the Village Board.

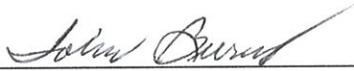
10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:02 p.m. Trustee Langan moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion approved by voice vote.



Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:



John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: