

MINUTES

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

Monday, July 26, 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 7:35 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
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief David Fleege
Police Chief Mike Holub

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger began by commenting on the excessive amounts of rain received over the past weekend and requested Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn to speak on the severe weather issues.

Mr. Pilipiszyn described how the Village responded to the severe rain event on July 24 and identified the most impacted neighborhoods. The process of disaster declaration was also explained. Mr. Pilipiszyn requested Director Ryan Gillingham to provide information on the sewer system. Mr. Gillingham explained fundamentals of the Village's sewer system noting the difference and interrelationship between storm sewers, sanitary sewers, combination sewers, relief sewers and the Deep Tunnel System. Mr. Pilipiszyn concluded the staff report by announcing that a public

meeting will be scheduled at which time more detailed information would be provided concerning sewer system operations and potential improvements.

President Asperger thanked all departments who helped residents during and after the recent storms.

President Asperger noted that this evening's regular Village Board meeting would be followed by a workshop to discuss technology and invited the public to attend.

President Asperger announced that HB 43, the new law regulating vehicles to stop and yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, goes into effect immediately. The Village will be working with its traffic consultant and the Illinois Department of Transportation for guidance regarding signage and enforcement.

Congratulations were offered to the La Grange Business Association on their successful 36th annual craft fair.

Congratulations were extended to Police Chief Mike Holub for having received the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award from the Illinois Chapter of the American Legion. Representing Illinois, Chief Holub is a candidate for the National Award.

Congratulations and well wishes were also extended to Fire Chief David Fleege who has announced his retirement. Chief Fleege will assist the Village Manager in the selection process to promote from within the Fire Department.

At this time President Asperger opened the floor to residents with concerns regarding the severe weather and rain storm issues.

1. John Bovard, 125 N. Peck Avenue indicated flooding of his property has occurred several times and does not believe the Village has been responsive to the matter. Mr. Bovard questioned if the repaving of streets may have added to the problem. Mr. Bovard also requested the Village consider offering residents some compensation for the cost of installing overhead sewers.
2. Cindy Brom, 700 block of Kensington Avenue believes that the sewer restrictors are making matters worse. Ms. Brom inquired when the future meeting for updates will occur. President Asperger encouraged residents to sign up on the "Notify Me" page on the Village's website for e-mail notification on future meetings.
3. Jan Reagan, 700 block of Kensington Avenue inquired if drainage from the La Grange Country Club could be diverted. Mr. Gillingham noted that flooded areas will be researched for possible solutions.

4. Bridget Wicklander, 140 Sunset noted her previous meeting with personnel from Public Works regarding this low area and is hopeful the Village can provide assistance.
5. Peggy Hagen, 700 block of Kensington Avenue added her comments requesting the Village take note of this area as matters have worsened.
6. Sue Robinson, Sunset and Cossitt expressed great concerns with sewer backup and is hopeful the Village will offer assistance with overhead sewer systems.
7. Philip Fulton, 49 Poplar Place requested to be included on the list for improvements.
8. Tim Takash, 118 N. Peck Avenue indicated his entire block flooded and believes it is the Village's problem to resolve drainage.
9. Brian Reilly, 729 S. Spring Avenue inquired if the sewer system failed and requested the Village to be more proactive in its communications. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham explained how the sewer system accepts water and noted issues would be researched.
10. Bob Westrick, 136 N. Peck Avenue expressed issues with water since the commencement of street resurfacing.
11. Bill Wolz, 730 S. Spring Avenue wondered why the Deep Tunnel did not alleviate the flooding. Although he could not speak for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation System, Mr. Gillingham believes that the sewer system reached its capacity with the tremendous amount of rain received in a short period of time.
12. Susan, 700 block of Spring Avenue noted that rear yard drainage is also a problem on her block.

President Asperger thanked all in attendance and assured the audience that Village staff will continue to address the issues raised.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Special Event – Park District of La Grange / Public Display of Fireworks at Community Family Fest

- B. Resolution (#R-10-13) Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of La Grange and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 (Public Works General utility Workers and Crew Leaders)
- C. Engineering Services Agreement – Preliminary Engineering Studies for the Maple Avenue Relief Sewer and Ogden Avenue Relief Sewer Projects
- D. Resolution (#R-10-14) Access to Cook County Geographic Information System Data Access Agreement
- E. Ordinances (#O-10-25 & #O-10-26) – Amendments to the Village Code Governing Abandoned Vehicles
- F. Budget Amendments – Grant Funds (#R-10-15)
- G. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, June 14, 2010
- H. Consolidated Voucher 100628 – (\$487,818.12)
- I. Consolidated Voucher 100712 – (\$1,074,861.08)
- J. Consolidated Voucher 100726 – (\$341,388.97)

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Special Event – La Grange Business Association “West End Art Festival” and “An Evening of Art & Jazz”: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan stated that the Village has received a request from the La Grange Business Association to conduct the 15th Annual “West End Art Festival” on Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19, 2010.

Trustee Langan noted that in addition to the traditional West End Art Festival, the La Grange Business Association will incorporate a new event “An Evening of Art and Jazz” to be held on Friday, September 17.

Trustee Langan explained that it is necessary for the Village to formally approve the temporary closure of Burlington Avenue and portions of Stone and Waiola Avenues for the outdoor display and to waive restrictions for the outdoor display and sale of goods and services in the C-2 Zoning District.

It was moved by Trustee Langan that the Village Board authorize the La Grange Business Association to utilize Burlington Avenue from Waiola Avenue to Brainard Avenue for the “West End Art Festival” and the “An Evening of Art and Jazz” on September 17 and 19, 2010; that restrictions prohibiting outdoor display and sale of goods and services be waived in conjunction with this event; and that all conditions be satisfied, seconded by Trustee Holder. Approved by voice vote.

Trustee Langan expressed thanks to Andrea Barnish who has chaired this successful and rewarding event for numerous years.

- B. Resolution (#R-10-16) Authorizing a Case Study Evaluation of police Department and Fire Department Service Delivery, and Cooperative Opportunities with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus between the Villages of La Grange, La Grange Park and Western Springs, Illinois: Referred to President Asperger

President Asperger noted that one of the outcomes of the Village Board’s strategic planning session in January 2010 was to identify and develop opportunities for consolidation with other municipalities. President Asperger indicated that recently the Presidents and Managers of La Grange, La Grange Park and Western Springs met to discuss a willingness to work together for consolidated services with emphasis on public safety.

President Asperger explained that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus in conjunction with the Mac Arthur Foundation, is willing to underwrite one-half of the cost of a preliminary study to determine if there is sufficient departmental compatibility on an operational level and potential cost savings to warrant a more in-depth technical analysis. President Asperger added that the net cost to the Village for this feasibility study is \$7,500 and in order to participate in the case study, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus requested the each governing body pass a resolution to authorize the evaluation.

Both Fire Chief David Fleege and Police Chief Michael Holub support this initiative, as they both identified and recommended specific opportunities for consolidated services within their respective departments.

Trustee Langan moved to approve a Resolution authorizing a case study evaluation of Police Department and Fire Department service delivery, and

cooperative opportunities with the Metropolitan Mayor Caucus between the Villages of La Grange, La Grange Park and Western Springs, Illinois, seconded by Trustee Livingston. Motion approved by voice vote.

Trustee Kuchler expressed his agreement with this opportunity to consolidate services and hoped the Village would continue to pursue this venue with refuse hauler services.

Trustee Palermo concurred with Trustee Kuchler adding his desire for the Village to reach out in other areas for cost effective methods to consolidate.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn responded to an inquiry from Reverend Debra Williams regarding public input for the case study of the cooperative agreement. Mr. Pilipiszyn explained that the Metropolitan Mayor's Council would provide the findings which would be presented to the Village Board at a future meeting and the public would be offered an opportunity to comment.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Closed Session – Pending Litigation

President Asperger indicated that there would be a motion to adjourn to closed session immediately following this evening's workshop session. Village Attorney Mark Burkland noted the Village Board would not reconvene to open session as no formal action would occur.

Trustee Langan moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

9 TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Kuchler inquired about flooding streets and the use of restrictors along with the capacity of sewer size to accept flood waters. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham responded that all issues are being evaluated. Village Manager Pilipiszyn elaborated on the matter adding that as street surfacing projects occurred sewer work was limited to spot repairs, namely involving catch basins and no pipe size was reduced. Trustee Kuchler encouraged that a date for a public meeting be selected and advertised.

Trustee Holder agreed that a follow-up meeting after review of the flooding issues is in order.

Trustee Horvath also concurred and was surprised to learn about the amount of rainfall coming off of the Country Club. He also suggested that the Village post a frequently asked questions and answers to educate residents about sewer system operations and what residents can do to protect their property.

President Asperger noted that previous public presentations to the Village Board concerning the Village's sewer system will be posted on-line.

Trustee Palermo added that residents can assist by volunteering to clear debris clogged drains. Trustee Palermo also congratulated the girl's softball team and expressed his pride in the community.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45p.m. it moved by Trustee Langan to recess to the technology workshop, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Motion approved by voice vote.

Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

Approved Date: 08/09/10