

## MINUTES

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

Monday, August 9, 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, Kuchler, and Palermo

ABSENT: Village Clerk Milne, Trustees Langan and Livingston

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn  
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson  
Village Attorney Matt Norton  
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

#### A. Proclamation – Community Diversity Group 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Race Unity Rally

President Asperger proclaimed Sunday, September 12, 2010 as Race Unity Day and indicated that the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally would be held in the Village Hall Auditorium beginning at 3:00 p.m. President Asperger noted this as an annual event for all to gather and celebrate diversity in the community. Trustee Horvath moved to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Trustee Palermo. The motion was approved by voice vote.

President Asperger recognized Linda Eastman of the Community Diversity Group for her many years of involvement of this event.

President Asperger provided an update on the storm recovery efforts put forth by the Village. Explaining the systematic process by which staff will televise and evaluate affected sewer systems, President Asperger noted that detailed information on an upcoming public meeting concerning sewer system operations and potential improvements will be posted on the Village's website and promoted through other media sources. President Asperger added that the Village would expedite and waive processing fees for building permits related to restoration for flood damage.

Announcing the dates and locations of upcoming Town Meetings, President Asperger encouraged residents to attend and participate.

Congratulations were offered to the La Grange "eleven year old" Little League District baseball team for winning State Championship.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Lindsey Paulus, 700 block of Spring expressed grave concerns with flooding and inquired when the public meeting would be held to inform residents of possible solutions. Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn and Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham indicated that data is being collected and a tentative date would be sometime in October.

Frank Meyers, 135 N. Park Road although he is north of the severely flooded areas would like the Village to review his location and provide guidance to his flooded yard. Mr. Gillingham indicated he would be included in the review process.

Gary Gross, 200 Blackstone indicated he has not experienced previous flooding issues and asked that staff review his area.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Open Meetings Act – Review of Closed Session Minutes
- B. For-Profit Solicitor – Edgewood Photo Art
- C. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
Monday, July 26, 2010
- D. Consolidated Voucher 100809 – (\$567,116.24)

It was moved by Trustee Palermo to approve items A, B, C, and D of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee Horvath.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Trustee Palermo queried if residents should submit previous flood related issues for the analysis. Director Gillingham responded that any data is helpful for review but it is not critical to current issues.

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Engineering Service Agreement – Preliminary Engineering Study For The Combined Sewer Drainage Basin South of 47<sup>th</sup> Street: Referred to Trustee Horvath

Trustee Horvath stated that on July 24 the Village experienced a significant amount of rainfall in a short period of time which resulted in widespread flooding. Trustee Horvath added that in order to assess the capacity of the Village's sewer system and to develop possible solutions to reduce flooding a proposal has been requested from Heuer and Associates to conduct a preliminary drainage study.

Trustee Horvath noted the areas which the study would encompass and elaborated on the various items to be included in the preliminary drainage study. Trustee Horvath added that not only will the study help to address current drainage issues but would also serve as a planning document to provide guidance with future long-term capital improvement projects.

It was moved by Trustee Horvath to approve the task order with Heuer and Associates in the total amount of \$25,146.92 for the development of a preliminary engineering study for the combined sewer drainage basin south of 47<sup>th</sup> Street, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Trustee Kuchler inquired if the study would include both storm sewers and the combined sewer areas and Mr. Heuer responded affirmatively. Trustee Kuchler noted that the Village would seek cooperation from the Country Club to improve drainage issues and asked if the same consideration would be expected of La Grange Memorial Hospital. Mr. Heuer noted that the hospital has its own detention facilities which do not discharge in the same manner as the Country Club.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

- B. Resolution (#R-10-17) Initiating the Submission of a Public Question to Support Regional Actions to Attain Long-Term Pension Sustainability: Referred to Trustee Holder

Trustee Holder explained that even though a previous resolution was adopted by the Village Board and letter sent to the Illinois General Assembly to consider pension reform measures to discontinue the practice of granting pension benefits and then place responsibility of payment onto municipalities, it would also be beneficial to communicate this to the voters. Trustee Holder added that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has encouraged the placing of an advisory referendum on the ballot for the upcoming general election in November.

Trustee Holder stated that submission of a public question to the voters of La Grange would read as follows: "Shall the Illinois General Assembly and Governor take immediate steps to implement meaningful public safety pension reform which will relieve the extensive burden on local taxpayers now that the General Assembly and Governor have reformed the pension systems for all other public employees?"

Trustee Holder moved to approve a Resolution initiating the submission of a public question to support regional actions to attain long-term pension sustainability, seconded by Trustee Horvath.

Trustee Kuchler expressed his views in support of this resolution. Trustee Palermo concurred naming other municipalities who have also indicated their willingness to bring these concerns to the voters.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn commented on back to school safety and referred residents to detailed information posted on the Village's website. Mr. Pilipiszyn encouraged residents to be aware of pedestrians and drive carefully.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9 TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Holder expressed his thanks to Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham and Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn for their professionalism in dealing with numerous calls related to weather related flooding.

Trustee Horvath expressed his concern for the flooded areas and encouraged an educational public meeting on sewer systems sooner than the fall. President Asperger explained that staff is processing and evaluating data in order to provide useful information.

Trustee Kuchler requested clarification on drainage areas to be studied and expressed concerns with timing of a public meeting for residents. Village Manager Pilipiszyn indicated staff is reasonably focusing on televising drainage areas severely affected by flooding in order to be cost effective. President Asperger anticipates that the public meeting would be separate from the regular Village Board meeting in order to focus on flood and drainage issues.

Trustee Palermo hopes the meeting location will accommodate a large audience and President Asperger indicated various locations are being considered. Trustee Palermo also inquired about a date for the pension workshop and Village Manager Pilipiszyn responded. Trustee Palermo supplied his electronic-mail address to the audience and encouraged residents to contact him.

Trustee Horvath encouraged replay of the Maple Avenue Relief Sewer and Ogden Avenue Relief Sewer presentations.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

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Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

Approved Date: 09/13/10