

MINUTES

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

Monday, September 13, 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 7:36 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Administrative Secretary Ellie Elder, the following were present:

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

A. Resolution of Appreciation – Retirement of Fire Chief David Fleege

President Asperger honored Fire Chief Fleege by recognizing his numerous accomplishments during his years of service. Reciting a Resolution of Appreciation for Fire Chief David Fleege and on behalf of the entire Village Board, President Asperger expressed sincere gratitude and deepest appreciation for his years of public service by presenting him with an engraved plaque.

It was moved by Trustee Holder to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Fire Chief David Fleege, seconded by Trustee Palermo. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Trustee Langan thanked Fire Chief Fleege for his public service specifically noting the enhanced Fire Department Open House program for residents.

President Asperger noted that earlier this evening a liquor commission meeting was held to consider a liquor license application made by El Picante Mexican Grill, Inc. 50A S. La Grange Road, with a recommendation to place this item on a future agenda for consideration by the Village Board.

Following the regular Village Board meeting this evening, President Asperger invited the public to attend a Pension Workshop regarding the 2010 preliminary actuarial results and preliminary police and fire pension levies.

President Asperger announced dates and locations of three upcoming Town Meetings and encouraged residents to attend. The first Town Meeting will be on September 27 at the Seventh Avenue School Gymnasium.

President Asperger announced her concurrence with the Village Manager's recommendation that Fire Lt. Bill Bryzgalski be appointed to the position of Fire Chief. The official recommendation will be presented for Board approval on October 11, 2010.

Regarding the earth tremor on August 31, President Asperger noted that Hanson Material Service acknowledged that a quarry blast did occur and was under investigation. Residents were advised to call the Quarry Council hot line. President Asperger indicated that the Village will monitor the outcome of the investigation and will also consult with its Environmental Quality Control Commission.

President Asperger noted several events including the Rain Barrel auction sponsored by the La Grange Business Association; the 19th Annual Community Diversity Celebration; and the upcoming West End Art Festival.

Lastly, President Asperger invited residents to attend a public meeting on Monday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the past storm events and widespread flooding. Information will be provided on the evaluation process relating to the Village's sewer system; flood control measures available to homeowners; and long-range infrastructure planning.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Rose Naseef, 911 S. Stone Avenue expressed her views and recommendations for the environmentally safe way to dispose of leaves.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion)

B. Resolution (#R-10-18) Investment Authorization For Village Treasurer

- C. Award of Contract – Leaf Hauling and Disposal
- D. Award of Contract – 2010 Crack Sealing Program
- E. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, August 9, 2010
- F. Consolidated Voucher 100823 – (\$776,868.69)
- G. Consolidated Voucher 100913 – (\$783,611.56)

Trustee Kuchler requested item 4-A be removed from the Omnibus Agenda and placed under Current Business for further discussion.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items B, C, D, E, F, and G 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

- A. Ordinance (#O-10-27) Amendment to Planned Development – La Grange Crossings – West Phase, 2 N. La Grange Road, Walgreen Co.

Trustee Kuchler explained previous approvals for the Planned Development which included Walgreens located at 2 N. La Grange Road had a restriction which stated that no sales of packaged liquor would be allowed at the 24 hour Walgreens. Originally it was thought that this Walgreens may be a 24 hour facility, however it was not. Recently Walgreens corporate office determined it would like to be allowed to sell beer and wine at this location.

Walgreens was advised that pursuant to the Zoning Code, their request would be considered an amendment to the approved Planned Development. Trustee Kuchler added that upon review of Walgreens application the Village Attorney prepared an ordinance as an Amendment of the Planned Development to allow Walgreens to engage in sales of packaged beer and wine. Trustee Kuchler explained that this is the first step prior to Walgreens formal application for a liquor license to the Liquor Commission.

Trustee Kuchler moved to approve an Ordinance Amending the existing Planned Development to allow sales of packaged liquor at the Walgreens store at 2 N. La Grange Road, seconded by Trustee Horvath.

Trustee Kuchler inquired as to the concerns the Board in 2000 had with regard to liquor sales and a 24 hour facility as there are currently other 24 hour facilities which are allowed to sell packaged beer and wine. Patrick Benjamin, Community Development Director indicated that in 2000 it was thought that there might be full liquor sales late into the evening. Trustee Palermo inquired how late packaged liquor sales are allowed and Village Attorney Burkland responded.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Status Report – Village Board Strategic Priority / Traffic Management & Pedestrian Safety

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn noted that one of the strategic priorities for the Village Board is that of traffic management and pedestrian safety. Mr. Pilipiszyn indicated that management staff would report on the status of various planning, engineering and enforcement activities related to this priority. The Village's traffic consultant KLOA, continues to collect data and will present their findings and recommendations at a future workshop. Mr. Pilipiszyn requested Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham to speak on the status of various traffic calming and pedestrian safety initiatives.

Mr. Gillingham detailed information on numerous activities throughout the Village.

Trustee Langan noted that neighbors south of 47th Street are appreciative of the manner in which the Village is moving forward for pedestrian safety.

Trustee Horvath inquired how data was collected and Mr. Gillingham responded. Trustee Horvath asked about a flashing red light in relationship to the new law which requires vehicles to stop for pedestrians rather than slow down. Mr. Gillingham stated that a flashing red light for the pedestrian crossing at 47th Street and 9th Avenue is not permitted according to the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices. He further explained that this is a situation where state legislation may be in conflict with national traffic standards. IDOT uses the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices and will not approve a flashing red

light for a pedestrian crossing on a four lane state road. Although, flashing red lights may exist on local roads in other communities, they may not be in conformance with the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Trustee Kuchler expressed concerns on thoughts of possible lane reductions and traffic diverting to residential areas. Mr. Gillingham explained that data is still be collected and evaluated.

President Asperger clarified that no recommendations are being finalized at this time and this information is being provided for discussion.

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn noted that numerous studies are being conducted simultaneously in order to evaluate the best possible methods to control traffic while maintaining pedestrian safety.

After much discussion it was the consensus of the Village Board that staff be directed to pursue a reduction in the speed limit on La Grange Road south of 47th Street and reconfigure the elimination of the five on street parking spaces on the west side of La Grange Road, south of Brewster Avenue.

Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson provided an update regarding the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program (CREATE); the Maple Avenue Underpass; and the recently approved House Bill 43 which requires vehicles to stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk. Ms. Peterson explained each item and provided the Board with recent information, including grant applications, related to these strategic priorities.

Ms. Peterson added that notices of construction activities or information related to pedestrian safety include details about the law prohibiting the use of cell phones while driving in a school speed or construction zone.

Police Chief Mike Holub provided detailed statistics related to truck and traffic enforcement throughout the Village. Chief Holub explained the efforts employed by his Patrol Officers to maintain pedestrian safety and control speeding.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9 TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Horvath expressed his gratitude to Fire Chief David Fleege for his public service.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder.
Motion approved by voice vote.

Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

Approved Date: 09/27/10

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