

## MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
Town Meeting – Seventh Avenue School Gymnasium  
701 Seventh Avenue  
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, September 27, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Regular Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Asperger. President Asperger welcomed all to the first in a series of Town Meetings being held in various areas of the Village. President Asperger introduced the Village Board by calling the roll for which 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  
Acting Fire Chief William Bryzgalski  
Police Chief Mike Holub

### 2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Noting that Town Meetings are held every other year to promote communications between Village officials and residents, President Asperger explained that there would be a brief business meeting prior to opening the floor to the audience.

President Asperger offered congratulations to the La Grange Business Association on the success of the recently held West End Art Festival.

As part of Fire Prevention Week, the La Grange Fire Department is hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 2 and President Asperger encouraged participation for the family oriented event.

President Asperger announced that voter registration is being accepted at the Village Hall until Tuesday, October 5 for the upcoming November 2, 2010 General Election.

Lastly, President Asperger invited residents to attend a public meeting on Monday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Auditorium, regarding the past weather related storm events and widespread flooding. The public meeting will include an overview of how the Village's sewer system is configured and operates; its relationship to the Deep Tunnel; long range infrastructure planning; and flood control measures available to homeowners.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-10-28) – Creating an Additional Class A-3 Liquor License, El Picante Mexican Grill, Inc. 50A south la Grange Road
- B. Engineering Services Agreement – East Avenue Pumping Station Evaluation Study (Baxter & Woodman - \$19,900)
- C. Ordinance (#O-10-29) – Disposal of Surplus Property
- D. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, September 13, 2010
- E. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Special Meeting, Monday, September 13, 2010 – Pension Fund Workshop
- F. Consolidated Voucher 100927 – (\$676,572.76)

Trustee Palermo requested an amendment to the minutes of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting from Monday, September 13, 2010 regarding his comments and opinions. Trustee Palermo noted his comments should read as follows: “Support significant plan contribution increases indicated by stronger mortality tables such as the 2000 Commissioners’ Mortality Table, the 1983 GAM, 1994 GAM or RP-2000, all of which reflect mortality improvement over the last 40 years, rather than the 1971 GAM currently used or the 1984 UP proposed as an alternative to the 1971 GAM table. (Trustees Horvath and Palermo)”

Trustee Holder inquired about funding for future items that may surface from the evaluation study of the pumping station and Finance Director Lou Cipparrone clarified that budgeted funding is only for the study.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, C, D, E as amended, and F of the Omnibus, seconded by Trustee Livingston. Approved by roll call vote.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Prior to opening the floor to the audience, President Asperger introduced members of Village staff and noted staff's professionalism is reflected in the strong financial position of the Village. President Asperger reiterated the Board's strategic priorities of financial management; greater efficiencies through technology; public safety; and economic development, all of which lead to preserving and enhancing the quality of life enjoyed by residents.

President Asperger opened the floor to audience questions, comments or concerns.

Ann Kleboe, 137 N. Edgewood expressed concerns regarding the recent flooding. President Asperger encouraged her to attend the upcoming public meeting regarding this matter.

Larry Prystalski, 517 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue feels positively about the vibrant business growth for the Village. Mr. Prystalski stated his grave concerns regarding (1) quarry blasting; (2) the need for a reduced speed limit on La Grange Road; and (3) improvements to the sewer system. President Asperger explained that the Village Manager had immediately taken action to communicate with management of the quarry and will continue to monitor the investigation in reference to blasting. President Asperger added that the Village's Environmental Quality Control Commission is also reviewing reports related to the incident and encouraged residents to call the Quarry Council hotline. President Asperger explained that the Village has petitioned the Illinois Department of Transportation for a speed reduction on La Grange Road, south of 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Regarding the sewer system, President Asperger encouraged Mr. Prystalski to attend the upcoming public meeting on this item.

Female resident inquired why the Village has not instituted a flashing red light on 47<sup>th</sup> Street and President Asperger responded that it is not compliant with the Illinois Department of Transportation motor code.

Joe Pardo, 502 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue indicated that vehicles are not adhering to the existing traffic control measures on 47<sup>th</sup> Street and feels more police enforcement is needed. Mr. Pardo also feels signage is confusing. President Asperger indicated that crossing at the traffic signal at 47<sup>th</sup> and La Grange Road is the safest route. Adding that the Village is doing the best that it can within current resources and that police enforcement is not limited to a specific area in the Village, President Asperger thanked him for his comments.

Susan Johnson, 715 S. La Grange Road requested the Village's assistance in funding the improvements for the alley. Ms. Johnson also agrees with reduced speed limits on La Grange Road. Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn provided some historical information as to how alley improvements have been funded in the past. President Asperger suggested she meet with staff.

Gwyn Jones, 116 N. Edgewood inquired about Gordon Park. President Asperger explained that the YMCA has been demolished, however the Park District has its own governing board and suggested that Ms. Jones contact the Park District for updates on the litigation.

Rosanne Welenc, 613 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue expressed several concerns: the lack of traffic enforcement on 47<sup>th</sup> Street; improvements with crosswalks; accountability for the quarry blast; and notification to residents about meetings. President Asperger indicated that the Village continues to pursue pedestrian safety; has and will continue to communicate with the Hanson Material Service quarry; and encouraged everyone to sign up for announcements via the Village's website. Ms. Welenc also noted rear yard flooding as issues in her neighborhood, and President Asperger encouraged her to attend the public meeting regarding the Village's sewer system on October 18. President Asperger added that a DVD copy of that public meeting would be available or residents could view the segment on the Village's cable channel.

Vera Catura, 800 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue expressed grave concerns regarding the quarry blast that recently occurred. President Asperger reiterated that the Village is awaiting an investigation report from Hanson Material Service.

Christa Hogan, 637 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue agrees about the severity of the quarry blast and asked what recourse residents have for future issues. Village Attorney Mark Burkland advised she address her concerns to the McCook Village Board.

Joe Pardo, 502 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue inquired if the Village has any means to control the blasting.

Laura Auwerda, 1021 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue asked if Hanson Material Services confirmed it was their blasting.

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn explained the background of the quarry expansion circa 2000, indicating that they fall under federal and state regulatory agencies. Mr. Pilipiszyn noted that the Quarry Council was formed several years ago to receive complaints and the Village's Environmental Quality Control Commission is also reviewing the matter.

A concern was expressed in reference to coyotes and President Asperger advised residents to contact the La Grange Police Department.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION
9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan 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: 10/11/10