

MINUTES

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

Monday, October 11, 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, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, and Palermo

ABSENT: Trustee Horvath
Village Clerk Milne

OTHERS: Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Matt Norton
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Assistant Finance Director Joe Munizza
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief William Bryzgalski
Police Chief Mike Holub

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Appointment – William J. Bryzgalski, Fire Chief

With the recent retirement of the Fire Chief, the Village Manager initiated an internal recruitment process of the Fire Department's four most senior officers. After extensive interviews, a conditional offer of appointment was made and accepted by William Bryzgalski. President Asperger noted Bill's extensive accomplishments in his 26 years with the La Grange Fire Department. President Asperger recommended the appointment of William J. Bryzgalski as Fire Chief for the Village of La Grange and requested the Board's concurrence. Approved by voice vote. President Asperger requested Fire Chief Bryzgalski to come forward to receive the oath of office.

B. Promotion to Fire Lieutenant and Oath of Office – Jeffrey Behland

With the promotion of William Bryzgalski to Fire Chief, the La Grange Board of Fire and Police Commissioners have promoted Firefighter / Paramedic Jeffrey Behland to the rank of Fire Lieutenant effective October 11, 2010. President Asperger noted the list of credentials compiled by Fire Lieutenant Behland and requested he come forward to receive the oath of office.

C. Appointment – Firemen’s Pension Board

With the recent retirement of the former Fire Chief, a vacancy occurred on the Firemen’s Pension Board. To fill the unexpired term on the Firemen’s Pension Board, President Asperger recommended approval to appoint Mr. Alex Kramer who resides at 220 S. Madison Avenue to fill the vacancy. Approved by voice vote. President Asperger introduced Mr. Kramer and thanked him for volunteering his service to the community.

President Asperger welcomed Boy Scouts Alexander and Christopher Scotty who are working on their Citizenship badge requirements.

President Asperger expressed heartfelt sympathy to the Topps family at the loss of Virginia Topps and noted her numerous contributions to the community.

President Asperger invited residents to attend a public meeting on Monday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the Village’s sewer system. Information will be provided on the evaluation process of the sewer system; flood control measures available to homeowners; and long-range infrastructure planning. President Asperger added that the public meeting will be televised live and video available for those not able to attend.

President Asperger announced that the second Town Meeting will be held at Ogden Avenue School Gymnasium on Monday, October 25 and encouraged residents participation.

For the 16th consecutive year, the Village of La Grange has received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget document. President Asperger offered congratulations to Finance Director Lou Cipparrone and Assistant Finance Director Joe Munizza for their efforts in preparation of the document.

President Asperger noted that earlier this evening a liquor commission meeting was held to consider a liquor license application made by Walgreen Company, 2 N. La Grange Road, with a recommendation to place this item on a the next agenda for consideration by the Village Board.

Announcing an upcoming e-waste recycling program event sponsored by the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency, in La Grange Park on Saturday, October 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., President Asperger listed the numerous items being accepted.

Lastly, President Asperger indicated the La Grange Business Association would hold their Halloween Walk on Saturday, October 30 beginning at 10:30 a.m. and the recommended hours for trick-or-treating on Sunday, October 31 are from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-10-30) Variation – Required Front Yard and Maximum Gross Floor Area of a Detached Garage / Bhria Ryan, 21-23 S. Seventh Avenue
- B. Award of Contract – 2010 & 2011 Tree Trimming Program
- C. Facility Improvements – Village Hall HVAC Improvements, Fire Department HVAC Improvements and Public Works HVAC and Other Facility Improvements

Agreements for Federal Stimulus Fund Grant Approval With Cook County and Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

Agreement – Architectural / Engineering Professional Services Agreement
- D. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Town Meeting Monday, September 27, 2010
- E. Consolidated Voucher 101110 – (\$1,012,228.45)

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

President Asperger requested Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham to comment on the funding for the HVAC improvements to Village facilities.

Mr. Gillingham explained that the Village applied for and received several reimbursable grants for facility improvements and energy efficiency projects. Approximately \$400,000 has been made available through the federal stimulus programs and the Village has budgeted approximately \$250,000 in the Equipment Replacement Fund for facility improvements in the three primary buildings.

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Presentation – FY 2009-10 Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports: Referred to Trustee Holder

Trustee Holder stated that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Village of La Grange for Fiscal Year May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010 as prepared by the Finance Department has been reviewed by the auditors Sikich L.L.P. Copies of the audit report were previously sent to the Board under separate cover and are available for public inspection at the La Grange Public Library, in the Village Clerk's office, in the Finance Department as well as posted on the Village's website.

Trustee Holder described an operational deficiency regarding the Village's ratio of water billed as compared to water pumped. Noting that the Village has previously identified this area of concern, Trustee Holder added that annual leak studies are performed in order to improve accountability. Trustee Holder requested Mr. Dan Berg, a partner with Sikich L.L.P. to give a brief overview of the audit report.

Mr. Berg stated that Sikich L.L.P. has rendered an unqualified or "clean" opinion stating that Village financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2010 are prepared and presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Mr. Berg specifically noted attention to the management letter which identifies upcoming accounting pronouncements which need to be implemented in subsequent Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports. Mr. Berg expressed his availability to answer any questions about the process or the audit.

President Asperger indicated that no Village Board action is necessary and accepted the report. Staff was given a direction to submit the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to the Government Finance Officers' Association for consideration of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. President Asperger noted the Village has received this prestigious award for fourteen consecutive years and expressed her gratitude to Finance Director Lou Cipparrone and Assistant Finance Director Joe Munizza for their excellent financial management.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Mary Nelson, 1200 Carriage Lane expressed concerns about obscured stop signs along Edgewood Avenue. President Asperger noted that Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham would review the area.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9 TRUSTEE COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 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: 10/25/10