

## MINUTES

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

Monday, February 14, 2011 - 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, 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  
Assistant Community Development Director and Planner Angela Mesaros  
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham  
Assistant Public Works Director Mike Bojovic  
Fire Chief William Bryzgalski  
Police Chief Mike Holub

### 2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger noted that immediately following this meeting the Board would conduct a Capital Projects Workshop in order to prepare for the upcoming budget.

#### A. Employee Recognition – Police Sergeant Marge Kielczynski, 30 years of Service

President Asperger recognized Police Sergeant Marge Kielczynski on her achievements and dedicated service to the Village of LaGrange for the past 30 years. President Asperger invited Sergeant Kielczynski forward to receive congratulations from the Village Board. Sergeant Marge publicly thanked the numerous residents, co-workers and friends for their attendance at this momentous occasion.

With great sadness, President Asperger announced that she had received the resignation of Village Clerk Robert Milne after 18 years of service. Although Clerk Milne was unable to be present, President Asperger noted his numerous contributions and volunteer services throughout his career. On behalf of the residents of La Grange, President Asperger expressed her gratitude and deepest appreciation for Clerk Milne's dedication to the Village of La Grange. President Asperger invited Trustees to express their thoughts.

Trustee Langan stated there was no greater ambassador for the Village of La Grange than Clerk Milne and expressed best wishes for his recovery.

Trustee Kuchler noted his pleasure in working with Clerk Milne and Bob's willingness to share ideas. Trustee Kuchler added his wishes for continued recovery.

Trustee Horvath noted the Clerk's avid gardening experience and willingness to share his knowledge.

Trustee Livingston referred to Clerk Milne as one of the lions of the Village and being a great source of institutional knowledge. Adding his well wishes, Trustee Livingston noted Clerk Milne as someone who defines public service.

Trustee Holder wished Clerk Milne God's speed in his recovery process and echoed his fellow Trustee comments.

Trustee Palermo expressed well wishes to Clerk Milne in his rehabilitation and noted he will be missed.

President Asperger noted her intent to seek Board approval to appoint an individual to complete the remainder of the Village Clerk's term in the near future. In the interim President Asperger noted that Administrative Secretary Ellie Elder has been appointed to the role of Deputy Clerk.

President Asperger welcomed Boy Scout Troop 14 working to achieve their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. Asked to stand as she read their names, President Asperger recognized each Boy Scout.

Regarding the outstanding efforts in handling the third worst snow storm on record, President Asperger surprised Director of Public Works Ryan Gillingham by presenting him a resolution of appreciation plaque to share with his staff. President Asperger also expressed thanks to the Illinois Department of Transportation; the Highlands Yamaha for providing the free rental of a snowmobile; the Metro YMCA for allowing the Village to utilize their property to deposit snow; and the residents who assisted neighbors and the elderly.

President Asperger announced that the budget workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the Village Hall and invited

the public to attend. A draft of the budget document will be available at the Village Hall, La Grange Public Library and posted on the Village website. President Asperger encouraged residents to read the Manager's message which summarizes the Village's financial condition.

Lastly, President Asperger noted that through the efforts of Congressman Lipinski the Village was awarded a federal grant in the amount of \$57,095 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program which will be utilized to improve technology and operations.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Bob Anderson, 310 S. Stone expressed his grave concerns regarding outdoor kitchens/fireplaces and the nuisances incurred with environmental pollution from there use. Mr. Anderson suggested the use of natural gas to maintain clean air and eliminate the pollution created by wood burning stoves. President Asperger indicated his concerns would be included in the discussion of the proposed zoning code amendments.

Maurice Mc Gee, 18 Sawyer Avenue expressed his congratulations to Sergeant Marge Kielczynski for her outstanding service to the community.

Joe La Rocco, 505 S. Waiola requested the Board reconsider a solution to achieving pedestrian safety when crossing at 47<sup>th</sup> Street and Waiola.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-11-01) – Creating an Additional Class A-1 Liquor License, Knead Marketplace, Inc. d/b/a Back Alley Burger, 13 S. La Grange Road
- B. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, January 10, 2011
- C. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Special Meeting Tuesday, January 25, 2011
- D. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Special Meeting – Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Workshop Tuesday, January 25, 2011
- E. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Special Meeting – Sewer Improvement Workshop Monday, January 31, 2011
- F. Consolidated Voucher 110214 – (\$762,533.71)

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, C, D, E, and F 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-11-02) – Zoning Code Amendments – Miscellaneous Residential Amendments: Referred to Trustee Kuchler

Trustee Kuchler indicated that at the regular Village Board meeting on January 10, 2011 the Board discussed this item in great detail and determined to table the item for further clarification, additional information and revisions to the ordinance. Trustee Kuchler itemized the specific revisions to the amendments for decorative columns and pillars; temporary storage containers; and solar panels. Further clarification was provided by Trustee Kuchler as offered by staff regarding amendments for seat walls and commercial identification signs.

In order to provide sufficient time for residents and interested parties to review, the documentation, it was posted on the Village's website on February 1, 2011. Staff posted both the documentation from the January 10, 2011 Village Board meeting along with this current documentation. An e-mail blast notification was also sent to subscribers.

It was moved by Trustee Kuchler to approve an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the La Grange Zoning Code related to Required Yards, Accessory Structures, Signs and Definitions for Single Family Residential Districts; seconded by Trustee Langan.

Considerable discussion ensued amongst the Village Board, Village Attorney and departmental staff relating to all of the amendments being considered. Specific concerns were raised regarding clarification and language for environmental pollution from outdoor kitchens and fireplaces. Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin attempted to explain that the amendments do not address stand alone fireplaces which fall under the fire prevention code. Mr. Benjamin noted the difficulty in regulating the nuisances created by smoke.

President Asperger sees the difficulty with precise language and noted possibilities for future amendments which may arise as changes evolve.

Further discussion ensued regarding the changes to the language on solar panels and regulation on placement. After much debate it was the consensus of the Board not to change the direction provided by the Plan Commission.

Approved by a 4 to 2 roll call vote.

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

A. Ordinance (#O-11-03) – Amendment to the Village Code Increasing the Vehicle License Fee: Referred to Trustee Holder

Trustee Holder indicated that the FY 2010-11 operating budget includes an increase in the vehicle sticker fee for a passenger car from \$20 to \$30 to assist funding of increasing expenditures relating to the maintenance and repair of Village streets. Trustee Holder added that the vehicle license fees for senior citizens, handicapped individuals and disabled veterans will remain at \$5 with a limit of one discount per family. Specifically, Trustee Holder noted that this is the first fee increase in over 20 years.

Trustee Holder encouraged on-time purchases as late fee penalties will also increase indirectly because they are a percentage of the vehicle license fee. As a new service enhancement, Trustee Holder stated that the Village is offering residents the option to purchase vehicle and animal licenses online beginning March 1, 2011.

It was moved by Trustee Holder to approve the ordinance amending the La Grange code of ordinance related to vehicle license fees, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Discussion ensued regarding time lines and Finance Director Lou Cipparrone responded.

Trustee Horvath inquired about other optional sources of revenue to avoid a burden on La Grange residents. It was noted that this is the first increase in over 20 years.

Approved by a 5 to 1 roll call vote.

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn noted that Village offices would be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of President's Day. There will be a full compliment of public safety personnel available in the event of an emergency.

The last day to register for the upcoming consolidated election is Tuesday, March 8 and registrations are taken at the Village Hall during regular office hours or at the La Grange Public Library.

Mr. Pilipiszyn announced that the annual Spring Clean-up day will be held the week of April 4 on resident's regular collection day. Details may be found on the Village's website.

A. Status Report – Review of the Village's Operations Plan

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn provided a summary of the process by which the Village Board conducted a strategic planning session in January 2010 to establish goals and priorities for the Village. From this planning session evolved an Operations Plan which was reviewed by the Village Board in April of 2010 and continues to be reviewed and updated on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Pilipiszyn provided detailed information on accomplishments in the areas of economic development; the zoning code; and pension funding. Noting priorities for the upcoming months, Mr. Pilipiszyn identified those being the Village budget; traffic and pedestrian safety; sewer improvement projects; pursuing grant sources; revitalization of the West End Business District; and working with the Environmental Quality Control Commission.

Mr. Pilipiszyn added that the Strategic Plan; Operations Plan and updates are posted on the Village's website. These documents are evolving and new updates will be provided on a regular basis.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn from this meeting in order to begin the Capital Projects workshop, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion approved by voice vote.

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Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

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Ellie Elder, Deputy Clerk  
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Approved Date: 02/28/11