

MINUTES

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

Monday, February 28, 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: None

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 Captain Don Gay
Police Chief Mike Holub

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger invited the public to attend and participate in the discussion at the Board's budget workshop scheduled for Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the Village Hall. The proposed budget document will be available at the Village Hall, La Grange Public Library and posted on the Village website on Friday, March 4. President Asperger indicated that this is the final step in the budget process and encouraged residents to review the document in particular the Manager's message which summarizes the Village's financial condition.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-11-04) – Design Review Permit (DRP) #81, Amendment to Design Review Permit #79, 600-604 and 620 West Burlington, First National Bank of La Grange
- B. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, February 14, 2011
- C. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Special Meeting –Capital Projects Workshop Monday, February 14, 2011
- D. Consolidated Voucher 110228 – (\$793,889.06)

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, C, and D 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-11-05) –Amending Various Sections of the La Grange Code of Ordinances Related to the Sales and Service of Alcoholic Liquor: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan provided background information on the liquor code which was amended in 2009 and indicated that the Liquor Commission has evaluated the need for additional proposed amendments. Trustee Langan noted that six amendments are being recommended for approval in order to provide flexible yet specific liquor regulations that enhance local business competitiveness. Trustee Langan explained that liquor control is taken very seriously and the sale of liquor in La Grange is a privilege.

Trustee Langan detailed each of the six amendments to the liquor code which include a new Class D-3 Wine Club Event License for restaurants; clarification on definitions for wine, beer and wine club event; license fees for the new Class D-3; change in the initial application fee; and a new subsection regarding standards for licensed premises. Trustee Langan added that if approved each current liquor license holder would be notified of the amendments and given ample time to be compliant with the new operational standards.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 111 of the La Grange Code of Ordinances and Creating One New Class D-3 Liquor License, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Trustee Holder requested clarification regarding Bacinos who currently holds a Class A-2 Restaurant liquor license and the issuance of a new Class D-3 Wine Club Event License for Restaurants. It was noted that the new Class D-3 Wine Club liquor license will also allow them to sell bottled wine at retail.

Trustee Palermo inquired if the new higher non-refundable liquor license application fee, of which a portion would be applied to the actual cost of the liquor license, would be returned if a business was awarded a liquor license, but did not open and was informed it would not.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn indicated that residents should have received renewal notices for their 2011 vehicle and animal licenses and explained that the increase in vehicle license fees will be utilized toward street maintenance and repair. Mr. Pilipiszyn provided information regarding the new online purchase system as well as the ability to pay in person or mail in options. Extended Village Hall hours are scheduled for Friday April 29 until 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to noon to accommodate residents who choose to pay in person.

Mr. Pilipiszyn announced that effective May 1, 2011 the cost of a general refuse sticker and yard waste sticker for La Grange residents will increase by \$.25 from \$3.95 to \$4.20. This is the scheduled price increase pursuant to the five-year contract approved in 2007, with Allied Waste. Mr. Pilipiszyn identified alternative services available to residents and provided contact information. Mr. Pilipiszyn noted that the Village is one of a very few municipalities who still utilize the volume based system. The Village will soon begin refuse contract negotiations and research options of joint agreements with neighboring municipalities.

A. Staff Informational Presentation – Traffic Enforcement / Operational and Staffing Considerations

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn noted that recently the Village Board held a series of capital improvement-oriented workshops wherein questions and concerns were raised by the Village Board and the public related to traffic

enforcement. In order to provide a better understanding and factual data concerning traffic enforcement specifically in the 47th Street corridor, Mr. Pilipiszyn provided a syllabus of this evening's presentation and requested Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham begin.

Mr. Gillingham identified engineering, enforcement and education as key items for traffic safety. Providing clarification to the traffic study prepared by KLOA from the 47th Street speed study, Mr. Gillingham provided information via a power point presentation. He noted the following:

- there is a high percentage of traffic compliance to the speed limit within the 47th Street corridor; highest distribution falls within the range of 30-34 mph
- 85 percent of the traffic drives at or below 38.5 mph
- National studies show that speed limits are set at the 85th percentile because that is a level at which driver safety is highest. However, speed limits are routinely reduced in urban areas due to population density, curb cuts, pedestrian movements, etc.

Seeing that a majority of traffic is within the speed limits, Mr. Gillingham added that perception of moving traffic is deceiving.

The presentation continued with Police Chief Holub providing detailed information and data concerning calls for service and police operations, specifically traffic enforcement.

Chief Holub described how resources are deployed towards traffic enforcement (time, manpower and use of speed display signs). He also noted the division of responsibilities between full-time and part-time police officers, with part-time personnel supplementing full-time personnel on occasion.

Chief Holub concluded with a review of state law governing rules of the road for motorists and pedestrians.

Discussion ensued. Trustees inquired as to staffing hours and Chief Holub responded, adding that supervisors are also utilized as necessary. Trustees inquired about increased activity in the Central Business District, reduced funding for the part-time police officer program, and methodologies used for pedestrian safety enforcement, and Chief Holub responded.

Explaining the various methods and equipment used to control and enforce traffic Chief Holub noted the primary goal of traffic enforcement is to produce voluntary compliance with traffic laws while keeping traffic moving safely and smoothly. He also indicated the need for more public education and awareness.

Chief Holub expressed his satisfaction with the department's ability to deliver effective services with the resources available.

The last segment of the presentation was made by Finance Director Lou Cipparrone who identified costs associated with adding full-time staff and/or restoring funding for the part-time police officer program. Mr. Cipparrone explained the financial impact on the budget and cost containment plan.

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn complimented Chief Holub and departmental staff with their performance and effective delivery of core public safety services including traffic enforcement. Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn summarized the presentation as follows:

- increasing resources for traffic enforcement may not be the best and right answer at this time
- engineering solutions are still required within the 47th Street corridor
- increased funding for traffic enforcement would have a negative impact on Village finances
- staff will work on developing public education material and a plan

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Kuchler commented on his approval of the enhancements to the First National Bank of La Grange. Trustee Kuchler added his compliments to staff on the enlightening presentation and information provided regarding traffic enforcement. He would like to see more of these type of presentations from Department Heads.

President Asperger concurred with Trustee Kuchler regarding the First National Bank of La Grange and enhancement for the West End Business District.

Trustee Horvath added his compliments to staff for the informative presentation and concurred with Trustee Kuchler regarding Department Head presentations.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Motion approved by voice vote.

Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date: 03/14/11

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