

MINUTES

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

Monday, March 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 7:30 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: Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Matt Norton
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief William Bryzgalski
Police Lieutenant Chris Noel

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Appointment and Oath of Office – Village Clerk, Thomas Morsch

President Asperger stated that with the recent resignation of Village Clerk Robert Milne a vacancy has occurred in the office of Village Clerk. Upon consulting with Village Attorney Mark Burkland it was advised that the time to place this matter on the next regular election ballot of April 5, 2011 had expired. Thereby, the Village President is authorized to appoint an individual to fill the unexpired term. President Asperger recommended the appointment of Thomas Morsch who resides at 301 S. Edgewood and has previously served on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and Plan Commission to fill the vacancy. It was moved by Trustee Langan to appoint Thomas Morsch to the position of Village Clerk for the unexpired term until May, 2013, seconded by Trustee Holder. Approved by voice vote. Clerk Morsch stepped forward to receive the oath of office and was welcomed by the Village Board as he took his seat at the dais.

President Asperger welcomed Webelos Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 177 working to achieve their Citizenship Activity Pin. Noting that the Scouts previously interviewed with Trustee Kuchler, President Asperger asked each boy to stand to be recognized.

President Asperger referenced the budget workshop held on Saturday, March 12. Encouraging residents to view the proposed budget on-line or hard copy at the library, President Asperger noted the public hearing and budget adoption would occur on April 11, 2011.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting on March 28, 2011 is canceled due to lack of a quorum.

Lastly, President Asperger reminded residents that April 4 will be the first brush pick up for the season and referenced the website for detailed information.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)
- B. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)
- C. Ordinance (#O-11-06) – Amending the La Grange Code of Ordinances Regarding Ambulance Fees
- D. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)
- E. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, February 28, 2011
- F. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)

Trustee Horvath requested items 4-A; 4-B; 4-D; and 4-F be removed from the Omnibus Agenda and placed under Current Business for further discussion.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items C and E 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

4-A. Award of Construction Contract – Energy Efficiency and Facility Improvements – Village Hall, Fire Department and Public Works

Award of Construction Contract – Asbestos Abatement

Trustee Horvath provided information on the proposed improvements to the Village Hall; Police and Fire Station facility; and Public Works facility. Trustee Horvath detailed the amounts of the grants awarded to supplement the completion of the energy efficiency improvements as well as funds available in the Village's Equipment Replacement Fund. Trustee Horvath described the time line and process by which architectural and engineering agreements were approved and the bidding process. As part of the project areas were tested for asbestos containing materials. After it was determined the need for asbestos abatement, quotes were obtained for the removal.

Trustee Horvath provided a detailed budget summary and the overall schedule for the completion of the renovation and replacement of the heating ventilation and air conditioning work to be performed

Trustee Horvath inquired about other options to reduce costs and Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham responded. Mr. Gillingham explained that the Village is using matching funds in order to comply with grant requirements and to modify the contract would create the need to reapply with the risk of denial.

Trustee Horvath moved to approve a contract with DTS Enterprises in the amount of \$543,500 for the energy efficiency and facility improvements at Village Hall, Public Works and Fire Station facilities and to waive the formal bidding requirements and approve a contract with DEM Services, Inc. for asbestos abatement in the amount of \$21,660, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

4-B. Purchase – Police Department / Replacement of Parking Enforcement Vehicle

Trustee Horvath explained the provisions in the budget for replacement of the two Parking Enforcement Vehicles utilized in the Police Department. Noting that the three-wheel vehicles are necessary for parking enforcement in the Central

Business District, Trustee Horvath indicated that staff researched numerous replacement options including alternative fuel vehicles and determined the most economical and practical purchase is a SMART car manufactured by Daimler – Mercedes Benz. Trustee Horvath noted the quoted purchase price and indicated the two current GO-4 Interceptor III vehicles would be sold through E-bay.

Trustee Horvath inquired the need for replacing the current GO-4 Interceptor III vehicles and Police Lieutenant Noel responded. Lieutenant Noel explained the comparables; warranty; low maintenance; and desired standards for the purchase of two new SMART cars. In the future, Trustee Horvath would prefer to see detailed comparables.

Trustee Horvath moved to approve the purchase of two 2011 SMART cars from Loeber Motors of Lincolnwood, Illinois and to sell the two GO-4 Interceptor III vehicles through E-bay with the total purchase not to exceed \$33,600, seconded by Trustee Holder. Trustee Langan added that the formal bidding process be waived.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

4-D. For-Profit Solicitation – Galway Construction

Trustee Horvath explained that the Village has received a request from Galway Construction of Oak Park, Illinois to solicit in La Grange for the purpose of securing construction and home remodelling. Trustee Horvath moved to approve solicitation for Galway Construction, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Trustee Horvath questioned the policy of allowing solicitation until 9:00 p.m. and Village Attorney Matt Norton indicated his belief that case law provided direction on hours.

Trustee Horvath inquired if identification badges are required and Police Lieutenant Noel responded affirmatively.

Trustee Horvath believes that residents should have the ability to register for the “no solicitation list’ electronically on line.

Trustee Horvath also believes that residents should be notified via e-mail blast when solicitors are approved. Trustee Holder cautioned the possible misconception of Village endorsement. Attorney Norton indicated a disclaimer would be necessary.

President Asperger noted that the Village Attorney would review the matter.

4-F. Consolidated Voucher 110314

Trustee Horvath noted his questions regarding the consolidated voucher were addressed with the discussion on item 4-A. Trustee Horvath moved to approve consolidated voucher 110314, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

6. MANAGER’S REPORT

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Don Johnston, 240 S. La Grange Road commented on traffic enforcement and his belief that police presence and law enforcement is mandated for control. Mr. Johnston noted his desire for budgetary adjustments for hiring additional part-time police officers for traffic enforcement. President Asperger thanked him for his comments.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Livingston stated his pleasure in the appointment of Tom Morsch as Village Clerk. President Asperger concurred.

Trustee Kuchler commented on his meeting with Cub Scout Troop 177 earlier this evening and noted their interest in being good citizens. Trustee Kuchler believes there is a need to communicate details of traffic enforcement to residents.

Trustee Horvath conveyed his welcome to Village Clerk Morsch. Trustee Horvath feels the need to reallocate funds for traffic enforcement in order to provide additional resources to the Police Department.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 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:

Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date: 04/11/11