

Village of La Grange



**SPECIAL
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

MONDAY, May 2, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Village Hall Auditorium

53 South La Grange Road

La Grange, IL 60525

Elizabeth M. Asperger
Village President

Thomas Morsch
Village Clerk

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AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Elizabeth Asperger
Trustee Bill Holder
Trustee Mike Horvath
Trustee Mark Kuchler
Trustee Mark Langan
Trustee Tom Livingston
Trustee Jim Palermo

2. RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

At this time, President Asperger and the Village Board of Trustees would like to proclaim their gratitude to numerous citizen volunteers who have provided thoughtful and dedicated service to the Village by participating on various advisory boards and commissions over the past year. Their contributions of talent and energy, and the sacrifice of time away from their families and other pursuits, are part of the fabric that makes this Village so special.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The Village of La Grange is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who require certain accommodations so that they can observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions, regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the Village's facilities, should contact the Village's ADA Coordinator at (708) 579-2315 promptly to allow the Village to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

Introduction: Police Chief Michael Holub

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

(3-year term, 3 members)

In accordance with state statute, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (BOFPC) oversees certain personnel matters within the Fire and Police Departments. More specifically, they are responsible for the initial appointment of all full-time firefighters/paramedics and police officers, they make promotional appointments, and they administer disciplinary action.

For the Fire Department this past year, the BOFPC approved a promotion to the rank of Fire Lieutenant and hired one new firefighter/paramedic to fill vacancies due to a resignation and promotion within the Fire Department.

The BOFPC is in the process of developing a new Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility Register to replace the list that expires in June 2011.

For the Police Department, a new Police Sergeant Eligibility Register and a new Patrol Officer Eligibility Register were created to replace the expired lists. The BOFPC hired one Patrol Officer to fill a vacancy due to a retirement in the Police Department.

Mark A. Lies, II, Chairman	—	12 years
Wayne Vantluka	—	5 years
Kathy Schwappach	—	1 year [Formerly served 4 years on the ZBA]

Introduction: Trustee Mark Kuchler

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

(3-year term, 9 members)

The Community and Economic Development Commission (CEDC) considers and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding economic development issues and matters related to the relationships between our residential neighborhoods and commercial business districts.

The CEDC has considered and offered recommendations relating to the renovation of the La Grange Theater, and residential and business concerns in our West End corridor.

Due to the slowed economic climate, the CEDC has been less active in the past year.

Taylor Jaeger, Chairman	—	15 years
Roger Laven	—	20 years
Steve Palmer	—	11 years
Margaret Carlson	—	4 years
Mark Reich	—	4 years
Elizabeth Stiles	—	4 years
Lester Williams	—	4 years
Richard Holly	—	2 years
John Stewart	—	2 years

Introduction: Trustee Tom Livingston

DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

(3-year term, 7 members)

The Design Review Commission (DRC) reviews matters related to the Central Business District Facade Renovation/Restoration program; reviews and offers recommendations to the Village Board on Design Review applications within the Design Overlay District (which generally encompasses the Central Business District along La Grange Road, Hillgrove and Burlington Avenues); and reviews appeals denying sign permits.

In this last fiscal year, the DRC reviewed two Design Review Permit applications for 1 W. Harris Avenue (Burcor Properties) and 620 W. Burlington Avenue (1st National Bank of La Grange — amendment).

Also, this past year, the Design Review Commission spent a significant amount of time developing a public art policy and related programming guidelines in preparation for the proposed establishment of a Public Art Commission. Input from the DRC has been instrumental in the process of developing a draft plan which includes: 1) guidelines related to types of art; 2) appropriate locations for works of art; and 3) procedures for the evaluation / recommendation process for the installation of public art. Draft documents are in the process of being finalized.

Andrea Barnish, Chairman	—	19 years
Regina McClinton	—	20 years
Mark Ozer	—	9 years
Tim Reardon	—	4 years
Michael Thuma	—	2 years
Carol Vizek	—	2 years
Troy Pavelka	—	1 year

Introduction: Trustee Mike Horvath

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

(2-year term, 7 members)

In the past year, the Environmental Quality Control Commission (EQCC) has become increasingly active with the heightened public awareness of environmental issues and “green” initiatives. The Commission has considered and offered recommendations relating to the following evolving topics: Emerald Ash Borer, Energy Star Benchmarking Program, quarry blasting, recycling/refuse disposal, and the HVAC improvement project funded primarily by energy efficiency grants.

Notably, the EQCC is in the process of evaluating various refuse collection and disposal program options in anticipation of the Village’s waste contract renewal in 2012. To that end, the EQCC has invited several speakers including the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency, Allied Waste and Resource Recycling to attend meetings and help educate the EQCC regarding options and industry trends. From this process, the EQCC will be developing a citizen preference survey in order to receive feedback from the community regarding various options in preparation for the Village’s contract renewal process.

Glenn Wentink, Chairman	—	23 years
Harlan Hirt	—	37 years
Patty Weber	—	31 years
Richard Battistoni	—	21 years
F. Peter Gabrek	—	12 years
Linda Christianson	—	2 years

Introduction: Trustees Mark Langan and Bill Holder

PLAN COMMISSION

(3-year term, 7 members)

The Plan Commission reviews and recommends applications for special use permits, planned development approval, site plan approval, amendments to the Zoning Code and official map, vacation of public rights-of-way, and subdivision plats.

During this last fiscal year, the Plan Commission conducted public hearings and considered issues related to amendments to the use lists in the office, institutional buildings and industrial districts; amendments to the single family districts predominately related to accessory structures; consideration of a bed and breakfast facility; and a workshop discussion of the planned development ordinance and open space district.

The Plan Commission continues to review the remaining sections of the Zoning Code to complete a comprehensive update of the Code.

Wayne Kardatzke, Chairman	—	16 years
Laura Weyrauch, Vice-Chairman	—	4 years
Greg Paice	—	3 years
Jerry Reich	—	11 years
Tom Williams	—	4 years
Jeff Nowak	—	2 years
Nancy Pierson	—	1 year

Introduction: Trustee Jim Palermo

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

(5-year term, 7 members)

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) reviews applications for relief from one or more requirements of the Village's Zoning Code, conducts public hearings and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding those applications for zoning variations. Typical requests for zoning variations relate to front, side and rear yard setbacks for single-family homes; building coverage for single-family homes; building coverage and setbacks for the replacement of detached garages; and the like.

Most recently, the Commission has heard cases involving height, size and setback requirements for garages, required yard for porches and setback requirements for a parking lot at Spring - Gurrie Schools.

In Fiscal Year 2009-10, six cases were heard by the ZBA.

Ellen Brewin, Chairman	—	17 years
Nat Pappalarado	—	28 years
Ian Brenson	—	5 years
Rosemary Naseef	—	4 years
Peter O'Connor	—	2 years
Jeff Hoffenberg	—	1 year
Michael Finder	—	1 year

CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS APPOINTED TO INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS

1. Jim Liotta, Director, Police Auxiliary —

The Village of La Grange is fortunate to be served by an Auxiliary Police Force. These are unpaid public safety officers. They are led by Director Jim Liotta. Jim has been an Auxiliary Police Officer for the Village of La Grange for over 28 years. He has been Director for the past 17 years.

Introduction: Chief Mike Holub

2. Curtis Linder, Trustee, West Suburban Mass Transit District —

The West Suburban Mass Transit District was created in 1970 through a federal endowment to: monitor passenger rail services provided by the Burlington Northern Railroad and METRA; provide financial assistance to member communities to implement commuter-related improvements; and financially support system-wide improvements, such as purchasing passenger rail cars to be used exclusively on the Chicago to Aurora rail line. La Grange is a charter member. As such, the Village appoints a resident to the District's Board of Trustees. The Village's current representative to the District is Curtis Linder, who has served on the Board since 2009.

Introduction: Andri Peterson, Assistant Village Manager

3. Alex Kramer, Firemen's Pension Board advisory member —

The Firemen's Pension Board was created according to Illinois State Statute to review pension investment activity, and evaluate disability claims, fitness for duty and other matters of an operational nature. Alex Kramer is the resident member of the 5-member Firemen's Pension Board. He was appointed in October 2010.

Introduction: Fire Chief William Bryzgalski