

## MINUTES

### VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Village Hall Auditorium  
53 South La Grange Road  
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, May 2, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Thomas Morsch, the following were:

**PRESENT:** Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, and Palermo with President Asperger presiding.

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson  
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin  
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone  
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham  
Fire Chief Bill Bryzgalski  
Police Chief Mike Holub

#### 2. RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

President Asperger stated that the agenda for this evening's meeting would only consist of recognition to citizen volunteers who have rendered thoughtful and dedicated service to the Village by participating on various advisory boards and commissions over the past year. Sincere thanks are extended to those individuals who share their time, talent, ideas and feedback on numerous issues that come before Board.

President Asperger explained that each Trustee along with Village staff would give a brief synopsis of the functions of each advisory board and commission, announce the names of the members along with their years of service.

##### Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (3-year term, 3 members)

Police Chief Mike Holub stated that in accordance with State Statute, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners oversee certain personnel matters within the Fire and Police Departments. They are responsible for the initial appointment of all full-time firefighters/paramedics and police officers; they make promotional appointments; and

administer disciplinary action. To fill vacancies due to a resignation within the Fire Department, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners subsequently approved a promotion to the rank of Fire Lieutenant and hired one firefighter/paramedic.

Currently the Board of Fire and Police Commission is in the process of developing a new Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility Register to replace the list due to expire in June 2011. Chief Holub added that this past year the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners created a new Police Sergeant Eligibility Register and a new patrol Officer Eligibility Register to replace the expired list.

Members are: Mark A. Lies, II, Chairman – 12 years of service; Wayne Vantluka 5 years of service, and Kathy Schwappach – 1 year of service.

Community & Economic Development Commission (3-year term, 9 members)

Trustee Kuchler noted that this commission considers and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding economic development issues and matters related to the relationships between residential neighborhoods and commercial business districts. Trustee Kuchler added that this commission has considered and offered recommendations relating to the renovation of the La Grange Theater along with residential and business concerns in the West End corridor.

Members are: Taylor Jaeger, Chairwoman – 15 years of service; Roger Laven – 20 years of service; Steve Palmer 11 years of service; Margaret Carlson; Mark Reich; Elizabeth Stiles and Lester Williams all serving for 4 years; Richard Holly and John Stewart serving for 2 years.

Design Review Commission (3-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Livingston explained that the Design Review Commission reviews matters related to the Central Business District Façade Renovation / Restoration Program. The commission also reviews and offers recommendations to the Village Board on design review applications within the Design Overlay District and reviews appeals regarding the denial of sign permits.

Trustee Livingston listed the permit applications reviewed in this fiscal year and explained that the commission's responsibilities have been expanded to include public art. The commission has developed a public art policy and related programming guidelines and draft documents are in the process of being finalized for the proposed establishment of a Public Art Commission.

Members are: Andrea Barnish, Chairwoman – 19 years of service; Regina Mc Linton – 20 years of service; Mark Ozer – 9 years of service; Tim Reardon – 4 years of service; Michael Thuma and Carol Visek 2 years of service; and Troy Pavelka 1 year of service.

Environmental Quality Control Commission – (2-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Horvath explained how this commission has become increasingly active with the heightened public awareness of environmental issues and “green” initiatives. The Commission has offered recommendations relating to the Emerald Ash Borer; Energy Star Benchmarking Program; quarry blasting; recycling and refuse disposal; and energy efficiency grants.

Trustee Horvath added that the Commission is in the process of evaluating various refuse collection and disposal program options in anticipation of the Village’s waste contract renewal in 2012.

Members are: Glenn Wentink, Chairman – 23 years of service; Harlan Hirt – 37 years of service; Patty Weber – 31 years of service; Richard Battistoni – 21 years of service; F. Peter Gabrek – 12 years of service; and Linda Christianson – 2 years of service.

Plan Commission – (3-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Holder explained that the Plan Commission reviews and recommends applications submitted for special use permits, planned development approval, site plan approval, amendments to the Zoning Code, vacation of public-rights-of-way, and subdivision plats. The Plan Commission recently 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 related to accessory structures consideration of a bed and breakfast facility; and a workshop discussion of the planned development ordinance and open space district.

Future discussions will embark on a review of the remaining sections of the Zoning Code to complete a comprehensive update of the Code.

Trustee Langan introduced the following members: Wayne Kardatzke, Chairman – 16 years of service; Jerry Reich 11 years of service; Tom Williams – 4 years of service; Laura Weyrauch, Vice Chairwoman – 4 years of service; Greg Paice – 3 years of service; Jeff Nowak – 2 year of service; and Nancy Pierson 1 year of service. It was noted that Jeff Nowak was recently elected as Village Trustee.

Trustee Langan noted that Mr. Jeff Nowak will be sworn in as Village Trustee at the Village Board meeting on Monday, May 9, 2011.

Zoning Board of Appeals – (5-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Palermo stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals reviews applications for relief from one or more requirements of the Village’s Zoning Code, conducts public hearings and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding those applications for zoning variations. Trustee Palermo noted some typical requests discussed and reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals include 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.

Members are: Ellen Brewin, Chairwoman – 17 years of service; Nat Pappalarado – 28 years of service; Ian Brenson – 5 years of service; Rosemary Naseef – 4 years of service; Peter O'Connor 2 years of service; Jeff Hoffenberg and Michael Finder – 1 year of service.

President Asperger announced that the Village Board would also like to thank several citizen volunteers who hold appointed positions and requested members of staff to recognize these individuals.

Police Chief Holub, on behalf of the Village, expressed his gratitude to the Police Auxiliary Force and Jim Liotta who has served on the Auxiliary Police Force for over 28 years, the last 17 years as Director.

Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson expressed the Village's gratitude to Curtis Linder who has represented the Village of La Grange by serving as a Trustee on the West Suburban Mass Transit District. This organization provides financial assistance to member communities to implement commuter-related improvements. Mr. Linder has served on the Board since 2009.

Fire Chief William Bryzgalski expressed the Village's gratitude to Alex Kramer who serves on the Firemen's Pension Board as an advisory member. Chief Bryzgalski noted that the Firemen's Pension Board was created according to Illinois State Statute to review pension investment activity and evaluate disability claims along with matters of an operational nature. Mr. Kramer was appointed and has served on the Board since October 2010.

Before adjourning, Village President Asperger and the Village Board graciously thanked the advisory boards and commissions and invited them to attend a reception at Santiago's whereby personal thanks could be conveyed.

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m. the Village Board adjourned.

Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date: 05/09/11