

MINUTES

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

Monday, May 9, 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 7:36 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Thomas Morsch, the following were present:

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

ABSENT: None

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

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Appointments – Plan Commission and the Community and Economic Development Commission

President Asperger submitted the appointments of Jay Stewart who resides at 340 Blackstone to serve on the Plan Commission until 2014, filling the term of Jeff Nowak who was elected as Village Trustee; Roger Laven who resides at 14 S. Ashland #210 to serve as Chair on the Community and Economic Development Commission until 2014, replacing retired Taylor Jaeger; Rebecca Winbush who resides at 307 W. Harris Avenue to serve as Commissioner on the Community and Economic Development until 2013, replacing Jay Stewart; and David Schwartz who resides at 443 S. Madison Avenue to fill a vacancy on the Community and Economic Development Commission until 2014. It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve the appointments, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion approved by voice vote.

B. Appointments and Re-appointments – Advisory Boards and Commissions

President Asperger recommended the appointments and re-appointments of the following: Kathy Schwappach who resides at 139 N. Madison to serve on the Board of Fire and Police Commission until 2014; Margaret Carlson who resides at 1105 W. Hillgrove to serve on the Community and Economic Development Commission until 2014; Regina McClinton who resides at 208 East Avenue to serve on the Design Review Commission until 2014; Carol Vizek who resides at 202 S. Brainard Avenue to serve on the Design Review Commission until 2014; William Holder who resides at 611 S. Waiola to serve on the Emergency Telephone System Board until 2012; Linda Christianson who resides at 131 S. Edgewood Avenue to serve on the Environmental Quality Control Commission until 2014; Lou Cipparrone to serve on the Firemen’s Pension Board until 2014; Nancy Pierson who resides at 408 Sunset Avenue to serve on the Plan Commission until 2014; Lou Cipparrone to serve on the Police Pension Board until 2013; and Mike Finder who resides at 78 N. Edgewood to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals until 2016.

Trustee Langan moved to approve the appointments and re-appointments as noted, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Motion approved by voice vote.

President Asperger indicated that the Farmer’s Market will resume on Thursday, May 12 in the parking lot adjacent to the Village Hall.

Lastly, President Asperger noted that the La Grange Business Association will introduce its summer special event “La Grange Rocks!” which will provide a display of decorated rocking chairs.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Ryan Williamson, President of the La Grange Business Association noted his presence if the Board had any questions regarding the upcoming special events.

Mary Nelson, 1200 Carriage Lane thanked outgoing Village Trustee Tom Livingston for his service to the community.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)
- B. Request to Purchase – Mobile Data Terminals and Installation in Fire Department Vehicles
- C. Request to Purchase – Fire Department / Motorized Power Lift Assist Stretcher

- D. Ordinance (#O-11-12) Disposal of Surplus Property – 1993 Pierce Arrow Ladder Truck
- E. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)
- F. Resolution (#R-11-08) – Request to Close La Grange Road / Pet Parade
- G. Consolidated Voucher 110509 (\$751,102.57)
- H. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, April 25, 2011
- I. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Special Meeting Monday, May 2, 2011

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

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items B, C, D, F, G, H, and I of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Motion approved by roll call vote.

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- 4-A. Professional Services Agreement – Employee Benefit Consulting Services (Removed from Omnibus for further discussion.)

Trustee Horvath noted that the Village Board recently approved a health insurance plan renewal with Blue Cross and Blue Shield at a proposed 18.6% increase which is significantly higher than the current budget allocation of 7.5%. Trustee Horvath explained that the Village Board has asked staff to consider other potential cost cutting measures including different insurance carriers; participation in a health insurance pool; and increases in premiums paid by employees.

In order to assist staff with this process it is being proposed to enter into a professional services agreement for insurance brokerage and employee consulting with Corporate Benefit Consultants, Inc. for a one-year term in an attempt to assess their level of service. Trustee Horvath added a request for proposals process would then evolve to ensure competitive rates and service levels. Trustee Horvath detailed the background and references for considering the services of

Corporate Benefit Consultants, Inc. and noted that representatives were in the audience to address any questions.

It was moved by Trustee Horvath to recommend that the Village Board approve an agreement with Corporate Benefit Consultants, Inc. for employee benefit consulting services for a one-year period in the amount of \$36,000 for insurance brokerage and consulting services, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Horvath questioned cost containment in relationship with the current budget and Finance Director Lou Cipparrone responded. Trustee Horvath inquired the need to change brokerage firms and Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson responded.

Trustee Palermo inquired about life insurance premiums and management capabilities of the current broker and Ms. Peterson responded.

Motion approved by roll call vote.

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

4-E. Request to Purchase – Police Department / Replacement of Administrative Vehicle (Removed from Omnibus for further discussion.)

Trustee Horvath indicated that the FY 2011-12 Village budget provides for the replacement of the 2004 Chevy Impala for the Police Department detailing the methods by which the vehicle is utilized. Noting the need of costly repairs and high mileage it is being recommended to replace the vehicle with a 2011 Chevy Impala Police Pursuit Vehicle under the Illinois Municipal Joint Purchasing Program from Green Chevrolet of Jacksonville, Illinois.

Trustee Horvath moved to approve the purchase to replace the Police Department's administrative vehicle under the state purchasing contract from Green Chevrolet of Jacksonville, Illinois in an amount not to exceed \$21,766.15, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Horvath expressed concerns with the cost benefits in replacing rather than repairing the current vehicle and Police Chief Mike Holub responded that repairs exceed the value of the vehicle. Trustee Horvath would like to see more detailed analysis on purchase requests.

Trustee Palermo added his concerns regarding the longevity of the municipal vehicles.

Trustee Langan noted his belief that the state purchasing contract utilizes the most cost effective purchasing method for municipalities.

Motion approved by a 4 to 2 roll call vote.

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

5-A. Special Event – La Grange Business Association “Ahhh! La Grange Carnival”:
Referred to Trustee Livingston

Trustee Livingston made known that the La Grange Business Association has requested the Board’s permission to conduct the “Ahhh! La Grange Carnival” which would take place Friday, June 3 through Sunday June 5, with the Pet Parade being held on Saturday, June 4, 2011. Trustee Livingston explained the details of the event including a request to sell beer and wine during the operating hours. Trustee Livingston explained that the sale and service of liquor would be conducted by a licensed caterer and that the La Grange Business Association would monitor and control liquor management.

It was moved by Trustee Livingston to approve the “Ahhh! La Grange Carnival” subject to specific conditions; approve the temporary closure of Harris Avenue from La Grange Road to Ashland Avenue; waive restrictions which prohibit the consumption of alcohol on the public way; waive the restrictions for the outdoor display and sale of goods and services in the C-1 Zoning District; and approve carnival rides as a Temporary Use, seconded by Trustee Langan. Motion approved by voice vote.

5-B. Special Event – La Grange Art & Craft Fair: Referred to Trustee Livingston

Trustee Livingston noted that the Village has received a request from the La Grange Business Association to hold the Annual Art and Craft Fair on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, 2011. The location utilized for the past few years was found to be favorable and is being requested again this year, however it will again be necessary for the Board to approve various road closures.

It was moved by Trustee Livingston to approve the closure of Harris Avenue west of La Grange Road to Ashland Avenue and Madison Avenue from Harris Avenue south to just north of the entrance to the parking lot located at Harris and Madison Avenues and the closure of Village Parking Lots 3 and 4 on each side of the Senior Center on July 9 and 10, 2011 for the La Grange Art and Craft Fair, seconded by Trustee Langan. Motion approved by voice vote.

6. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING VILLAGE TRUSTEE

A. Resolution of Appreciation – Retiring Village Trustee Tom Livingston

President Asperger recognized outgoing Trustee Tom Livingston for his contributions to the community as Village Trustee and his thoughtful participation on the Village Board. Noting Trustee Livingston's professionalism and focus on good government, President Asperger recited a Resolution of Appreciation for Trustee Livingston. It was moved by President Asperger and seconded by Trustee Langan to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Tom Livingston. Motion approved by voice vote.

On behalf of the entire Village Board President Asperger extended deepest appreciation and warmest personal regards for his years of public service by presenting Tom Livingston with an engraved plaque.

Trustee Langan expressed his appreciation for Trustee Livingston's genuine contribution and careful decision making on numerous difficult issues throughout his term as Village Trustee.

Trustee Holder added his appreciation to Trustee Livingston's inspiration in forming a common ground on debatable issues.

Trustee Kuchler noted Trustee Livingston's methodology in communicating and being a good steward of the public's interest.

Trustee Palermo also echoed Trustee Livingston's outstanding service and leadership in the community.

Trustee Horvath expressed his thanks to Trustee Livingston for his years of service.

On behalf of Department Heads and staff, Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn noted appreciation for Trustee Livingston's leadership and policy making for future generations.

7. FAREWELL BY OUTGOING VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Trustee Livingston expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve the residents of La Grange and noted the support provided by the various boards and commissions. Trustee Livingston referenced comments from former Village Trustee Ken Eastman that being Village Trustee is not about power but rather responsibility. Trustee Livingston noted that open debates and discussions have attributed to accomplishments for the betterment of the Village.

Village President Asperger reiterated the honors to outgoing Trustee Livingston and the audience responded with a standing ovation.

President Asperger stated there would be a short break prior to the swearing in and seating of the newly elected and re-elected Village Trustees.

8. OATH OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Village President Asperger reconvened the meeting and stated that those elected at the April 5, 2011 consolidated election would receive the oath of office.

- A. Oath of Office – Village Trustees Jeff Nowak, Mark Kuchler (re-elected), and James Palermo (re-elected)

Village Clerk Thomas Morsch administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Village Trustee Jeff Nowak; re-elected Village Trustee Mark Kuchler; and re-elected Trustee James Palermo

Looking forward to working together, President Asperger welcomed the newly elected and re-elected Trustees and their families.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m. it moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Motion approved by voice vote.

Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date