

## MINUTES

### VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Town Meeting – Community Center  
200 Washington Avenue  
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, November 24, 2008 - 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. The following were present:

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

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  
Assistant Public Works Director Mike Bojovic  
Fire Chief David Fleege  
Police Chief Mike Holub

#### 2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

##### A. Resolution of Appreciation – Retirement of Fire Captain Gary Mayor

President Asperger recited a Resolution of Appreciation for retired Fire Captain Gary Mayor and on behalf of the entire Village Board expressed sincere gratitude and deepest appreciation for his many years of public service. President Asperger requested approval of the Resolution of Appreciation for Fire Captain Gary Mayor. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Captain Mayor was presented with the Resolution and best wishes were extended to him.

President Asperger welcomed all to the last in a series of three Town Meetings which have been held in various areas of the Village. President Asperger proceeded to explain that there would be a brief business meeting prior to opening the floor to the audience.

Although the Police have apprehended possible suspects involved in vehicle burglaries, President Asperger encouraged residents to be vigilant in contacting the Police Department for any suspicious activity.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Walk will be held on Saturday, December 6 throughout downtown La Grange and President Asperger announced the scheduled activities for the evening.

The La Grange Business Association is encouraging residents to help protect the environment and shop locally by selling eco-friendly bags for \$3. President Asperger displayed one of the bags and added that numerous coupons for discounts at local businesses are included.

President Asperger noted the success of the recent "Empty Bowls" event which raised \$9,000 to be distributed to local food pantries.

Lastly, President Asperger announced that on Monday, December 15 the Village will host a community meeting to receive comments related to the two-family residential zoning classification which currently exists in the neighborhood east of the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad tracks.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Resolution (#R-08-11) – Authorizing the Transfer of Property from the Village of La Grange to the Park District of La Grange
- B. Resolution (#R-08-12) – Authorizing the Submittal of a Subrecipient Agreement and Execution of Documents for Distribution of Community Development Block Grant Funds / Accessibility Improvements to Village Hall and Police / Fire Facility
- C. Professional Services Agreement – Fire Department Apparatus Room Floor (Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., Northbrook, Illinois - \$21,000)
- D. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)
- E. Consolidated Voucher 081124 (\$2,408,760.14)
- F. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, November 10, 2008

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, C, D, E, and F of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee Livingston. Trustee Palermo requested item 4-D be removed from the Omnibus Agenda and placed under Current Business for further discussion.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to amend the motion to approve items A, B, C, E, and F of the Omnibus, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, Palermo, Wolf and President Asperger  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

## 5. CURRENT BUSINESS

### 4-D. Purchase – Public Works Department / Administrative Vehicle

Trustee Palermo relayed the information contained in the Board Report explaining that staff is recommending that the existing Public Works administrative vehicle, which is scheduled to be replaced next fiscal year be replaced in the current fiscal year. Because the State vehicle purchase program did not include the vehicle desired, and in order to transition the 2002 Ford F-150 truck used for operations to a 2008 Ford Explorer to be utilized for administration and engineering activities, competitive quotes were solicited. Trustee Palermo identified the competitive quotes received less the trade-in value of the 2002 vehicle. Trustee Palermo indicated staff's recommendation that the Village Board waive the formal competitive bidding process and accept the quote submitted by Rod Baker Ford for a 2008 Explorer in the amount of \$24,206.65 less a trade-in of \$5,175.00 for a total vehicle cost of \$19,031.65.

Trustee Palermo inquired about the need to replace the vehicle prior to its scheduled replacement and why a smaller more cost-effective vehicle was not considered. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham responded that other vehicles did not meet the needs or criteria of the department.

Trustee Horvath inquired if the current vehicle is inoperable. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham listed the repairs needed to maintain the current vehicle.

Trustee Horvath suggested waiting until next fiscal year. Village Manager Pilipiszyn indicated that all facets were taken into consideration and identified the need to purchase during this fiscal year.

President Asperger indicated her belief that staff has considered all aspects for the purchase of the vehicle.

Trustee Horvath continued to express his concerns in replacing the vehicle prior to the scheduled replacement date.

Trustee Langan noted the restructuring in organizational duties for the Public Works Department has evolved in the need for a new vehicle. Trustee Langan believes it to be a reasonable request and is in favor of the purchase.

Trustee Langan moved waive the formal competitive bidding process and accept the quote submitted by Rod Baker Ford for a 2008 Explorer in the amount of \$24,206.65 less a trade-in of \$5,175.00 for a total vehicle cost of \$19,031.65, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by a four to three roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, and President Asperger  
Nays: Trustees Horvath, Palermo and Wolf  
Absent: None

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn indicated that Village offices would be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday, however public safety will be fully staffed. Manager Pilipiszyn noted the end of the month deadline for leaf pick-up and yard waste collection.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. TOWN MEETING

Prior to opening the floor to the audience, President Asperger introduced the Village Board and members of staff.

President Asperger noted the Board's determination for a number of goals to preserve and enhance the community, along with accomplishments throughout the Village. Among them were:

- the approval of a mixed use, Planned Unit Development at the intersection of La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue (the former YMCA site)
- working with the La Grange Theatre for a public/private partnership to financially aid with the renovation of the theatre
- the La Grange Pointe project – residential and retail (the former IHOP site)
- continued improvements to the campus of La Grange Memorial Hospital
- conducted Economic Development Workshop to direct staff to pursue post-TIF strategies for on-going business development such as the façade loan program
- zoning code improvements; maximum lot coverage standards
- construction site management
- Bluff Avenue street and water main reconstruction project

- renovation of the Stone Avenue train station
- conducted the first Spring Clean Up day
- launched a new automatic telephone emergency notification system (CodeRed) whereby residents may register their phone numbers to receive emergency notices
- in the process of re-tooling the Village's website
- receipt of a grant from the West Central Cable Agency to replace the sound system along with recording and playback equipment
- restructuring the Department of Public Works to better facilitate workload for capital projects

President Asperger opened the floor to audience questions, comments or concerns.

Ms. Topps requested clarification on the three sections of goals for the Village Board and President Asperger responded.

New resident residing on Bluff Avenue requested additional information on the reconstruction project scheduled for Bluff Avenue. President Asperger stated that this was a three year reconstruction project scheduled to begin in 2009. She indicated the process by which residents would be notified.

Joann McQuigg, 218 East Avenue inquired about abandoned properties in the area. President Asperger noted the lengthy legal process, however indicated that demolitions are scheduled. President Asperger referred Ms. McQuigg to Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin for future inquiries.

There being no further public comments, President Asperger requested a motion to adjourn.

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

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Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

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Approved Date