

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Town Meeting – Ogden Avenue School
(Gymnasium)
501 Ogden Avenue
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, October 27, 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 7:30 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 Paula Kirlin
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

President Asperger welcomed all to the second in a series of Town Meetings being held in various areas of the Village. President Asperger began by introducing Village officials and expressed her privilege in working with all of her constituents. President Asperger proceeded to explain that there would be a brief business meeting prior to opening the floor to the audience.

President Asperger stated that the Halloween Walk sponsored by the La Grange Business Association was well attended.

President Asperger noted that on Thursday, November 13 there would be a fundraiser aimed at alleviating hunger. Potters at Terra Incognito will create a variety of ceramic bowls which may be purchased for a minimum donation. Bowls are then taken to various

participating business locations throughout the Village to be filled. Proceeds will benefit food pantries in the Village.

The Village has begun to display its “Festival of Lights” in preparation for the annual Holiday Walk being held on Saturday, December 6.

The Robert E. Coulter American Legion Post 1941 will host a Veterans’ Day Salute on Tuesday, November 11.

President Asperger recognized Patrol Officer Steve Kneifel who is preparing for his deployment to Afghanistan until 2010. Officer Kneifel serves as the Village’s Elderly Services Officer and was recently recognized by the Illinois Attorney General for his focus on prevention of crimes on older adults.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-08-27) – Creating an Additional Class C-1 Liquor License, Francesca’s La Grange, LLC, 75 S. La Grange Road
- B. Resolution (#R-08-09) – Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Village of La Grange and The Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officers)
- C. Agreement – IDOT Joint Agreement, Phase III Engineering and MFT Resolution for Stage One of the Bluff Avenue Project (Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation of \$697,000; Engineering Services Heuer and Associates \$130,000; and IDOT required Motor Fuel Tax Resolution \$300,000)
- D. Award of Contract – Sewer Repair Project – Intersection of Spring Avenue and Maple Avenue (Cerniglia Company, Melrose Park, IL \$21.977)
- E. Award of Contract – IDOT “Extraordinary Repairs” (Central Blacktop \$17,009; IDOT funds balance \$38,971)
- F. Consolidated Voucher 081027 (\$624,600.86)
- G. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, October 13, 2008

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, C, D, E, F, and G of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee Horvath.

Trustee Palermo inquired about wage increase methodologies, budget impact and pension fund impact regarding the collective bargaining agreement with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council and Village Manager Pilipiszyn and Finance Director Cipparrone responded.

Trustee Horvath noted his approval of the future opening of Francesca's.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. La Grange Business Association / 2008 Holiday Walk – Request for Village Sponsorship: Referred to Trustee Livingston

Trustee Livingston explained that the December 6, 2008 Holiday Walk has always been a positive reflection of the Village of La Grange and brings shoppers into the community. The La Grange Business Association is requesting that the Village co-sponsor the event in an amount not to exceed \$12,000. Trustee Livingston added that the Village's position of sponsorship is marketing the event, which includes newspaper advertisements, posters and the production and mailing of the booklet which lists the activities for the evening.

Trustee Livingston explained the activities and other enhancements to be included. Upon culmination of the event, the La Grange Business Association would provide a complete financial statement for the event.

It was moved by Trustee Livingston to support the Holiday Walk's cost of advertising and marketing for 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000, with the conditions as outlined in the Village's sponsorship policy, seconded by Trustee Langan. Approved by roll call vote.

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn made known that the Village recently hosted a well-attended community meeting with representatives from various agencies to advise residents of programs available for financial assistance relevant to utility

bills and home repairs. Complete information will be posted on the Village website.

Mr. Pilipiszyn advised residents that the Village will be utilizing a new water billing format beginning November 1. The new system will allow the Village to access new billing technologies in the future.

The final brush collection will be the week of November 3.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. TOWN MEETING

Prior to opening the floor to the audience, President Asperger introduced members of staff and gave a brief description of the responsibilities assigned to each area.

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

At 8:10 p.m. President Asperger opened the floor to audience questions, comments or concerns.

Harlan Hirt, 421 S. Spring presented the Board with his prepared written statement relating to the land exchange between the Village and the Park District. President Asperger thanked Mr. Hirt for sharing his thoughts.

Kevin Shields, 45 N. Drexel requested an explanation why TIF funds were being reallocated from road improvements at Ogden Avenue and La Grange Road to the theater renovation project. President Asperger noted that it is anticipated that the developer for that area will be contributing to road improvements for that section and that the impact on the TIF budget was neutral.

Barb Rocco, 419 Hillgrove inquired why TIF funds were not utilized for improvements at Park Jr. High. President Asperger noted that Park Jr. High was not in the TIF District, however TIF funds were contributed to Cossitt School.

President Asperger commented on the recent meeting of the TIF Joint Review Board at which time a joint statement from the school districts was read by District 204 Superintendent Dennis Kelly. Dr. Kelly complimented the Village on its communication, vision and selection of TIF projects.

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

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Livingston. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

Approved Date