

## MINUTES

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

Monday, April 28, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange special meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Robert Milne, the following were:

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn  
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson  
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin  
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone  
Public Works Director Ken Watkins  
Fire Chief David Fleege  
Police Chief Mike Holub

### 2. RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

President Asperger stated that the agenda for this evening's special 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)

Fire Chief David Fleege 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. Chief Fleege added that this past year the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners developed a new Police Promotional Sergeant Eligibility Register, Police Officer Eligibility Register and a Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility Register. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners has also amended their rules and regulations to coincide with the Firefighters Promotional Act.

Members are: Mark A. Lies, II, Chairman – 9 years of service; Larry Gess – 5 years of service; and Wayne Vantluka 1 ½ years of service.

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

Trustee Langan noted that this past October the Village Code was amended to restructure the Economic Development Commission into a newly formed commission called the Community and Economic Development Commission. This commission was established to advise the Village Board and staff on matters related to economic development and relationships among residential neighborhoods and commercial areas within the community.

Trustee Langan explained that the commission discussed policy points related to the renovation of the La Grange Theater and recommended to the Village Board that the theater is a community asset and one which should be preserved. The commission is currently considering business concerns relating to continued growth and reinvestment in the west end corridor.

Members are: Taylor Jaeger, Chairwoman – 12 years of service; Roger Laven – 17 years of service; Steve Palmer 8 years of service; Jeff Nowak – 8 months of service; Peter O'Connor 8 – months of service with Margaret Carlson; Mark Reich; Elizabeth Stiles and Lester Williams all serving for 6 months. Special recognition was given to John Moellman and Joleen Tschaikovsky who stepped down from the Economic Development Advisory Commission after 17 years of service.

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

Trustee Kuchler 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.

Members are: Andrea Barnish, Chairman – 16 years of service; Edward Marcisz – 17 years of service; Regina Mc Linton – 17 years of service; Matthew Malec, III – 8 years of service; Mark Ozer – 6 years of service; Tim Reardon – 1 year of service; and Gary Young – 1 year of service.

Trustee Kuchler recognized Francesca Siciliano-Andrews who stepped down after serving the Village for 8 years.

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

Trustee Palermo explained how this commission inventories sources of environmental pollution which may have a harmful effect upon the public health, safety and welfare of residents. They also review public notices from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Examples of past contributions include advising the Village Board on the proposed expansion of the Deep Tunnel into the McCook Quarry; the proposed mining expansion of the McCook Quarry; and the proposed wood-burning incinerator in McCook.

Trustee Palermo noted that the commission has advised the Village on the solid waste contract, reviewed several permit notices involving area industries, and participated in the “Cool Cities” Workshop. Increased activity has heightened with public awareness on environmental issues.

Members are: Glenn Wentink, Chairman – 20 years of service; Harlan Hirt – 34 years of service; Patty Weber – 28 years of service; Richard Battistoni – 18 years of service; and F. Peter Gabrek – 9 years of service.

Parking Commission – (5-year term, 5 members)

Trustee Wolf indicated that the Parking Commission reviews and makes recommendations to the Village Board on various matters pertaining to issues impacting parking in residential neighborhoods.

Members are: Mary Nelson, Chairman – 29 years of service; Richard Mann – 19 years of service; and Jimmi Marshall – 11 years of service.

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

Trustee Livingston expressed his gratitude to Plan Commission members for their diligent reviews and recommendations of applications submitted for special use permits, planned development approval, site plan approval, amendments to the Zoning Code, vacation of public-right-of-way, and subdivision plats. The Plan Commission recently reviewed the redevelopment proposal for the YMCA which included six public meetings and workshops, public testimony, and many hours of discussion and collaboration with the developer before unanimously

recommending approval of the proposed development. Future endeavors for the Plan Commission will include the second phase of Zoning Code amendments involving residential districts.

Members are: Stephen Randolph, Chairman – 18 years of service; Roger Tyrrell – 20 years of service; Wayne Kardatzke – 13 years of service; Jerry Reich 8 years of service; and newly appointed members Tom Williams, Laura Weyrauch and William Holder have each served one year.

Trustee Livingston noted that William Holder previously served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for 8 years.

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

Trustee Horvath 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 Horvath noted some typical requests discussed and reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals include front and rear yard setbacks, building coverage, signage, fences, and garage size requirements.

Members are: Ellen Brewin, Chairman – 14 years of service; Nat Pappalarado – 25 years of service; Charles Benson, Jr. – 18 years of service; Nancy Pierson – 2 years of service; Ian Brenson – 2 years of service; Kathy Schwappach – 2 years of service; and Rosemary Naseef 8 months 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 25 years, the last 14 years as Director of the Auxiliary Police Force.

Village Manager Pilipiszyn expressed the Village's gratitude to Richard Holly 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. Holly has served on the Board since 2002.

Finance Director Cipparrone expressed the Village's gratitude to former Village Trustee and for the past 8 years Village Comptroller Lawrence Kinports. As Village Comptroller, Mr. Kinports provides oversight to the Finance Department, including review of the annual budget, audit and interim financial reports for the purpose of advising the Village Board on the financial position of the Village.

Before adjourning, Village President Asperger and the Village Board applauded the advisory boards and commissions and invited them to attend a reception at Café 36 restaurant whereby personal thanks could be conveyed.

Mr. Paul Kerpan requested an opportunity to speak and President Asperger granted his request.

Mr. Kerpan identified the proposed sale of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern railroad line from Wisconsin Central to Canadian National expressing his support. Mr. Kerpan believes that a shift of Canadian National freight operations off of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe line will result in reduced freight traffic in the Village of La Grange and encouraged the Board to endorse the matter.

President Asperger thanked Mr. Kerpan and informed him that the Village as well as many area communities are working with the West Central Municipal Conference which is in support of the sale.

3. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 p.m. the Village Board adjourned.

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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