

## MINUTES

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

Monday, January 28, 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 7:34 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Robert Milne, the following were present:

PRESENT: Trustees Langan, Kuchler, Palermo and Wolf

ABSENT: Trustee Horvath (present 7:45 p.m.)  
Trustee Livingston

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn  
Village Attorney Mark Burkland  
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin  
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone  
Public Works Director Ken Watkins  
Police Chief Mike Holub  
Fire Chief David Fleege  
Doings Reporter Ken Knutson

### 2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger announced the retirement of Public Works Director Ken Watkins who will retire in June after serving the Village for nearly 30 years. President Asperger expressed best wishes to Mr. Watkins in his future endeavors.

Thanks were extended to Fire Chief David Fleege and his department for their quick response to recent residential fires.

The Plan Commission has completed their review of the YMCA redevelopment project and discussion by the Village Board will take place on February 11 following the regular Village Board meeting. President Asperger invited the public to attend.

A new monthly version of the Village Spokesman newsletter is being sent to residents and will also be posted on the Village's website.

Lastly, President Asperger noted that agenda item 5B creating a new class liquor license has been removed at the request of the applicant until a later date.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Award of Contract – Tree Pruning (D-Ryan Tree & Landscaping Service LLC, DeKalb, Illinois)
- B. Consolidated Voucher 071224 (\$640,165.96)
- C. Consolidated Voucher 080114 (\$1,021,590.44)
- D. Consolidated Voucher 080128 (\$389,597.54)
- E. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, December 10, 2007

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

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance – Amending Various Sections of the La Grange Code of Ordinances Related to the Sales and Service of Alcoholic Liquor: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan explained that staff and the Village Attorney have prepared an amendment to the current La Grange Code of Ordinance related to the sales and service of alcoholic liquor. Reasoning for this amendment is to provide new license classifications; to provide updated standards for issuing licenses; and to update regulations in order to reflect best practices.

Trustee Langan noted that current liquor Class A; B; C-1; C-2; and D remain the same with no changes proposed.

Liquor Class E is defined for clubs and includes provisions specific to activities common to existing clubs in the Village.

Liquor Class F is defined for movie theatres where bring-your-own-liquor would be allowed for private events, however not for public events.

Liquor Class G-1 is defined for catering and authorizes the service of alcohol as part of a catering business which operates a business within the Village.

Liquor Class G-2 is defined for temporary catering and authorizes a licensee to cater alcohol at one function in any twelve month period.

Liquor Class H is defined for a food boutique and allows the sale of packaged wine for consumption off-premises as well as wine by the glass on-premises. This license class requires that 50% of gross annual revenue originate from the sale of goods other than wine by the glass.

Liquor Class I-1 is defined for a wine boutique and allows the sale of wine and beer for consumption off premises and wine by the glass for consumption on-premises.

Liquor Class I-2 is defined for a wine boutique retail and tasting and allows for the sale of bottled wine for off-premises consumption; the sale of wine by the glass by dispenser for consumption on-premises; and service of wine during a class or event.

Liquor Class J is defined for grocery store tasting and allows grocery stores to hold wine and beer tasting events.

Liquor Class K is defined for retail store cabaret / events and allows retail stores that have live music events the ability to serve wine by the glass during both public events and private parties, not to exceed four in each month.

Liquor Class L is defined for food preparation services store corkage and allows a food preparation service store to permit their customers to bring in beer and wine.

Liquor Class M-1 is defined for not-for-profit organizations and authorizes a business supporting a not-for-profit organization or a not-for-profit organization to sell and serve liquor at one event with a limit of two in a calendar year.

Liquor Class M-2 is defined for not-for-profit organizations annual events and authorizes a not-for-profit organization to sell and serve liquor for up to four events in a calendar year.

Liquor Class N is defined for a business single event and authorizes a business to serve liquor at a store event up to two in any twelve month period.

Trustee Langan explained that additional items needing refinement are to mirror State law relating to location to schools and churches; automatic reduction of liquor licenses when the license is terminated, expires without renewal, or when a business is sold or discontinued; clarification on the requirements for alcohol awareness training; and updated fee schedule for new classifications.

Trustee Langan believes that more study is needed to incorporate the availability of BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle) into the amendments and suggested that staff and the Village Attorney work with the La Grange Business Association to provide input on this option.

President Asperger is in agreement to research possibilities of BYOB.

Trustee Palermo noted his agreement to look at BYOB and discuss this option with La Grange business owners. Trustee Palermo had questions on specific new liquor classifications and Village Attorney Burkland responded.

Trustee Kuchler noted his support for BYOB and inquired how it currently is prohibited. Attorney Burkland indicated that there is a general prohibition without obtaining a liquor license.

Trustee Kuchler inquired if these proposed regulations would apply to a private swim club. Attorney Burkland responded that more information is needed and this matter will be investigated.

Trustee Horvath inquired if live music venues would be permitted to serve alcohol under these provisions. Attorney Burkland responded that the Village would create a category. Trustee Horvath also noted his openness to the BYOB concept.

Trustee Langan feels that the Village is very conservative in granting liquor licenses and in certain cases requires the percentage of liquor sales be regulated in relationship with other revenue.

Trustee Palermo inquired about maintaining control at a private event. Attorney Burkland noted that admittance to a private event would be by invitation only.

President Asperger complimented Village Attorney Burkland for his work.

President Asperger suggested that this matter be tabled and encouraged Village Trustees to submit additional comments or questions to the Village Manager.

- B. Ordinance – Creating a New Class I-2 Liquor License, Vineyard Dog Wines, Inc.:  
Referred to Trustee Kuchler

Removed, at the request of the applicant.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Harlan Hirt, 421 S. Spring handed Village President Asperger a written statement relating to the redevelopment of the YMCA property as it relates to the Park District and adjacent land. As a member of the Environmental Quality Control Commission, Mr. Hirt noted his disappointment on the way this project has been handled. Mr. Hirt summarized his written statement noting his belief that the land purchase should be placed on a public referendum and State statute should be honored.

President Asperger assured Mr. Hirt that his written statement would be delivered to the Village Board Trustees and considered.

Karen Suknovich, 316 S. Spring expressed her concerns in not having a school crossing guard at the intersection of Ogden Avenue and Brainard Avenue. Ms. Suknovich noted her frustration in communication with Village staff and School District 102.

President Asperger assured Ms. Suknovich that the Village Board was made aware of her concerns and takes pedestrian safety very seriously.

President Asperger invited the public to remain for the Executive Committee Capital Projects Workshop immediately following the regular Village Board meeting. President Asperger advised that this is the beginning of the budget development process and explained to the audience that there would be a short interruption in broadcasting in order to set-up for the workshop which would then be televised live.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Horvath is supportive of Ms. Suknovich's request for a crossing guard.

Trustee Wolf concurred.

Trustee Palermo is also in agreement to review the feasibility of a crossing guard as well as working with School District 102 for a solution.

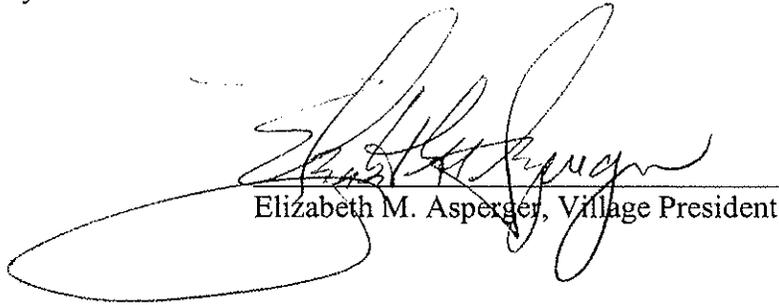
Trustee Kuchler believes everyone is concerned with safety and staff is dedicated to resolving matters where the Board sees a need to react to issues.

Trustee Horvath inquired if lowering the speed limit could be considered and Village Manager Pilipiszyn noted that this item was previously brought before the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Trustee Langan believes attempts should be made to work with School District 102 to resolve the matter.

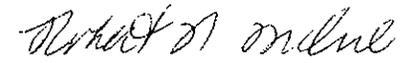
10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:46 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Palermo.  
Approved by unanimous voice vote.



Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

  
Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

02-11-08  
Approved Date