

MINUTES

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

Monday, August 8, 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 7:30 p.m. by Village Clerk Thomas Morsch. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Thomas Morsch, the following were present:

PRESENT: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Nowak, and Palermo with President Asperger presiding.

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. ComEd — Kathleen Maier, External Affairs Manager

President Asperger introduced Kathleen Maier, La Grange's ComEd External Affairs Manager to provide information about ComEd's response to the record storm events experienced in July as well as plans to reduce the frequency and duration of outages in La Grange. Ms. Maier is not only our community contact with ComEd, but she is also a Village resident and cares about the level of service and attention which residents should receive.

The Village is working cooperatively with ComEd to address system repairs and upgrades to minimize future disruptions and to demonstrate to residents that we have an open line of communication.

Ms. Maier acknowledged the importance of electricity to residents and how frustrating it is to be without power for any length of time. Ms. Maier explained

ComEd's four-step priority process of restoring power as follows: 1) transmission lines which serve feeder stations; 2) emergency facilities (i.e. - hospitals, police/fire departments, water treatment plants, etc.); 3) neighborhoods; and 4) individual service lines.

Ms. Maier reminded residents of the importance of reporting an outage or other service issue to ComEd. Also, residents who experience frequent outages should contact the Village Manager's office with their address to aid in ComEd's evaluation of system functionality in La Grange.

Trustee Kuchler inquired about what type of trees should be planted under power lines to avoid interference with service. Director of Public Works Ryan Gillingham responded that there are certain species of trees that are planted to avoid interference with overhead power lines.

Trustee Nowak complimented ComEd on their restoration efforts but expressed frustration with the lack of communication from ComEd when power will be restored so that residents can decide what plan of action to take during the outage.

Trustee Palermo inquired as to why certain neighborhoods are prone to frequent outages. Ms. Maier responded that the Village is compiling a list of addresses to share with ComEd to evaluate the system functionality in those areas.

B. Resolution of Appreciation — Retirement of Police Lieutenant Chris Noel

President Asperger recited a Resolution of Appreciation for retired Police Lieutenant Chris Noel and on behalf of the Village Board expressed sincere gratitude and deepest appreciation for his many years of public service by presenting him with a plaque.

President Asperger requested approval of the Resolution of Appreciation for Police Lieutenant Chris Noel. It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Police Lieutenant Chris Noel, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Asperger acknowledged the retirement of Fire Captain Rick Griffin on July 5 after 28 ½ years of service.

President Asperger expressed condolences to the family of Larry Kinports at his recent passing. Mr. Kinports served as Village Comptroller, Village Trustee and on the La Grange Library Board.

Lastly, President Asperger noted that earlier this evening the Liquor Commission met to consider two applications for liquor licenses. The first is for a Class C-2 Wine Boutique License for Vino e Birra at 18 W. Burlington Avenue, and the second for a Class A-1 Beer and Wine License for Craft La Grange at 88 S.

La Grange Road. Both requests will be recommended for approval to the Village Board at their next meeting in September.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Request to Purchase – Narrowbanding Replacement and Upgrade of Police and Fire Department Base Radio, Receiver and Portable Radio Equipment
- B. Request to Purchase – Firehouse Mobile Preplan Software for Installation in Fire Department MDT Computers
- C. Map Amendment – Short Term Parking Space/Loading Zones within the Central Business District/East Harris Avenue
- D. Resolution – Approving an Easement Agreement Between the Village and La Grange School District 105
- E. Approval of Construction Contract – Mason Woods Storm Sewer Lining Project
- F. Award of Contract – 2011 Crack Sealing Program
- G. Award of Contract and Engineering Services Agreement for the Resurfacing of Lot 2
- H. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, July 11, 2011
- I. Consolidated Voucher 110725
- J. Consolidated Voucher 110808

Trustee Kuchler requested item 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 A, B, C, D, F, G, H, I and J. of the Omnibus, seconded by Trustee Holder. Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustee Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Nowak, Palermo and President Asperger
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

4-E. Approval of Construction Contract – Mason Woods Storm Sewer Lining Project.
(Removed from Omnibus for further discussion.)

Trustee Kuchler provided background information on the Mason Woods subdivision project which included the installation of a 30” storm sewer pipe. The Village performed a drainage investigation due to a resident complaint that their sump pump system was unable to handle the amount of ground water draining into their system. Trustee Kuchler added that repairs to the 30” storm sewer pipe are necessary due to failing pipe conditions.

Trustee Kuchler stated that Baxter and Woodman was hired to complete the plans and specifications and elaborated on the scope of work to complete the repairs. After concluding their analysis and the bidding process, Baxter & Woodman recommended awarding the contract to the lowest, responsible and technically capable to perform the work as specified Insituform Technologies USA, Inc., in the amount of \$46,161.

Trustee Kuchler noted that Village staff will perform the construction management for this project, so an agreement with an engineering firm for these services is not required. Trustee Kuchler expressed his delight in the fact that staff has taken into account saving taxpayers dollars by managing the construction project in-house rather than hiring an engineering firm.

It was moved by Trustee Kuchler to approve the construction contract with Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. in the total amount of \$46,161 for the rehabilitation of 335 lineal feet of 30” storm sewer in the Mason Woods subdivision, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Trustee Holder added that he was familiar with this firm and commented that they are a world leader in this technology and offer a unique service that is very effective and at a great price.

Approved by roll call vote:

Ayes:	Trustee Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Nowak and Palermo
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

6. MANAGER’S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn stated that traffic and pedestrian safety is a priority for the Village of La Grange and provided motorists, residents and parents with safety reminders and to increase safety awareness.

A. Mini-Workshop — Stone Avenue Train Station

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn requested Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson to elaborate on the status of the Stone Avenue Train Station project development.

Ms. Peterson indicated that staff has worked with Metra and the Federal Transit Administration to complete the various steps required to secure the federal funding allocated by Congressman Lipinski.

Ms. Peterson explained that in order for the Village to access funds and begin the Phase II design process, we are required to enter into three separate agreements with Metra. These include 1) a Commuter Facility Improvement Grant Agreement which is in two parts; and 2) an Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of the Stone Avenue Station.

Ms. Peterson noted that in order to receive federal funds through Metra, the Village must agree to various conditions relating to the maintenance of the Stone Avenue Station in a similar fashion as is currently the case with the La Grange Road Station. It is expected that the agreements will be ready for the Village Board's consideration in September. Per grant requirements, an agreement with Legat Architects for Phase II design services and Phase III construction oversight services will also be presented for approval at the same time.

Trustee Kuchler inquired whether automatic ticket vending machines are part of the renovation to which Ms. Peterson responded that she would follow-up with Metra on that inquiry.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Horvath commented that with the uncertainty of the health care budget, he proposes for next year to consider adopting a health care benefit review policy that would consist of the following: 1) health care budget workshop; 2) obtaining two competitive bids 30 days prior to workshop; 3) contract provided prior to Village Board consideration; and 4) that this task is managed separately within the Operations Plan.

President Asperger responded that these thoughts can be taken into consideration and examined at the Village Board planning session in November.

Trustee Horvath congratulated two girls softball little league teams for their outstanding performance this year.

Trustee Palermo also expressed interest in pursuing a health care benefit review policy for the next fiscal year budget to avoid unnecessary expenses by planning ahead.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion approved by voice vote.

Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date: 09/12/11