

## MINUTES

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

Monday, September 12, 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 7:35 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Thomas Morsch, the following were present:

PRESENT: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Nowak, and Palermo

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

President Asperger noted several events which included the Robert E. Coulter American Legion September 11<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Service; the La Grange Business Association's Rocking Chair auction; the upcoming West End Art Festival; and the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Diversity Celebration.

Stating the benefits of managing storm water run-off and proper drainage, President Asperger referenced the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's website for the purchase of rain barrels.

President Asperger commented on prior information provided by ComEd representative Kathleen Maier and noted that ComEd will be performing tree trimming in certain areas of the Village as part of their regular maintenance.

- A. Proclamation – Community Diversity Group 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Race Unity Rally  
President Asperger proclaimed Sunday, September 18, 2011 as Race Unity Day and indicated that the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally would be held in the Village Hall

Auditorium beginning at 3:00 p.m. President Asperger noted this as an annual event for all to gather and celebrate diversity in the community. Trustee Holder moved to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Trustee Langan. The motion was approved by voice vote.

B. Oath of Office – Firefighter / Paramedic Alan M. Kinney

With a recent retirement in the La Grange Fire Department, a vacancy was created and the La Grange Board of Fire and Police Commissioners have appointed Alan M. Kinney to fill the position of Firefighter / Paramedic effective September 1, 2011. President Asperger noted his experience and requested he come forward to receive the oath of office. Village Clerk Morsch requested Mr. Kinney's wife and family join him as he administered the oath.

C. Environmental Quality Control Commission Presentation - Residential Solid Waste Program

President Asperger explained the functions of the Environmental Quality Control Commission (EQCC) adding that the Commission is in the process of evaluating various refuse collection and disposal program options in anticipation of the Village's waste contract renewal in 2012. President Asperger invited EQCC Chairman Glenn Wentink to elaborate on the commission's findings and recommendations.

Mr. Wentink noted that the Village of La Grange has a long established volume based program and provided historical information and data accumulated from a residential survey conducted in 2007. Mr. Wentink explained that there is a downward trend for the outdated volume based system. Although it has been necessary to increase the cost of refuse stickers, Mr. Wentink added that curbside recycling and the sale of refuse stickers have not covered the waste hauler's fixed expenses.

The EQCC has met with the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency (WCCSWA); Allied Waste; and Resource and Recycling to become knowledgeable of collection and disposal trends and explore various options. In their deliberations, Mr. Wentink noted that the EQCC attempted to maintain dedication to recycling; provide baseline revenue for the hauler; provide various options for residents; and consider a program that was easily administered.

Based on all of the data, the EQCC determined that a change from volume based to the optional toter program currently available to residents should be implemented Village wide for both recyclables and refuse.

President Asperger thanked Mr. Wentink and the EQCC for their research and recommendations and opened the discussion to the Trustees.

Trustee Kuchler inquired about the use of a recycle toter and continuance of stickers for refuse. Mr. Wentink noted that the commission reviewed that option

and determined that refuse tonnage would not compensate the haulers fixed expenses. Trustee Kuchler expressed concerns that in 2007 residents expressed their desire not to change to a toter system. Mr. Wentink indicated that the WCCSWA advised that the Village would receive minimal if any bids on a volume based system.

Trustees discussed pricing and size of toters. Mr. Wentink noted that variations could be offered.

Trustee Palermo noted differences between the narrative and data in the report and Mr. Wentink clarified.

Trustee Horvath suggested a recycling bank with local businesses and utilizing a consolidated contract with other communities.

Trustee Kuchler inquired about the ability to offer various size toters. Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson explained that in order for refuse haulers to contain cost their base plan is to offer a minimal amount of options.

Trustee Nowak thanked the EQCC for their research and recommendation, however concurred with Trustee Kuchler's concerns regarding residents desire to maintain the current volume based system. If a change to toters is mandated it would be difficult for the community to accept.

Trustee Holder inquired if refuse haulers would be more likely to bid on a volume based system if sticker rates were increased. Mr. Wentink noted that would depend on the amount of increase.

Trustee Kuchler believes if rates determine the choice between the use of a sticker or toter, the Village should maintain both options and allow residents to choose the option best fit for their needs.

President Asperger inquired if the EQCC considered that some residents subsidize others. Mr. Wentink noted that there will always be some marginal differences, however, the commission attempted to rationalize fairness in their deliberations.

Trustee Kuchler inquired about billing and collecting various fees. Mr. Wentink responded that could be placed on the request for proposal as an option.

Trustee Horvath suggested that request for proposals contain multiple types of programs. Mr. Wentink agreed as there is no scheduled formula.

Trustee Langan concurred that toter and sticker options should be included in the request for proposal process. In addition Trustee Langan suggested advising residents of future changes.

President Asperger summarized the thoughtful discussion and noted the Boards favor of pursuing request for proposals for both optional (volume based) refuse sticker and toter programs.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Harlan Hirt, believes that yard waste remain as part of the sticker program. Mr. Hirt also feels that residents should be educated on what is and what is not recyclable.

Rose Naseef, 911 S. Stone Avenue feels the goal should be to make less garbage. As the cost of refuse disposal is increasing, amounts of refuse need to decrease. Large refuse containers should incur higher premiums. Ms. Naseef believes waste reduction can be achieved by reusing items several times. Ms. Naseef hope the Village will help to educate residents to reduce waste; reuse items; and recycle.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-11-16) – Creating An Additional Class A-1 Liquor License, Craft La Grange LLC, 88 S. La Grange Road
- B. Ordinance (#O-11-17) – Creating An Additional Class C-2 Liquor License, Vino e Birra, Inc., 18 W. Burlington Avenue
- C. Material Purchase – Public Works / Rock Salt
- D. Award of Contract – 2011 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program
- E. Award of Contract – Leaf hauling and Disposal
- F. Award of Contract – Sidewalk Repair – Northeast Corner Ogden Avenue and La Grange Road
- G. Ordinance (#O-11-18) Disposal of Surplus Property
- H. Open Meetings Act – Review of Closed Session Minutes
- I. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, August 8, 2011
- J. Consolidated Voucher 110822 (\$546,761.82)
- K. Consolidated Voucher 110912 (\$758,597.53)

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

Motion approved by roll call vote:

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

President Asperger thanked the YMCA and the Village Board for their support of staff's recommendation to improve the sidewalks on the Northeast corner of Ogden Avenue and La Grange Road. President Asperger also welcomed both new businesses who earlier received approval for liquor licenses.

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Staff Update – Economic Development

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn noted that economic development is a high-order strategic priority for the Village Board. The Village has been working with retailers, restaurants, and building owners on retention and recruitment strategies. In addition, the Village has been working with the La Grange Business Association on promotional marketing activities. Mr. Pilipiszyn requested Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin to update the Board on economic development.

Mr. Benjamin announced new businesses soon to open in La Grange and elaborated on the reinvestment of certain local businesses that operate other locations within the Village. Several La Grange businesses also serve as a flagship for locations in outlining communities as well as La Grange attracting business attention from Chicago and neighboring communities. Mr. Benjamin detailed the businesses in both categories and noted that roughly 92% of retail spaces in the downtown area are either occupied or leased.

Mr. Benjamin noted that while two long term businesses are closing, La Grange is better positioned in many ways to continue to rebound. Explaining the concerns in finding new tenants, Mr. Benjamin advised that although La Grange Crossings was recently purchased by Edwards Realty, they chose to retain Mid-America Asset Management, Inc. Mr. Benjamin introduced Barb Kading from Mid-America who presented the Board with specifics on marketing efforts and elaborated on the possibilities for quality new tenants.

President Asperger thanked representatives from Edwards Realty and Mid-America Asset Management for their attendance and endeavors to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Benjamin reflected on surprisingly strong sales tax returns for the Village in relation to the state of the economy.

The YMCA has been responsive in maintaining the vacant ground and Mr. Benjamin expressed thanks to the Park District of La Grange for their efforts in the process.

Mr. Benjamin expressed his enthusiasm with the establishment of a Retail Community Committee and suggested Shop Local Program. In summary, Mr. Benjamin believes La Grange has the location; safe environment; and managed parking that will attract and retain retail businesses.

President Asperger thanked Mr. Benjamin for his refreshing update and optimism on the economic development for La Grange.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Kuchler congratulated staff on working with the YMCA to maintain the vacant property.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion approved by voice vote.

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Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

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Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date: 09/26/11