

MINUTES

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

Monday, October 8, 2007 - 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 Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Robert Milne, the following were present:

PRESENT: Trustees Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, Palermo and Wolf

ABSENT: Village President Asperger

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

It was moved by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Horvath to appoint senior Trustee Mark Langan as President Pro Tem, approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Ordinance (#O-07-33) – Amendment to the Village Code Relating to the Community and Economic Development Commission & Appointments – Community and Economic Development Commission

President Pro Tem Langan noted the first order of business is to consider an amendment to the Village Code regarding the Economic Development Advisory Commission. President Pro Tem Langan explained that President Asperger

believes it is important to focus on changes to this commission in order to better serve the community. It was moved by Trustee Livingston to approve an ordinance amending the Village Code to reflect the change in composition and scope of responsibilities for the newly formed Community and Economic Development Commission, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by roll call vote.

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

President Pro Tem Langan explained that the new Community and Economic Development Commission would consist of nine members with Patrick Benjamin serving as the staff liaison. Previously President Asperger had appointed and/or reappointed five members to this commission and at this time is submitting the names of four additional appointees, those being Margaret Carlson, 1105 W. Hillgrove; Mark Reich, 210 S. Park; Elizabeth Stiles, 610 S. Sixth; and Lester Williams, 114 East Avenue. It was moved by Trustee Livingston to approve the appointment of four new members, seconded by Trustee Kuchler. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

In the absence of Park District President Robert Metzger, Park District Commissioner Tim Kelpsas was introduced to the audience and given an opportunity to comment on the proposed sale of property in Gordon Park.

Mr. Kelpsas thanked the Village Board for the opportunity to speak and clarify any misconceptions that the public may have. Mr. Kelpsas explained that only a small fraction of Gordon Park was being sold and presented a diagram showing the parcels being considered for sale to the developer of the former YMCA site at Ogden Avenue and La Grange Road. Mr. Kelpsas indicated that the Park District would subsequently renovate Gordon Park. Mr. Kelpsas concluded that the Park District would respect the recommendation of the Plan Commission as it related to the land use / development approvals being sought for the YMCA project.

President Pro Tem Langan thanked Mr. Kelpsas for the clarification and encouraged the public to attend and participate in the Plan Commission meeting being held tomorrow evening to consider this matter.

President Pro Tem Langan extended a thank you to Fire Chief Fleege and his staff for the successful Open House held at the La Grange Fire Department.

Lastly, the La Grange Road Train Station was televised by Channel 5 News and President Asperger along with local businesses were interviewed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Resolution (#R-07-33) – Continued support of and Participation in the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency’s Regional Disposal Project
- B. Award of Contract – Leaf Hauling and Disposal (Dutch Valley Landscaping, Monee, Illinois - \$5.50 per cubic yard)
- C. Consolidated Voucher 071008 (\$829,527.31)
- D. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, September 24, 2007

Trustee Palermo requested an amendment to the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting from Monday, September 24, 2007 regarding Item 5-A (Yuknis Variation) to state the following: Trustee Palermo looked favorably on the 3-2 vote the Yuknis variance request received from the Zoning Board of Appeals. He noted that it is difficult to receive the necessary four affirmative votes from just five members; the Yuknis’ appeared when one ZBA member was absent and another ZBA seat was vacant.

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

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Presentation – FY 2006-07 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report: Referred to Trustee Kuchler

Trustee Kuchler stated that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Village of La Grange for Fiscal Year May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007 as prepared by the Finance Department have been reviewed by the auditors Sikich L.L.P. The auditors have rendered a clean opinion, stating that the Village’s financial statements have been prepared and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Copies of the audit report were previously sent to the Board under separate cover and are available for public inspection at the La

Grange Public Library, in the Village Clerk's office, and in the Finance Department.

Trustee Kuchler also noted that the Village will submit the financial statements to the Government Finance Officers' Association for consideration of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the Village. Receipt of the Certificate of Achievement recognizes the Village has met the high national standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive spirit of full disclosure. The Village has received this prestigious award for eleven consecutive years.

Trustee Kuchler requested Mr. Dan Berg, a partner with Sikich L.L.P. to give a brief overview of the audit report.

Mr. Berg stated that Sikich L.L.P. has rendered an unqualified or "clean" opinion; this is the best opinion that an auditor can render. Mr. Berg specifically noted attention to the letter of transmittal and management discussion analysis provided by Sikich L.L.P. Mr. Berg expressed his thanks to Finance Director Lou Cipparrone and Assistant Finance Director Joe Munizza for their cooperation in providing financial data. Mr. Berg noted his availability to answer any questions about the process or the audit.

Trustee Livingston noted that the Village Board takes its fiduciary responsibilities very seriously as evidenced by the findings of this report. He commended Mr. Cipparrone and Mr. Munizza.

On behalf of the Village Board, President Pro Tem Langan accepted the report and expressed his gratitude to staff for their excellent financial management. Staff was directed to submit the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to the Government Finance Officers' Association for consideration of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Trustee Horvath noted that the report will be posted on the Village's website.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn announced that the annual Fall leaf collection program resumes today and requested residents to view the Village website for additional information or to contact the Public Works Department.

Residents were reminded that the new 45% maximum lot coverage requirement went into effect on October 1 and Village Manager Pilipiszyn gave a detailed description of the process to be followed in order to move forward with administratively implementing

these changes. Manager Pilipiszyn requested the public's patience and indicated any questions or concerns be directed to the Community Development Department.

Lastly, Village Manager Pilipiszyn explained that the Village is working with Bill Allan of LT-TV to correct some of the audio problems with the Village Hall sound system and is looking to acquire funding through a grant to make the required improvements.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

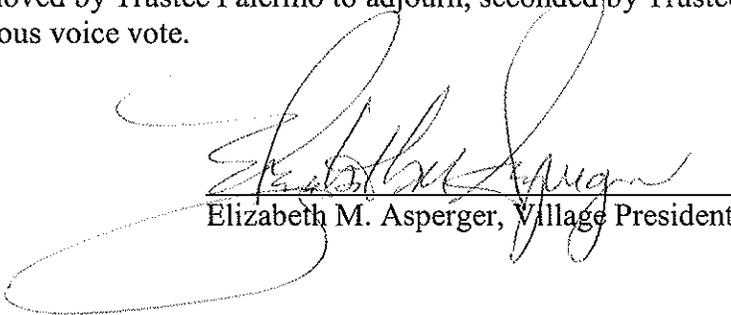
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

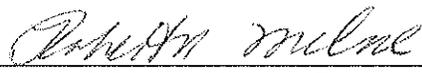
10. ADJOURNMENT

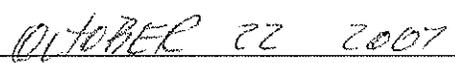
At 8:05 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Palermo to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by unanimous voice vote.



Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:


Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk


Approved Date