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

Monday, August 27, 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 7:30 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Robert Milne, the following were present:

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
Village Attorney Mark Burkland
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Public Works Director Ken Watkins
Assistant Public Works Director Mike Bojovic
Police Chief Mike Holub
Fire Chief David Fleege
Doings Reporter Ken Knutson
Suburban Life Reporter Joe Sinopoli

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger extended a thank you to staff for their outstanding performance during the recent weather related storms. Recognition was given to Ken Watkins and Mike Bojovic in the Department of Public Works for their response in helping Village residents and those in surrounding communities. Village Forester Don Wachter was also recognized for responding to numerous citizen inquires concerning cicadas and itch mites.

Special thanks were given to the La Grange Business Association for their summer festivals along with the La Grange Garden Club for their beautification efforts throughout the Village.

President Asperger commented on the decision made by the Park District to sell real estate explaining that the Park District is its own entity and is governed by the Park District Board. Clarification was given as to the Village's role in evaluating the proposed development and land use aspects scheduled for review by the Plan Commission on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30 in the Village Hall Auditorium. President Asperger encouraged the public to attend and participate.

Response to the refuse collection solid waste survey has been excellent with over 1,200 surveys returned the majority in favor of the current volume based program. The Environmental Quality Control Commission has noted its support for the current program which encourages recycling. Staff has been directed to proceed with contract renewals with Allied Waste, to reach an agreement to be presented to the Village Board for consideration at a future Village Board meeting.

The La Grange Area Department of Special Education is celebrating 50 years of serving students with disabilities and is extending an invitation to residents to participate in a fundraiser anniversary dinner to be held at the La Grange Country Club on October 17.

A. Recognition – Former Village President Thomas F. Brown

President Asperger posthumously recognized former Village President Thomas F. Brown for his dedication and service as a Village Trustee from 1968 to 1973 and as Village President from 1973 to 1977. Helen Sauer Brown, Tom's wife and numerous members of his family were present to receive a plaque honoring his memory.

B. Proclamation – Community Diversity Group 16th Annual Race Unity

President Asperger proclaimed Sunday, September 9, 2007 as Race Unity Day and indicated that the 16th 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 Langan moved to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Trustee Livingston. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

C. Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals

President Asperger submitted the appointment of Rose Naseef to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire in 2009. Trustee Langan moved to approve the appointments, seconded by Trustee Livingston. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

D. Appointments – Economic Development Advisory Committee

President Asperger submitted the reappointment of Taylor Jaeger and Roger Laven, to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Committee for a term to expire in 2008; Steve Palmer for a term to expire in 2009; and new appointment of Jeff Nowak and Peter O'Connor for a term to expire in 2010. Trustee Langan moved to approve the appointments, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Geoff Neustadt expressed his gratitude on behalf of his entire family for honoring former Village President Tom Brown.

Marie Blankenship, 141 N. La Grange Road expressed concerns relevant to a code of ethics ruling in respect to the dealings with the Rich Port YMCA and the Park District officials. President Asperger suggested a telephone conversation with the Village Manager and Village Attorney to explain and clarify any ethics concerns and questions she may have.

Ms. Blankenship also indicated her belief that the intent of the Comprehensive Plan is to maintain green space. President Asperger noted that issues related to real estate owned by the Park District are not under the jurisdiction of the Village Board.

Tim Trompeter, 318 S. Ashland indicated he represents Steven and Barbara Wolf in regards to their request for a variation of maximum building coverage and would be available to answer any questions.

Pastor Debra Williams referenced the proclamation for race unity and requested future validation on the progress of diversity throughout the year. President Asperger responded that Village wide activities are shared for the good of the entire community.

Jim Walls, 217 S. Ashland as a neighbour of Steven and Barbara Wolf noted his approval of their request for a variation of maximum building coverage.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-07-22)– Variation – Rear Yard / Eric and Christine Wiiken, 56 N. Waiola Avenue
- B. Ordinance (#O-07-23) – Special Use / Site Plan Approval to Allow Personal Training – Physical Fitness Facility in the C-1 Central Commercial District, 26 S. La Grange Road (Lower Level), Peak Performance, LLC
- C. Purchase – Public Works Department – Replacement of Brush Chipper (Vermeer Midwest, Aurora, Illinois \$31,000)

- D. Award of Contract – Water System Leak Detection Survey (ME Simpson, Valparaiso, Indiana \$11,840)
- E. Purchase – Materials / Central Business District Paver Rehabilitation Project (Unilock Paver, Aurora, Illinois \$16,084)
- F. Purchase – Conversion / Upgrade of Existing Holmatro Rescue Extrication Equipment (Environmental Safety Group, Bolingbrook, Illinois \$10,556.50)
- G. Award of Contract – Cossitt Avenue Streetlight Installation Project (Meade Electric, Mc Cook, Illinois \$11,370.87)
- H. Ordinance (#O-07-24) – Disposal of Surplus Property
- I. Consolidated Voucher 070723 - \$995,263.16
- J. Consolidated Voucher 070813 - \$1,419,601.10
- K. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, July 9, 2007

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

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Special Event – La Grange Business Association West End Art Festival / Elephants Under The Big Top: Referred to Trustee Livingston

Trustee Livingston stated that the Village has received a request from the La Grange Business Association to conduct the 12th annual “West End Art Festival” which will begin with “Elephants Under the Big Top” on September 7, 8 and 9, 2007.

Trustee Livingston explained that it is necessary for the Village to formally approve the temporary closure of Burlington Avenue and portions of Stone and Waiola Avenues for the outdoor display and to waive restrictions for the outdoor display and sale of goods and services in the C-2 Zoning District.

It was moved by Trustee Livingston that the Village Board authorize the La Grange Business Association to utilize Burlington Avenue from Waiola Avenue

to Brainard Avenue for “Elephants Under the Big Top” and the “West End Art Festival” on September 7, 8 and 9, 2007; that restrictions prohibiting outdoor display and sale of goods and services be waived in conjunction with this event; and that all conditions be satisfied, seconded by Trustee Langan. Approved by roll call vote.

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

- B. Ordinance (#O-07-25) – An Amendment to the Agreement for the Demolition of the Professional Office Building – 5101 South Willow Springs Road, La Grange Memorial Hospital: Referred to Trustee Horvath

Trustee Horvath summarized the history relevant to the Village entering into an agreement with Adventist Health System, Inc., the entity which owns La Grange Memorial Hospital and the terms for the demolition of the professional office building. Trustee Horvath explained several changes relevant to the sequence of events for the relocation of physicians and dentists in order to proceed with the demolition as was implemented in the planned unit development amendment previously approved by the Board.

Trustee Horvath noted that Ed Gervain, Chief Operating Officer of the La Grange Memorial Hospital is in attendance to answer any questions the Board may have.

Trustee Horvath moved to approve the ordinance amending the demolition agreement for the professional office building dated June 6, 2003, to reflect a new timetable with all other aspects of the Ordinance adopted in March 2003 to remain, seconded by Trustee Wolf.

Approved by a roll call vote.

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

- C. Ordinance (#O-07-26) Maximum Lot Coverage – Single Family Zoning Districts: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan explained that on July 9, 2007 the Village Board determined a need for further clarification and discussion regarding maximum lot coverage requirements in order to explore analysis relating to incentives for detached garages and front porches. Trustee Langan noted that information was provided to the Village Board in a Memorandum on August 9, 2007. Trustee Langan

explained that the Plan Commission had unanimously voted to recommend 45% lot coverage with allowances.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve the ordinance adopting maximum lot coverage of 45% in all residential districts with allowances for detached garages and front porches in the R-3, R-4 and R-5 zoning districts, seconded by Trustee Livingston.

Discussion ensued. Trustees concurred that the additional information provided by staff and extra time to review was beneficial and clarified their concerns. Approved by roll call vote.

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

D. Ordinance – Variation Maximum Building Coverage / Steven and Barbara Wolf, 213 S. Ashland Avenue: Referred to Trustee Horvath

Trustee Wolf stated that she would recuse herself from this item, due to her ownership of this property and exited from the meeting.

Trustee Horvath noted that the variation for maximum building coverage for Barbara and Steven Wolf was denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals with three ayes and three nays, at least four ayes are required to decide in favor of any application.

Trustee Horvath discussed the fact that Zoning Board members determined this application did not show a particular hardship, the application did not satisfy the standards of a variation and therefore, the Zoning Board felt that they must uphold the intent of the Zoning Code.

Trustee Horvath stated that in accordance with State Statute, the approval of any proposed variation which fails to receive the approval of the Board of Appeals will not be passed except by the favorable vote of two-thirds majority vote by roll call of all Trustees (four out of six Trustees) currently holding office.

Trustee Horvath believes it is a reasonable request and noted his favor for this variation. Trustee Horvath feels this project does meet the standard for minimum variation and the design is compatible with the neighbourhood.

It was moved by Trustee Horvath to approve the ordinance for a variation of maximum building coverage for Steven and Barbara Wolf at 213 South Ashland Avenue, seconded by Trustee Palermo.

As a newly elected member of the Village Board, Trustee Kuchler feels he should support the Zoning Board of Appeals decision to deny the request for a variation.

Trustee Palermo expressed his favor for the variation and believes it would improve the functionality of the house.

Trustee Livingston believes the request for a variation meets the minimum standard and should be approved.

Trustee Langan supports the rulings of the Zoning Board of Appeals to deny the variation.

President Asperger noted it had been moved and seconded to approve the variation and explained that a yes vote would be to approve the ordinance authorizing the variation and a no vote would be to concur with the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to deny the request for a variation. Motion to approve the variation fails by a 3 to 2 vote.

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| Ayes: | Trustees Horvath, Livingston, and Palermo |
| Nays: | Trustees Kuchler and Langan |
| Absent: | None |
| Recuse: | Trustee Wolf |

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn announced that the Village has been notified by the Des Plaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District that they will be spraying as an additional means to control adult mosquito populations.

Manager Pilipiszyn stated that due to the recent weather related storms the Public Works Department will provide continuous pick-up of branches and storm debris in conjunction with the regular monthly brush pick-up for the next two weeks.

With the school year beginning, Manager Pilipiszyn reminded residents to drive safely using special caution in and around schools within the Ogden Avenue corridor due to the resurfacing project.

Manager Pilipiszyn shared findings and recommendations which had been previewed with the Village Board on drainage requirements and enforcement. The preliminary review process for new single family homes and large additions will also include elevations of adjacent properties and a site visit will be performed prior to issuing a permit. These changes will help to explore neighborhood drainage issues and provide opportunities to resolve them at the builder's expense. The review process and follow-up on drainage issues will encompass the Village Engineer, Village staff and the builder.

Transitioning the use of "Flow-Wells," which provide for the slow release of detained water, will be implemented and evaluated for effectiveness. Expanding engineering inspectional services will be determined and the applicant to incur the additional cost.

Village Manager Pilipiszyn added that a similar review of construction site management is being conducted by staff and a report is expected to be presented to the Village Board in the near future.

Trustee Horvath requested an update on an analysis of school safety and Manager Pilipiszyn indicated that while still under review many enhancements have been implemented or are in progress including, but not limited to refreshed pavement markings; the establishment of a 20 mile per hour school speed zone in the Ogden Avenue Corridor; and grant application status for pedestrian crossing signal visual displays.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Steve Palmer, Palmer Place Restaurant thanked the Village Board for memorializing Tom Brown noting he was a hero who earned the title honorable. Mr. Palmer inquired if a memorial plaque could be exhibited in the Village Hall. President Asperger indicated that the Village has numerous residents who have dedicated their time and talents and it may be difficult not to inadvertently omit someone.

Carrie Prystalski, 517 S. 10th Avenue expressed concerns related to itch mites and suggested methods of control. President Asperger explained that Cook County is researching the subject and the Village will proceed under their direction.

Marie Blankenship, 141 N. La Grange Road noted her concerns related to drainage in the commercial district as it relates to the redevelopment of the Rich Port YMCA. President Asperger explained that staff and engineers will critically review all drainage issues and encouraged residents to participate in the Plan Commission process.

Tim Trompeter, 318 S. Ashland requested clarification regarding the percentage of building coverage related to the Wolf variation and Village Manager Pilipiszyn responded.

President Asperger noted receipt of residential complaints and inconvenience related to the construction of the new La Grange Public Library. President Asperger stated that the Village has attempted to work with the Library Board to resolve these issues.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Palermo thanked residents who have volunteered to serve on various boards and commissions. Trustee Palermo believes additional communication should be provided to

allow any resident who may be interested in serving. President Asperger concurred however indicated that La Grange is very fortunate in that residents step up to volunteer and do not have to be solicited.

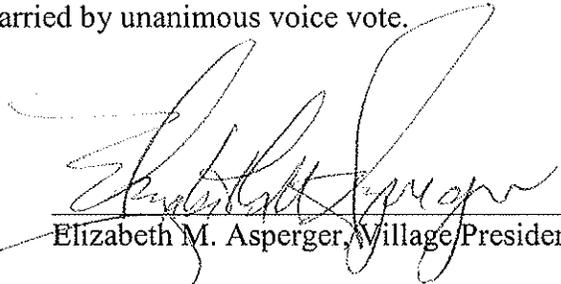
Trustee Kuchler encouraged school safety and requested residents to report any deficiencies.

Trustee Langan requested Village Attorney Burkland to offer advice relating to potential conflicts of interest and disclosure. Attorney Burkland responded that Village staff consult with Holland and Knight LLP and are very diligent in remaining impartial and without bias. Attorney Burkland offered to prepare guidelines for reference.

Trustee Horvath commented on the need to address building coverage in order to preserve the historic homes. President Asperger suggested a future workshop session would be in order.

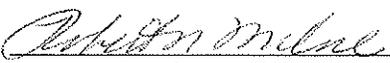
10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Horvath that the Village Board adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

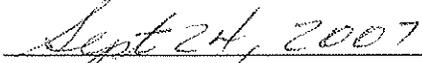


Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:



Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk



Approved Date