

## MINUTES

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

Monday, June 11, 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 7:32 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Robert Milne, the following were:

PRESENT: Trustees Kuchler, Langan, Palermo and Wolf with President Asperger presiding.

ABSENT: Trustees Horvath and Livingston

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  
Police Chief Michael Holub  
Fire Chief David Fleege  
Doings Reporter Ken Knutson

### 2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### A. Proclamation – 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the La Grange Area Historical Society

President Asperger proclaimed heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to the La Grange Area Historical Society on commemorating 35 years of service to the community and surrounding area. President Asperger thanked President Jeannine McLaughlin and the La Grange Area Historical Society for their active participation in the preservation of the Village and presented the Proclamation to Historical Society member Shirley Black.

B. Appointment – Liquor Commission

President Asperger submitted the appointment of Trustee Mark Kuchler to serve on the Liquor Commission, thereby replacing former Trustee Cremieux whose term of office expired. Trustee Langan moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Trustee Wolf. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

C. Appointment – Emergency Telephone System Board

President Asperger submitted the re-appointment of Trustee Barb Wolf to serve on the Emergency Telephone System Board for another one-year term. Trustee Langan moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

D. Trustee Assignments

President Asperger explained that in addition to their regular duties, Village Trustees are also assigned the responsibility for presenting items at Village Board meetings and serve as liaisons between the Village Board and its various advisory boards and commissions. Responsibility for Board Presentation as assigned by President Asperger are:

Community Relations	-	Trustee Wolf
Economic Development	-	Trustee Livingston
Finance	-	Trustee Kuchler
Intergovernmental Relations	-	Village President
Planning and Zoning	-	Trustee Horvath
Public Safety	-	Trustee Langan
Public Works	-	Trustee Palermo

Liaison assignments as assigned by President Asperger are Design Review Commission, Trustee Kuchler; Economic Development Commission, Trustee Langan; Environmental Quality Control Commission, Trustee Palermo; Parking Commission, Trustee Wolf; Plan Commission, Trustee Livingston; and Zoning Board of Appeals, Trustee Horvath.

President Asperger expressed thanks to Police, Fire and Public Works employees for their part in the 61<sup>st</sup> annual Pet Parade event. Special thanks were extended to the La Grange Garden Club for their design and plantings placed throughout the downtown area.

The Robert E. Coulter American Legion Post 1941 will conduct a flag disposal ceremony on June 14, 2007 which is Flag Day, at 6:00 p.m. Residents may properly dispose of unserviceable, torn, or faded flags at the ceremony or bring the flags to the La Grange Police Department prior to the event.

Lastly, President Asperger invited everyone to attend a Gospel Block Party on Saturday, June 16 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Resolution (IDOT) – Bluff Avenue Sidewalks
- B. Ordinance (#O-07-15) – Disposal of Surplus Property
- C. Ordinance (#O-07-16) – Prevailing Wages
- D. Consolidated Voucher 070528 - \$428,329.12
- E. Consolidated Voucher 070611 - \$674,293.83
- F. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Special Meeting, Monday, May 7, 2007
- G. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, May 14, 2007
- H. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Executive Committee Workshop, Monday, May 21, 2007

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

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Continued Discussion of the Proposed Zoning Code Amendments: Referred to President Asperger

President Asperger gave a brief yet thorough synopsis of the public hearings, workshops, meetings and discussions conducted to review the proposed Zoning Code amendments for the last two years. Each Trustee has participated in a field trip conducted by staff in order to evaluate and determine accurate and fair solutions to concerns expressed by residents throughout the entire community and on May 21 a workshop was conducted to give the Board an opportunity to further discuss recommendations made by the Plan Commission. After the workshop revisions were made as recommended by the Board and a special edition of the Village Spokesman was sent to residents informing them of the proposed Zoning Code amendments.

President Asperger opened the floor to the audience for additional questions and comments after which the Village Board will continue their discussion in order to consider the matter at the next Village Board meeting on June 25.

Tim Trompeter, 318 S. Ashland is in agreement with most of the recommendations, however does not feel that height reduction is advisable. Mr. Trompeter feels the recommendation for lot coverage is too restrictive and eaves should not be included in building coverage.

Joe Byczek, 445 S. Spring believes the updated proposed Zoning Code amendments are much better than what was originally proposed, however does not feel the allowances are sufficient.

Jerry Reich, 19 N. Drexel believes that a variance on height due to special architectural elements is too subjective.

Al Silinis, 72 N. Brainard opposes the proposed amendments, especially as they relate to height and maximum building coverage. Mr. Silinis feels that front protruding garages are not appropriate for La Grange and should be prohibited.

Donald Rote, 404 S. Park expressed concerns regarding building height and noted his concerns with drainage issues.

Don Johnston, 240 S. La Grange Road commented on speculative building and seemed to indicate that the proposed regulations may not go far enough in addressing concerns over height, bulk and setbacks.

David Bier, 340 S. Seventh Avenue applauded the Village Board for making adjustments. However, Mr. Bier also believes that some, not all should be considered.

Gentleman, who does not reside in La Grange believes that people come to La Grange to expand their families and should be allowed to build whatever they desire.

David Cvengros, 131 S. Waiola, a new resident fully supports the proposed amendments and changes to the Zoning Code.

Rose Naseef, 911 S. Stone feels the revised amendments will not substantially reduce bulk or height as originally contemplated and expressed her disappointment with the most recent changes.

Tim Reardon, 21 S. La Grange Road, Suite 200 would like to see the existing code remain as it currently stands.

Kim Cianci, 148 N. Park Road feels that many residents want small yards and design should be considered rather than decreasing building coverage.

Tom Beyer, 205 S. Catherine does not feel it is fair to control someone's open space and agrees that it is design and architectural detail which speak to character of neighborhoods, not the proposed amendments.

Tom Lorenzini, 121 Sunset Avenue who resides in the zoned R-2 district expressed concerns with maximum lot coverage for his district.

At 8:50 p.m. with no additional audience commentary, President Asperger thanked everyone for their comments and explained that issues relative to drainage were discussed at great length at the previously held Executive Committee Workshop. The Board is concerned with this significant issue and has directed staff to review processing construction site management practices and code enforcement.

President Asperger noted that a general consensus was reached at the workshop regarding the recommendations regulating increase in side yards; minimum setback for window wells; roof line extensions; front and side-loading attached garages; curb cuts; and eaves. President Asperger opened the floor to the Trustees for their comments.

Trustee Palermo did not feel that a consensus was reached regarding side-loading attached garages.

Trustee Kuchler expressed concerns with side yards.

Trustee Wolf noted her concerns with height, limitations on window wells, and eaves.

Trustee Wolf believes that the pitch of a roof should be taken into consideration and does not feel that homes will be built in the historic district with the proposed height restrictions. Trustee Wolf believes that an overlay district is necessary.

President Asperger explained that an interesting roof line could be considered as a special architectural feature when tied to increased height. President Asperger added that such roof treatments could help to reduce bulk.

Trustee Palermo expressed issues and questions relating to height.

Trustee Kuchler believes that design effects the perception of height.

Trustee Langan noted the difficulty in legislating design and believes this height recommendation is the least limiting in terms of design.

President Asperger believes that some consensus was reached on maximum lot coverage, reduced curb cut widths and protruding garages. Trustee Langan believes that the proposed maximum lot coverage standard of 45% was fair.

Trustee Palermo expressed concerns regarding lot coverage allowances for front porches and detached garages. President Asperger requested Village Attorney Burkland to clarify allowances for building coverage and lot coverage. Attorney Burkland indicated that there is an additional allowance for a driveway for a detached garage under maximum lot coverage.

Trustee Wolf feels that the maximum lot coverage should be increased to 55% and revisit at a later date.

Trustee Langan disagrees and feels the compromise is with the allowances given for front porches and detached garages.

Trustee Palermo was comfortable with raising the maximum lot coverage standard as suggested by Trustee Wolf.

Trustee Kuchler expressed concerns with the proposed reduction in maximum building coverage. Trustee Kuchler believes that increased side yard setbacks, not reduced height or building coverage, will address many of the concerns. Trustee Wolf concurred.

President Asperger noted that this is one item that the Board does not have a consensus on and is an area which should be continued or considered at a future date.

President Asperger thanked the Board for their open discussion and directed staff to provide a tape of this meeting to Trustee Horvath and Trustee Livingston for review. President Asperger indicated that the Village Board would proceed with taking action on the proposed amendments at its next regular meeting on Monday, June 25.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

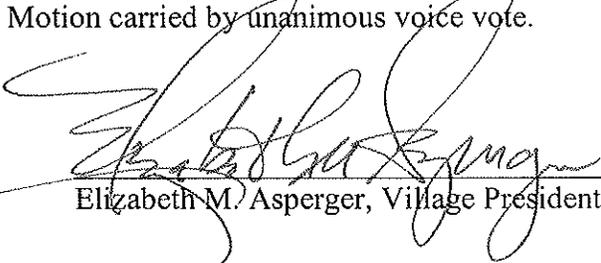
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8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

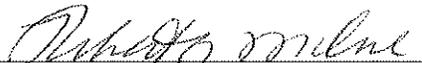
10. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Kuchler that the Village Board adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

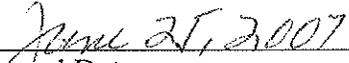


Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:



Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk



Approved Date