

MINUTES

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

Monday, May 7, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange special meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Robert Milne, the following were:

PRESENT: Trustees Cremieux, Horvath, Langan, and Pann with President Asperger presiding.

ABSENT: Trustees Livingston and Wolf

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Public Works Director Ken Watkins
Police Chief Mike Holub

2. RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

President Asperger stated that the agenda for this evening's special meeting would only consist of recognition to citizen volunteers who have rendered thoughtful and dedicated service to the Village by participating on various advisory boards and commissions over the past year. Sincere thanks are extended to those individuals who share their time, talent, ideas and feedback on numerous issues that come before Board.

President Asperger explained that each Trustee along with Village staff would give a brief synopsis of the functions of each advisory board and commission, announce the names of the members and personally thank those individuals who serve on them.

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (3-year term, 3 members)

Police Chief Mike Holub stated that in accordance with State Statute, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners oversee certain personnel matters within the Fire and Police Departments. More specifically, they are responsible for the initial appointment of all full-time firefighters/paramedics and police officers; they make promotional appointments; and administer disciplinary action. Chief Holub added that this past year the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners developed a new Police Promotional Lieutenant Eligibility Register and is currently working on developing a new Police Promotional Sergeant Eligibility Register and a Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility Register. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners has been working on amending their rules and regulations to coincide with the Firefighters Promotional Act.

Members are: Mark A. Lies, II, Chairman – 8 years of service; Larry Gess – 4 years of service; and Wayne Vantluka 10 months of service. Special recognition was extended to Robert J. Neuneker who stepped down after serving 12 ½ years.

Design Review Commission (3-year term, 7 members)

President Asperger explained that the Design Review Commission reviews matters related to the Central Business District Façade Renovation / Restoration Program. The commission also reviews and offers recommendations to the Village Board on design review applications within the design overlay district and reviews appeals regarding the denial of sign permits.

Members are: Andrea Barnish, Chairman – 15 years of service; Edward Marcixz – 16 years of service; Regina Mc Linton – 16 years of service; Francesca Siciliano-Andrews – 8 years of service; Matthew Malec, III – 7 years of service and Mark Ozer – 5 years of service.

President Asperger noted that Chairman Barnish also participated on the Zoning Code Review Committee, which completed its analysis and forwarded its recommendation for comprehensive zoning code amendments to the Plan Commission.

Economic Development Advisory Committee (3 year term)

Trustee Pann recognized the on-call members of the Economic Development Advisory Committee whose duties are to advise the Village Board and staff on new and recurring economic development initiatives. Although this Commission has been less active in the recent past due to the Village's significant undertakings through its TIF projects, they have provided significant input relating to the Village's attempts to revitalize and improve the business areas within the community and worked closely with neighborhood groups, community organizations and business leaders.

Members are: Taylor Jaeger, Chairman – 11 years of service; John Moellman – 17 years of service; Joleen Tschaikovsky – 17 years of service; Roger Laven – 16 years of service; and Steve Palmer – 7 years of service.

Environmental Quality Control Commission – (2-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Horvath explained how this commission inventories sources of pollution which may have a harmful effect upon public health, safety and welfare of residents. They also review public notices from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Examples of past contributions include advising the Village Board on the proposed expansion of the Deep Tunnel into the McCook Quarry ; the proposed mining expansion of the McCook Quarry; and the proposed wood-burning incinerator in McCook.

Members are: Glenn Wentink, Chairman – 19 years of service; Harlan Hirt – 33 years of service; Patty Weber – 27 years of service; Richard Battistoni – 17 years of service; and F. Peter Gabrek – 8 years of service.

Parking Commission – (5-year term, 5 members)

President Asperger thanked the members of the Parking Commission whose duties are to review and make recommendations to the Village Board on matters pertaining to issues impacting parking in residential neighborhoods. The commission also conducts studies on parking availability and considers issues relating to parking meters.

Members are: Mary Nelson, Chairman – 28 years of service; Richard Mann – 18 years of service; Jimmi Marshall – 10 years of service. Special recognition was given posthumously to Jim O'Rourke for his 8 ½ years of service.

Plan Commission – (3-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Langan expressed his gratitude to Plan Commission members for their diligent reviews and recommendations of applications submitted for special use permits, planned development approval, site plan approval, amendments to the Zoning Code, vacation of public-right-of-way, and subdivision plats. In 2006, the Plan Commission reviewed and recommended Zoning Code amendments for the Single Family Residential Districts, currently under consideration. Other projects recently reviewed by the Commission include the reconstruction of Victorian Manor; proposed addition to the La Grange Bible Church; and the proposed construction of a second medical office building on the La Grange Memorial Hospital campus.

Members are: Stephen Randolph, Chairman – 17 years of service; Roger Tyrrell – 19 years of service; Wayne Kardatzke – 12 years of service; and Jerry Reich 7 years of service. Special recognition was extended to those Commissioners who have stepped down from the Plan Commission: David McCarty – 11 years of service; Robert Adducci – 4 years of service; and Jennifer Delisi – 1 year of service.

Additional gratitude was expressed to Chairman Randolph who participated on the Zoning Code Review Committee which completed its analysis and forwarded its recommendation for comprehensive zoning code amendments to the Plan Commission.

Trustee Langan offered special thanks to Dave McCarty for eloquently presenting his beliefs.

Zoning Board of Appeals – (5-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Cremieux stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals reviews applications for relief from one or more requirements of the Village's Zoning Code, conducts public hearings and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding those applications for zoning variations. Trustee Cremieux noted some typical requests discussed and reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals include front yard setbacks, building coverage, signage, fences, and garage size requirements.

Members are: Ellen Brewin, Chairman – 13 years of service; Nat Pappalarado – 24 years of service; Charles Benson, Jr. – 17 years of service; William Holder – 8 years of service; Nancy Pierson – 1 ½ years of service; and Ian Brenson – 1 ½ years of service. [Inadvertently omitted Kathy Schwappach – 9 months of service.] Additional appreciation was expressed to Ian Brenson who previously served on the Plan Commission for 9 years and Chairman Brewin who participated on the Zoning Code Review Committee.

President Asperger announced that the Village Board would also like to thank several citizen volunteers who hold appointed positions and requested members of staff to recognize these individuals.

Police Chief Holub, on behalf of the Village, expressed his gratitude to Jim Liotta who has served on the Auxiliary Police Force for over 16 years. Jim Liotta has also served as a volunteer on the Pharmaceutical Distribution Group. Chief Holub explained that the Auxiliary Police Force contributes countless hours of dedicated volunteer service to the Village during special events such as "Pet Parade."

Village Manager Pilipiszyn expressed the Village's gratitude to Richard Holly who has represented the Village of La Grange by serving as a Trustee on the West Suburban Mass Transit District. Mr. Pilipiszyn explained that the West Suburban

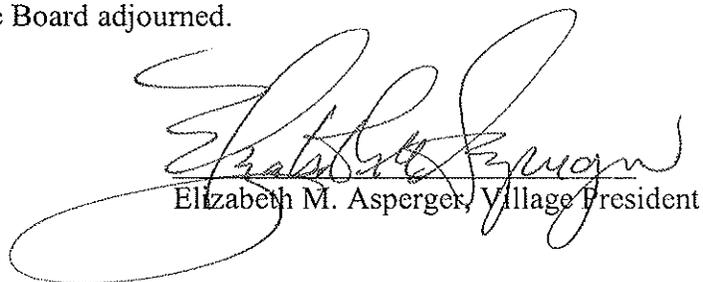
Mass Transit District was created in 1970 through a federal endowment to monitor passenger rail services provided by the Burlington Northern Railroad and METRA. This organization provides financial assistance to member communities to implement commuter-related improvements.

Finance Director Cipparrone expressed the Village's gratitude to former Village Trustee and for the past 7 years Village Comptroller Lawrence Kinports. As Village Comptroller, Mr. Kinports provides oversight to the Finance Department, including review of the annual budget, audit and interim financial reports for the purpose of advising the Village Board on the financial position of the Village.

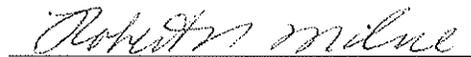
Before adjourning, Village President Asperger and the Village Board applauded the advisory boards and commissions and invited them to attend a reception at Thipi Thai restaurant whereby personal thanks could be conveyed.

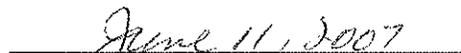
3. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 p.m. the Village Board adjourned.


Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:


Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk


Approved Date