

MINUTES

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

Monday, April 23, 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 President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Robert Milne, the following were:

PRESENT: Trustees Cremieux, Horvath, Langan, Livingston, Pann 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
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Police Chief Mike Holub
Fire Chief David Fleege
Doings Reporter Ken Knutson

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Appointment – Police Pension Fund Board

President Asperger explained that recent changes in Illinois Pension Law dictated a restructuring of the Village's Fire Pension Fund Board. Last year Fire Chief David Fleege and Finance Director Lou Cipparrone were appointed to serve on the Fire Pension Fund Board. To be consistent with the restructuring, Police Chief Michael Holub was appointed to fill a vacancy which existed on the Police Pension Fund Board and Finance Director Lou Cipparrone would be recommended to fill the vacancy created in 2007 when Scott Burson's term expired.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve the appointment of Finance Director Lou Cipparrone to serve on the Police Pension Fund Board for a two-year term, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Sincere appreciation was extended to Scott Burson for his many years of dedicated service.

Congratulations were extended to Bob Metzger and Mary Ellen Penicook who were reelected to the Park District Board for a four year term; Steven Wolf and Caroline Coryell reelected to the Library Board for a four year term; Rose Taylor newly elected to the Library Board for a four year term; Tom Livingston reelected as Village Trustee for a four year term; and newly elected Village Trustees Jim Palermo and Mark Kuchler to a four year term.

President Asperger explained that recognition of out going Village Trustees and administering the Oath of Office to new Village Trustees would take place on Monday, May 14, 2007.

President Asperger extended thanks to Public Works Director Ken Watkins for his perseverance with the Illinois Department of Transportation to provide funds and manpower to repair the deteriorated sections of 47th Street.

The public was invited to attend Arbor Day tree planting ceremonies at the public plaza next to the Village Hall on Friday, April 27 when the La Grange Garden Club will donate a Katsura tree for planting. In addition the Village will celebrate its 25th year as a Tree City on May 19 when 25 trees will be planted in front of the Police and Fire facility and Public Works equipment will be displayed in honor of National Public Works week.

The La Grange Business Association is promoting a Spring Fling offering shoppers discounts and prizes for purchases made at local businesses.

President Asperger noted that earlier this evening she chaired a Liquor Commission meeting whereby recommendations will be made to the Village Board for approval on May 14.

The Village Board continues to visit residential neighborhoods to better visualize the issues related to the proposed zoning code amendments. Once completed staff will assimilate and evaluate responses and make a recommendation.

The Village Board will have a special meeting on Monday, May 7 to recognize the citizen volunteers of various Boards and Commissions.

With the elimination of the temporary parking lot at the La Grange Pointe development project, residents are encouraged to use the parking structure.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Budget Amendments (Resolution #R-07-06) – Fiscal year Ending April 30, 2007
- B. Ordinance (#O-07-09) – Partial Abatement of 2006 Tax Levy / Special Service Area No. 7: Central Business District Maintenance
- C. Award of Contract – Neighborhood “G” Street Resurfacing Project (A Lamp Concrete Company of Schaumburg, Illinois \$942,066)
- D. Purchase – Replacement of Police & Fire Department Dispatch, Paging and Intercom System (SCAN-AM of McHenry, Illinois \$34,225)
- E. Quotes – Streetlight Maintenance – Kensington & Burlington Avenues (Meade Electric, McCook, Illinois \$7,250)
- F. Ordinance (#O-07-10) Amendment – Purchase and Contracts of Certain Amounts
- G. Resolution (#R-07-07) – Request to Close La Grange Road pet Parade
- H. Consolidated Voucher 070423 - \$485,286.23
- I. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Public Hearing and Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, April 9, 2007

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

Ayes: Trustees Cremieux, Horvath, Langan, Livingston, Pann, Wolf and President Asperger

Nays: None

Absent: None

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance (#O-07-11) – TIF Plan Amendment Estimated Project Costs (TIF Redevelopment Plan Budget): Referred to Trustee Horvath

Trustee Horvath explained that pursuant to the TIF ordinance, amounts within specific categories are estimates and may be adjusted to reflect new projects and revised costs. The last amendment included the parking structure and Cossitt School window replacement. Trustee Horvath added that the Board previously approved wayfinding signage and the application of Kelmar to the parking structure which were additional projects related to the TIF budget.

Trustee Horvath noted that statutes allow the Village Board to increase estimated projects cost by a maximum of 5% by adopting an amending ordinance. Central Business District beautification, street resurfacing, and intersection improvements in the TIF district are anticipated as future TIF projects.

Trustee Horvath inquired if funds not used would remain in TIF and Finance Director Lou Cipparrone indicated affirmatively.

It was moved by Trustee Horvath to approve the ordinance increasing the total estimated redevelopment project costs in the redevelopment project area, seconded by Trustee Livingston. Approved by roll call vote.

Trustee Pann recused himself from voting on this issue.

Ayes:	Trustees Cremieux, Horvath, Langan, Livingston, and Wolf
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Recuse:	Trustee Pann

B. Ordinance (#O-07-12) – Sewer Rate Increase: Referred to Trustee Horvath.

Trustee Horvath stated that since the inception of the sewer fund, the Village has been striving toward making the fund a viable, self supporting enterprise fund. In addition, the Village has attempted to update and replace sewer infrastructure to coincide with street renovation projects. With over \$1.2 million being invested in repairs and replacement of sewer mains over the past five years along with corrective and preventive maintenance, sewer fund reserves have been significantly reduced. Trustee Horvath explained that the Village Board approved the first of five annual 5% increases in the sewer rate in order to accumulate funds to continue updating sewer infrastructure. Trustee Horvath noted that this increase is less than \$5 annually for an average La Grange household.

It was moved by Trustee Horvath to approve the ordinance which increases La Grange's existing sewer rate by 5% from \$.695 cents per one

hundred cubic feet to \$.730 cents per one hundred cubic feet, seconded by Trustee Livingston. Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Cremieux, Horvath, Langan, Livingston, Pann and Wolf
Nays: None
Absent: None

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn reminded residents of the April 30 deadline to renew vehicle and animal licenses and added that the Village Hall would have extended hours on both Saturday, April 28 and Monday, April 30 to accommodate residents who have yet to renew. Manager Pilipiszyn also explained the importance of displaying stickers to avoid citations.

Manager Pilipiszyn advised residents of railroad crossing improvements to be performed by the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad and informed the public to contact the Public Works Department with any issues.

Manager Pilipiszyn explained details relating to the solid waste collection and disposal contract extension beginning May 1, 2007 and ending October 31, 2007 with Allied Waste.

Residents were encouraged to participate in the upcoming electronics recycling events sponsored by the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency.

Lastly, Manager Pilipiszyn announced the fountain in the Public Plaza would be activated in the next few weeks.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Ken Eastman, 66 Bluff Avenue expressed his concerns over the promised repairs to Bluff Avenue and the deteriorated sidewalks repaired with asphalt. President Asperger explained that although improvements have been approved and are scheduled for 2008, state funding has been deferred.

Don Michals, 97 Bluff Avenue also expressed his disappointment in the longevity of promised repairs. President Asperger noted his concerns with the agreement of the Village Board requested staff to examine alternatives to sidewalk repairs.

Paul Gossett, 346 S. Catherine Avenue expressed his displeasure with the scheduled demolition of the Professional Office Building located by La Grange Memorial Hospital and having to relocate. President Asperger explained the many facets relating to La Grange Memorial Hospital and the Planned Unit Development. Understanding and attempting to reach a balance between several

competing interests remains to be resolved by the landlord and tenants, however President Asperger offered staff guidance and requested to remain informed.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

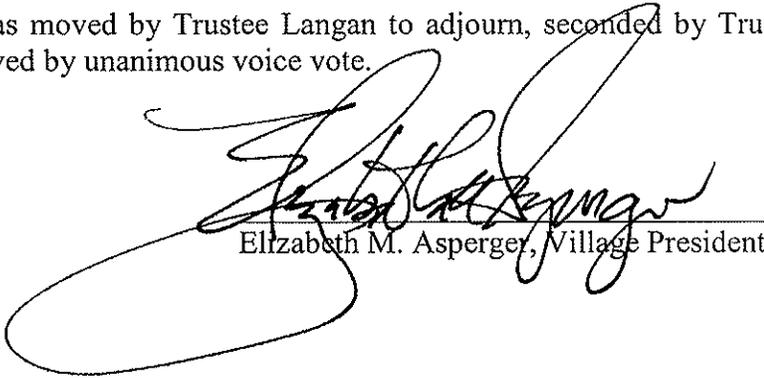
9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Cremieux expressed his sympathetic concerns regarding the relocation of medical professionals and is agreeable to allow them additional time.

Trustee Horvath concurs with Trustee Cremieux. Trustee Horvath also expressed his support to move quickly on the repair of sidewalks along Bluff Avenue.

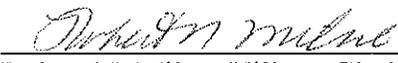
10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Cremieux. Approved by unanimous voice vote.



Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:


Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk


Approved Date