

Village of La Grange



VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007

7:30 p.m.

Village Hall Auditorium

53 S. La Grange Road

La Grange, IL 60525

Elizabeth M. Asperger
Village President

Robert N. Milne
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Village Hall Auditorium
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

AGENDA

Monday, October 8, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
 - President Elizabeth Asperger*
 - Trustee Mike Horvath*
 - Trustee Mark Kuchler*
 - Trustee Mark Langan*
 - Trustee Tom Livingston*
 - Trustee James Palermo*
 - Trustee Barb Wolf*

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - This is an opportunity for the Village President to report on matters of interest or concern to the Village.*

 - A. Ordinance – Amendment to the Village Code Relating to the Community and Economic Development Commission & Appointments – Community and Economic Development Commission

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS
 - This is the opportunity for members of the audience to speak about matters that are included on this Agenda.*

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE
 - Matters on the Omnibus Agenda will be considered by a single motion and vote because they already have been considered fully by the Board at a previous meeting or have been determined to be of a routine nature. Any member of the Board of Trustees may request that an item be moved from the Omnibus Agenda to Current Business for separate consideration.*

 - A. Resolution – 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

 - C. Consolidated Voucher 071008

 - D. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, September 24, 2007

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

This agenda item includes consideration of matters being presented to the Board of Trustees for action.

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

This is an opportunity for the Village Manager to report on behalf of the Village Staff about matters of interest to the Village.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

This is an opportunity for members of the audience to speak about Village related matters that are not listed on this Agenda.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Trustees may decide, by a roll call vote, to convene in executive session if there are matters to discuss confidentially, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

The Board of Trustees may wish to comment on any matters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Village of La Grange is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who require certain accommodations so that they can observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions, regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the Village's facilities, should contact the Village's ADA Coordinator at (708) 579-2315 promptly to allow the Village to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
Administrative Offices

BOARD REPORT

TO: Board of Trustees, Village Clerk and Village Attorney

FROM: Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

DATE: October 8, 2007

RE: **ORDINANCE – AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE CODE
RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION &
APPOINTMENTS — COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CEDC)**

As we discussed in August, Bob and I think it is prudent to reenergize the advisory commission that, for many years, assisted the Village Board with matters relating to economic development. The newly formed commission, to be called the Community and Economic Development Commission, shall have the responsibilities set forth in Village Code Section 33.120. An ordinance amending the Village Code to reflect the change in composition and scope of responsibilities is attached for your consideration.

I recommend that the ordinance be approved.

The CEDC will be a nine-member advisory commission, with Patrick Benjamin serving as Staff liaison. Five members were appointed/reappointed to this commission in August. I propose that each of the individuals listed below be appointed to complete the roster. I have talked to each of these individuals, and each has expressed a desire to serve the Village in this capacity. Therefore, I respectfully submit the following appointments for your consideration.

Board/Commission	Name	Address	Term
Community and Economic Development Commission - advice and assistance on matters related to economic development and relationships among residential neighborhoods and commercial areas within the Village.	Margaret Carlson	1105 W. Hillgrove	2008
	Mark Reich	210 S. Park	2009
	Elizabeth Stiles	610 S. Sixth	2009
	Lester Williams	114 East Avenue	2010

The resumes of each of the four new appointees will be delivered under separate cover.

I recommend that these appointments be approved.

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 33.120 THROUGH 33.124
OF THE LA GRANGE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO
THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Village of La Grange has been served for many years by the work of the La Grange Economic Development/Redevelopment Commission, which in the past focused principally on matters relating to economic revitalization of commercial areas within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange have determined that it will be useful and in the best interests of the Village for the scope of service of the Economic Development/Redevelopment Commission to be broadened, so that the Commission may focus on matters of interest and importance not only to the commercial areas but also to the relationships between the residential neighborhoods of the Village and those commercial areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange, Cook County and State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the President and Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Amendment Sections 33.120 through 33.124 of the Code of Ordinances. Sections 33.120 through 33.124 of the La Grange Code of Ordinances are hereby amended by repealing Sections 33.122, 33.123, and 33.124 in their entirety and by amending Sections 33.120 and 33.121 in their entirety so that Sections 33.120 and 33.121 will hereafter be and read as follows:

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

§ 33.120 ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE.

(A) There is hereby established the La Grange Community and Economic Development Commission for the purpose of advising the Village Board on matters related to economic development and relationships among residential neighborhoods and commercial areas within the community. The commission shall, among other things:

(1) Consider and provide guidance or make recommendations on policies, activities and issues related to economic development and relationships among residential neighborhoods and commercial areas within the community, as may be requested by Village staff or remanded by the Village Board;

(2) As appropriate, initiate discussion and provide guidance or make recommendations on policies, activities and issues related to economic development and relationships among residential neighborhoods and commercial areas within the community to Village staff and the Village Board;

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(3) Work with neighborhood groups, community organizations, and individuals to assist in the economic development of the village and relationships among residential neighborhoods and commercial areas within the community;

(4) Work with the village's business leaders to revitalize and improve the business areas within the village;

(B) In pursuing the foregoing activities, the Community and Economic Development Commission shall work closely with Village staff as assigned by the Village Manager.

§ 33.121 COMPOSITION; TERM.

(A) The Community and Economic Development Commission shall be composed of nine residents of the village, one of whom shall be designated Chairperson. The appointments to this Commission and the designation of the Chairperson shall be made by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees.

(B) The term of office of this Commission shall be for a period of three years. However, members appointed at the onset shall be for the following terms: three members for a three-year term; three members for a two-year term; and three members for a one-year term.

(C) Successors shall be appointed for three-year terms.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance will be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____ 2007.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2007.

Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
Administrative Offices

EXECUTIVE MEMO

TO: Village Clerk, Board of Trustees and Village Attorney

FROM: Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President and
Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

DATE: October 4, 2007

RE: **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**
(CEDC)

On the regular agenda for Monday night, we have proposed an ordinance which would amend the Village Code to restructure the Economic Development Commission into a newly formed commission called the Community and Economic Development Commission (CEDC). The change in makeup and scope of duties for this commission was introduced by President Asperger on August 27, 2007. Attached is a red-lined version of the proposed amendment to aid in your consideration of this change.

What we are attempting to accomplish are two, perhaps three objectives. First, we want to expand the focus of economic development beyond the Central Business District (CBD). As you are of course aware, the success of our CBD revitalization has created a lot of interest in LaGrange. This interest extends beyond the CBD to our other commercial areas, for example our West End Business District and the business corridor south of 47th Street.

Second, taking a page from the Main Street playbook, we wanted this commission's charge to include consideration of the impact and interplay between commercial and residential areas. We felt it would be helpful to bring a perspective from the residential neighborhoods to this sensitive issue. This is especially critical in the West End Business District, where transitional/buffering land uses are not as consistent as they are along the perimeter of the CBD, and because of the linear configuration of the West End District.

Third, as the opportunity presents itself, we may want to use the CEDC as a sounding board for neighborhood-oriented issues which have a community-wide impact.

Attached is a map which identifies the residency of each of the commissioners, as appointed and nominated. It is a good visual. As you can see, their dispersion supports the intent of the afore-stated objectives.

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(F) To seek by persuasion and encouragement to achieve voluntary cooperation with the policies and objectives of this subchapter from all persons in the village or in the vicinity thereof whose activities have an impact on the environmental quality of the village.

(G) To conduct studies, investigations and research into matters affecting environmental quality control.

(H) To submit to the President and Board of Trustees an annual report and other reports from time to time as necessary.

('69 Code, § 33-675) (Ord. 0-71-9, passed 3-22-71)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

§ 33.120 ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE.

(A) There is hereby established a commission, which shall be known as the La Grange Economic Development/Redevelopment Community and Economic Development Commission, for the purpose of advising the Village Board on matters related to economic development and relationships among residential neighborhoods and commercial areas within the community. The commission shall, among other things:

~~(1) Initiating, soliciting and obtaining proposals and plans for economic development with the village; Consider and provide guidance or make recommendations on policies, activities and issues related to economic development and relationships among residential neighborhoods and commercial areas within the community, as may be requested by Village staff or remanded by the Village Board;~~

~~(2) As appropriate, initiate discussion and provide guidance or make recommendations on policies, activities and issues related to economic development and relationships among residential neighborhoods and commercial areas within the community to Village staff and the Village Board;~~

~~(2)(3) Working with neighborhood groups, community organizations, and individuals to assist in the economic development of the village and relationships among residential neighborhoods and commercial areas with the community;~~

~~(3)(4) Working with the village's business leaders to revitalize and improve the business areas within the village;~~

~~(4) Coordinating and conducting on a continual basis an overall review of economic development matters within the village;~~

~~(5) Reviewing and recommending proposals affecting economic development to all boards and commissions of the village;~~

~~(6) Recommending to the President and Board of Trustees changes, in laws or policies of the village or~~

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~~other governmental agencies, necessary to foster and encourage sound economic development in the village, and~~

~~———— (7) Making reviews and recommendations concerning authority, structure and duration of related village commissions, departments and agencies concerned with economic development.~~

~~—— (B) In pursuing the foregoing activities, the Economic Development/Redevelopment Commission shall utilize the services of, and work closely with, the Director of Economic Development/Redevelopment employed by the village.~~ (B) In pursuing the foregoing activities, the Community and Economic Development Commission shall work closely with Village staff as assigned by the Village Manager.

('69 Code, § 33-750) (Ord. 0-82-41, passed 11-8-82)

§ 33.121 COMPOSITION; TERM.

(A) The La Grange Community and Economic Development/Redevelopment Commission shall be composed of seven residents of the village, one of whom shall be designated Chairperson. The appointments to this Commission and the designation of the Chairperson shall be made by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees.

(B) The term of office of this Commission shall be for a period of three years. However, members appointed at the onset shall be for the following terms: three members for a three-year term; two members for a two-year term; and two members for a one-year term.

(C) Successors shall be appointed for three-years terms.
(‘69 Code, § 33-755) (Ord. 0-82-41, passed 11-8-82)

~~§ 33.122 EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS:~~

~~—— The Economic Development/Redevelopment Commission shall be authorized to expend no municipal funds, other than those appropriate and approved by the President and Board of Trustees:
(‘69 Code, § 33-760) (Ord. 0-82-41, passed 11-8-82)~~

~~§ 33.123 AUTHORITY TO ENLIST VOLUNTEERS:~~

~~—— The Economic Development/Redevelopment Commission is authorized to enlist the volunteer services of other members of the community, who will assist in achieving the goal of sound economic growth, recognizing broad community involvement will assure broad community support.
(‘69 Code, § 33-765) (Ord. 0-82-41, passed 11-8-82)~~

~~§ 33.124 REPORTS TO BE MADE TO PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES:~~

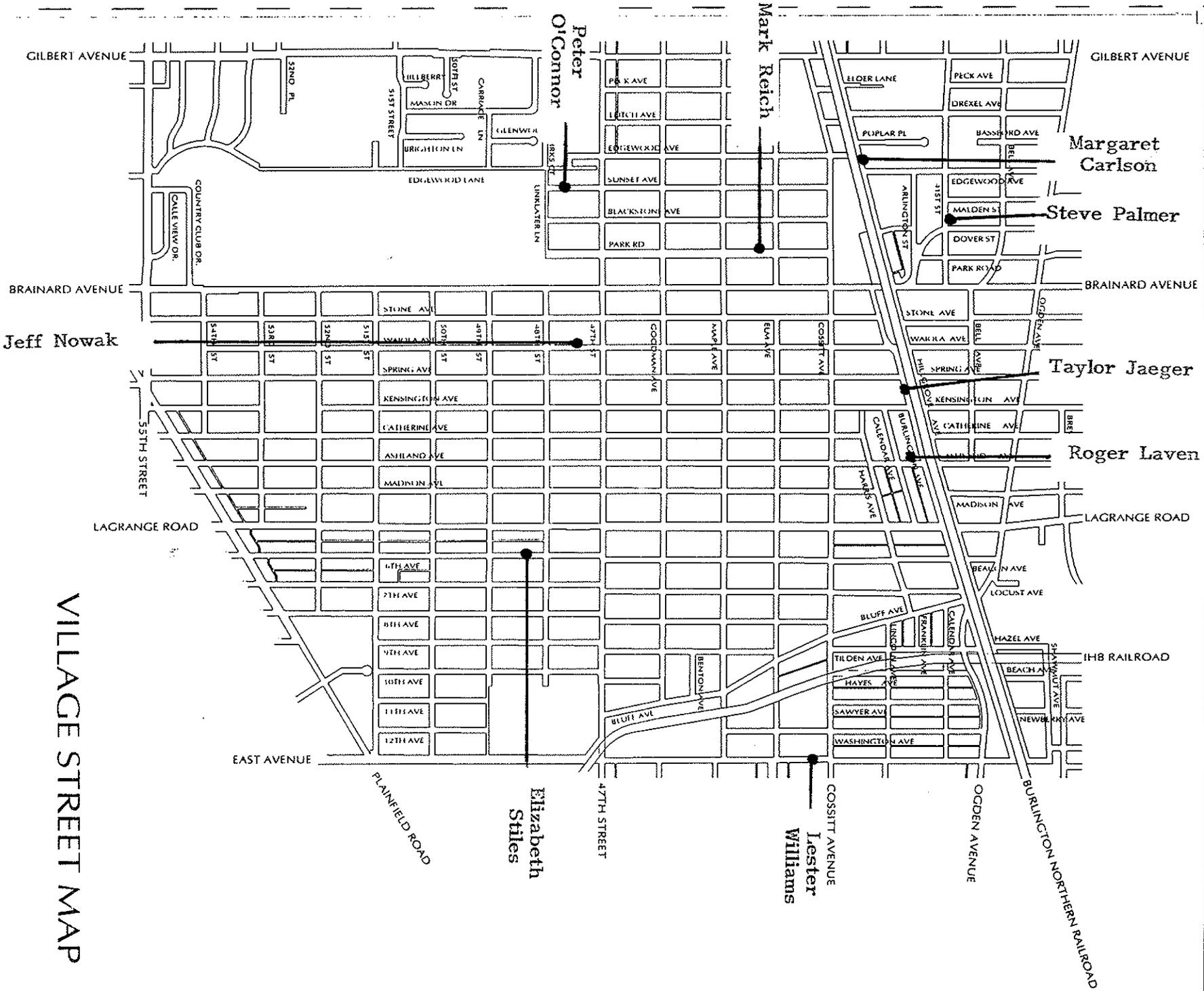
~~—— The Economic Development/Redevelopment Commission shall make periodic reports on its progress and shall make recommendations to the President and Board of Trustees regularly, but not less than every six months.~~

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VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE



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OMNIBUS VOTE

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
Administrative Offices

BOARD REPORT

TO: Village President, Village Clerk, Board of Trustees, and Village Attorney

FROM: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
Andrianna Peterson, Assistant Village Manager

DATE: October 8, 2007

RE: **RESOLUTION – CONTINUED SUPPORT OF AND
PARTICIPATION IN THE WEST COOK COUNTY SOLID
WASTE AGENCY’S REGIONAL DISPOSAL PROJECT**

Since 1997, the Village has participated in the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency’s (WCCSWA) Regional Disposal Project. Under the RDP, participating member communities of the Agency jointly contract for long-term solid waste transfer and disposal capacity.

Fifteen communities currently participate in the program. Because of the economies of scale that are realized through the joint program, transfer, transport and disposal of waste is cost competitive and price-stabilized. Additionally, the contract was structured to secure guaranteed capacity at contracted facilities; give broad and comprehensive indemnifications against potential environmental liability; and provide for regular environmental audits.

Over the past ten years, the RDP has been successful in maintaining price stability, with disposal rates typically below the market and similar to very large cities (i.e. the City of Chicago). In addition, contractual cost escalators are limited to the lower of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3% (increases have averaged 0.5% per year since project inception).

The current Regional Disposal Project contract expires on December 31, 2008 and allows for four additional five-year renewal periods under the same provisions and fee structure provided in the original agreement. The WCCSWA has requested proposals from parties that may be interested in negotiating a contract renewal for a subsequent minimum ten year renewal term.

Depending on the results of the process, the WCCSWA may pursue a new contractual arrangement for transfer, transport and disposal of waste generated through the program, or elect to extend the current contract under the existing terms and conditions.

Because contractual pricing is based, in part, on the amount of waste generated through the program, the WCCSWA has asked each participating community to approve the attached Resolution supporting continued participation in the program.

It is our recommendation that the Resolution be approved.

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION
IN THE WEST COOK COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY'S
REGIONAL DISPOSAL PROJECT

WHEREAS, more than 10 years ago, numerous units of local government who are members of the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency (the "Agency"), including the Village of La Grange, entered into "Project Use Agreements" with the Agency by which the local governments (the "Members") agreed to participate in the Agency's Regional Disposal Project (the "RDP"); and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the RDP are to minimize potential legal liability of the Members regarding the disposal of their municipal solid waste and to encourage increased recycling of significant portions of the waste stream; and

WHEREAS, the Agency negotiated with numerous waste haulers and thereafter entered into a renewable 10-year contract (the "RDP Contract") to provide for the transfer and disposal of the municipal solid waste generated by the customers of the Members; and

WHEREAS, the RDP Contract is set to expire, and the Agency seeks a decision from each of the Members whether it will continue to participate in the RDP; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange believe that the RDP has been successful and beneficial and that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to continue to participate in the RDP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange, Cook County and State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the President and Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Approval of Continuing Participation in the RDP. The President and Board of Trustees approve continue participation in the RDP through the Village's Project Use Agreement with the Agency.

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Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution will be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this ____ day of _____ 2007.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2007.

Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
Department of Public Works

BOARD REPORT

TO: Village President, Village Clerk
Board of Trustees, and Village Attorney

FROM: Robert Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
Ken Watkins, Director of Public Works

DATE: October 8, 2007

RE: **AWARD OF CONTRACT – LEAF HAULING AND DISPOSAL**

The FY 2007-08 Public Works Department budget has earmarked a total of \$42,000 for leaf hauling and disposal. Each Fall, the Public Works Department collects leaves from Village streets. This service is free to Village residents. The leaves are temporarily stored at the Public Works facility and then loaded onto privately contracted semi trucks. They are then hauled to an approved composting site for disposal. This method has proven to be the most cost effective means of leaf disposal as it eliminates costly overtime and excessive fuel consumption.

The Villages of La Grange Park and Brookfield provide a similar seasonal collection service for their residents. Both have already conducted either a formal bidding process or solicitation of proposals. Because there are a very limited number of vendors in the area capable and interested in performing this work, we propose to rely on the competitive purchasing processes undertaken by La Grange Park and Brookfield. Both La Grange Park and Brookfield will be using Dutch Valley Landscaping from Monee, Illinois. The unit price quoted by Dutch Valley to both communities was the same - \$5.50 per cubic yard. Dutch Valley is willing to honor and extend this price to the Village of La Grange.

The unit price proposed by Dutch Valley is very competitive. By way of comparison, last year's unit price was \$5.46 per cubic yard. We are very familiar with Dutch Valley as they have provided this service to the Village between 2000-2003. We were very satisfied with their service with regard to both method and scheduling.

We recommend that the Village Board waive the formal bidding process and authorize staff to negotiate a contract with Dutch Valley for leaf hauling and disposal at a unit price of \$5.50 per cubic yard.

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

Disbursement Approval by Fund

October 8, 2007

Consolidated Voucher 071008

Fund No.	Fund Name	10/08/07 Voucher	10/05/07 Payroll	Total
01	General	197,479.57	232,693.62	430,173.19
21	Motor Fuel Tax			0.00
22	Foreign Fire Insurance Tax			0.00
23	TIF	202,491.51		202,491.51
24	ETSB	22,253.94		22,253.94
40	Capital Projects	86,752.79		86,752.79
50	Water	18,832.23	32,002.98	50,835.21
51	Parking	3,465.90	20,197.19	23,663.09
60	Equipment Replacement	3,828.28		3,828.28
70	Police Pension			0.00
75	Firefighters' Pension			0.00
80	Sewer	2,442.89	7,086.41	9,529.30
90	Debt Service			0.00
91	SSA 4A Debt Service			0.00
93	SAA 269			0.00
94	SAA 270			0.00
		<u>537,547.11</u>	<u>291,980.20</u>	<u>829,527.31</u>

We the undersigned Manager and Clerk of the Village of La Grange hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the foregoing items are true and proper charges against the Village and hereby approve their payment.

Village Manager

Village Clerk

President

Trustee

Trustee

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MINUTES

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

Monday, September 24, 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 Deputy Clerk Ellie Elder, the following were present:

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

ABSENT: Village Clerk Robert Milne

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 Lieutenant Vic Arnold
Fire Chief David Fleege
Suburban Life Reporter Joe Sinopoli

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger congratulated the La Grange Business Association for their highly successful West End Art Festival which included the Elephants Under the Big Top auction. Recognition was given to volunteers and supporters of the event whereby approximately \$36,000 was raised to be donated to various local charities.

Congratulations was also extended to the Community Diversity Group for their successful Race Unity Rally which featured speakers from the National Coalition Building Institute and special honors were given to Marian Honel-Wilson for her service to the community and efforts relevant to diversity and human rights.

President Asperger invited the public to attend the Fire Department's Open House on Saturday, October 6. The open house will include various demonstrations and tours.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Herb Schepel, 100 S. Ashland gave a brief history on his request for a variation of maximum building coverage noting the unanimous approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Schepel noted his availability to answer any questions.

Tim Trompeter, 318 S. Ashland indicated he represents Mr. Schepel as well as Heather and Jeff Yuknis in regards to their request for variations and is available to answer any questions.

Jeff Yuknis, 320 S. Ashland noted his availability to answer any questions relevant to his request for two variations, those being required front yard and maximum building coverage.

Tom Piette, 209 W. Cossitt stated that he owns the property across the street from Mr. Schepel and is acceptable to the request for a variation.

Dennis and Diane Talentowski, 108 S. 7th Avenue submitted an addendum and requested consideration of their variation also noting their availability to answer any questions.

Steve Potracki, Architect for Dennis and Diane Talentowski stated he would be available to answer any questions concerning their request for a variation.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Award of Contract – Central Business District Paver Rehabilitation Project (Midwest Brickpaving Company, Antioch, Illinois - \$73,900)
- B. Consolidated Voucher 070827 (\$409,683.04)
- C. Consolidated Voucher 070910 (\$727,163.16)
- D. Consolidated Voucher 070924 (\$566,613.32)
- E. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, August 27, 2007

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

Ayes: Trustees Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, Palermo, Wolf and President Asperger

Nays: None

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Absent: None

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance (#O-07-27) – Variation – Maximum Building Coverage / Herb Schepel, 100 South Ashland Avenue: Referred to Trustee Horvath

Trustee Horvath explained that Mr. Schepel has applied for a variation from maximum building coverage requirements to replace an existing one-car detached garage with a two-car detached garage. Trustee Horvath stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on this matter and voted unanimously to recommend that the variation be granted.

It was moved by Trustee Horvath approve the ordinance for variation of maximum building coverage for 100 South Ashland Avenue, seconded by Trustee Wolf.

Trustee Wolf inquired why this item was placed under current business rather than the omnibus agenda since it had the unanimous vote of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Trustee Langan stated that because of the recent changes to the zoning code, it is beneficial to have complete disclosure on requests for variations. Trustee Horvath noted that consistency is important.

Trustee Wolf inquired if procedural changes would occur and President Asperger noted that current business agenda items will be discussed and considered first.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

- B. Ordinances – Variation – Required Front Yard (#O-07-29) and Maximum Building Coverage (#O-07-28) / Heather and Jeff Yuknis, 320 South Ashland Avenue: Referred to Trustee Horvath

Trustee Horvath explained that Heather and Jeff Yuknis have applied for a variation to allow them to construct a front porch which then would also require them to seek a variation for maximum building coverage. Trustee Horvath stated that a public hearing was held and the Zoning Board of Appeals determined that the two variations should be voted on separately. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to recommend the variation for the front porch, however failed to recommend the variation for maximum building coverage.

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Trustee Horvath moved to approve the ordinance for variation required front yard and maximum building coverage at 320 South Ashland, seconded by Trustee Wolf.

Trustee Horvath added that because the Zoning Board of Appeals denied recommending the ordinance for maximum building coverage, it would require a favorable two-thirds majority vote or four out of six Trustees for approval. Village Attorney Burkland indicated that the vote for each ordinance should be individual.

Trustee Horvath and Trustee Wolf expressed their belief that this is a reasonable request and both are in favor.

Trustee Kuchler inquired if there are differences in the criteria from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Village Attorney Burkland noted the zoning code holds the same criteria for both the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Village Board. Trustee Kuchler supports the rulings of the Zoning Board of Appeals to deny the variation.

Trustee Palermo believes that because the Zoning Board of Appeals consists of only five members the voting process is inhibited when one member is absent when at least four aye votes are required to decide in favor of any application. Trustee Palermo feels that increasing the Zoning Board of Appeals to seven members might be justified.

It had been moved and seconded to approve the ordinance for variation maximum building coverage at 320 South Ashland. Approved by a 4 to 2 roll call vote.

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

It had been moved and seconded to approve the ordinance for variation required front yard. Approved by 6 to 0 roll call vote.

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

C. Ordinance (#O-07-30) – Variation – Required Front Yard / Dennis and Diane Talentowski, 108 South 7th Avenue: Referred to Trustee Horvath

Trustee Horvath explained that Dennis and Diane Talentowski have applied for a variation to allow them to construct a front porch. Trustee Horvath stated that a public hearing was held and the Zoning Board of Appeals failed to recommend the variation.

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Trustee Horvath added that because the Zoning Board of Appeals denied recommending the ordinance for the variation, it would require a favorable two-thirds majority vote or four out of six Trustees for approval.

Trustee Horvath moved to approve the ordinance for variation required front yard at 108 South 7th Avenue, seconded by Trustee Wolf.

The Talentowski's presented an addendum to their original request and Trustee Kuchler inquired if the Zoning Boards decision may have changed had they reviewed the addendum. President Asperger requested the Village Attorney to advise the Board if they could consider such addendum. Attorney Burkland indicated that the Board should consider the public record from the public hearing, although the addendum is outside of the public hearing record, the Board could subjectively consider the addendum.

Trustee Langan feels this variation should be considered for approval.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Addressing the Village Board in regards to the placement of agenda items, President Asperger noted that she and the Village Manager determine the order of the agenda. President Asperger stated that notification and clarification of the agenda had been reiterated to the Trustees prior to posting. President Asperger noted her displeasure of those seeking political gain rather than working to develop a consensus that works for all areas of the community.

- D. Ordinance (#O-07-31) – Amendment to Village Code / Establishing Updated Standards Relating to Disorderly Conduct and Loitering: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan indicated the need for improvement to current Village Code in areas of disorderly conduct and loitering throughout the community and specifically in the Central Business District in order to better assist police officers with enforcement and communication to the public the types of activities and / or actions not acceptable without infringing on an individual's constitutional rights.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve the ordinance amendment to the Village Code to establish updated standards relating to disorderly conduct and loitering, seconded by Trustee Livingston.

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Trustee Kuchler inquired if this ordinance would allow teens and preteens to congregate and Attorney Burkland explained that the proposed ordinance provides a “mini-due process”, which requires a police officer to engage in a conversation with the individual or group and thus determine whether or not the activity is considered to be disorderly conduct or loitering without infringing on a person’s constitutional rights.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

E. Ordinance (#O-07-32) – Amendment to Village Code / Establishing Standards for Construction of Utilities in Public Rights-of-Way: Referred to Trustee Palermo

Trustee Palermo explained the events and framework which have resulted in telecommunication companies need to access public right-of-ways. Trustee Palermo added that Village staff and the Village Attorney have evaluated current Village ordinances related to utilization of public rights-of-way and have developed a comprehensive set of construction standards that would greatly enhance enforcement standards and be applicable to any utility wishing to utilize public rights-of-way.

Village Attorney Burkland noted that the Illinois Municipal League is currently working on updating standards as well.

Trustee Palermo moved to amend the Village code establishing standards for construction of utilities in public rights-of-way, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

6. MANAGER’S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn reminded the audience of the regular monthly brush pick-up on Monday, October 1 and referenced general guidelines.

Manager Pilipiszyn shared information from ComEd relative to the scheduling of overhead utility line clearance in the form of tree trimming and pruning vegetation which may interfere with electrical wires. Manager Pilipiszyn reference ComEd’s toll free number, and the Village Forester for additional information or concerns.

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Lastly, Manager Pilipiszyn announced that the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Triton College on Saturday, October 20.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Closed Session – Purchase, Sale or Lease of Real Property

It was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Kuchler to convene in the first floor conference room for Executive Session to discuss the purchase, sale or lease of real property. Approved by roll call vote.

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

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Wolf indicated she meant no disrespect in questioning the position of agenda items.

Trustee Kuchler commended school crossing guards. Trustee Kuchler also commended the Plan Commission and their efforts to enhance the quality of life.

Trustee Palermo believes the information regarding placement of agenda items was a misunderstanding in communication.

Trustee Horvath encouraged the public to drive slowly and cautiously and pay attention to school zones.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to the first floor conference room for closed session.

Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

Approved Date

41-D.6

CURRENT BUSINESS

Village of La Grange
Finance Department

BOARD REPORT

TO: Village President and Board of Trustees, Village Clerk and
Village Attorney

FROM: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
Lou Cipparrone, Finance Director

DATE: October 1, 2007

RE: **PRESENTATION - FY 2006-07 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL
FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Under separate cover, you have received a copy of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Village of La Grange for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007, as prepared by the Finance Department and reviewed by our auditors, Sikich L.L.P. In addition, you have received: 1) the FY 2006-07 Management letter stating there were no findings of material weaknesses involving the Village's internal controls and operations, 2) a report regarding Auditing Standards Statement No. 61 requiring certain matters be communicated to the Village Board including: the Village had no significant and unusual transactions, all material estimates were reasonable, audit adjustments were recorded and there were no disagreements with management, 3) an audit representation letter stating the Village has made all financial data and records available to the auditors and we are unaware of any material transactions or disclosures which have not been conveyed to the auditors, and finally 4) a TIF District compliance letter stating the Village has complied with the provisions of the Illinois Tax Increment Redevelopment Act (Illinois Public Act 85-1142).

Sikich L.L.P. has rendered an unqualified or "clean" opinion for the Village of La Grange, stating that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Village and results of its operations as of April 30, 2007. The unqualified opinion also reflects that the financial statements are prepared and presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Mr. Dan Berg, a partner with Sikich L.L.P. will be in attendance at the Board meeting on October 8, 2007 to present a brief overview of the audit report and to answer any questions you may have regarding the FY 2006-07 financial statements.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it would be appropriate for President Asperger to accept the report on behalf of the Village Board. No further action is required.

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Village staff will submit the CAFR 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 to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users to read the financial statements. The Village has received this prestigious award for eleven consecutive years.

Hard copies of the audit report are on file at the La Grange Public Library, in the Village Clerk's office and in the Finance Department for public inspection. Upon acceptance, an electronic copy of the audited financial statements will be posted to the Village's website.

