

MINUTES

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

Monday, October 9, 2006 - 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, with President Asperger presiding.

ABSENT: Trustees Pann and Wolf

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Mark Burkland
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Assistant Finance Director Joe Munizza
Public Works Director Ken Watkins
Police Chief Mike Holub
Fire Chief David Fleege

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger reflected on the severe rain storm that caused power outages and flooding to numerous areas. President Asperger expressed her thanks to staff for their timely response to resident calls and attention to the needs of the community. President Asperger also expressed her pleasure in seeing so many neighbors helping neighbors.

Although the Rich Port YMCA has placed its property up for sale, they continue to seek a temporary facility to provide interim programming. President Asperger indicated that if the property is redeveloped, the Village will have a hand in the matter because it controls zoning of the property. While the Village Board has

not talked about the future development of this site, the Village will be guided by its new Comprehensive Plan and addressing traffic impact will be a priority.

The Plan Commission meeting scheduled on Tuesday, October 10 will continue to discuss and consider amendments to the zoning code.

Congratulations were expressed to Spring Avenue School District 105 for being recognized in "*Chicago*" magazine as the best elementary school in Cook County.

Although Trustee Pann was not in attendance, President Asperger commended him for his volunteerism with the DesPlaines Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America and the Community Memorial Foundation.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-06-32) -- Design review Permit (DRP) #69 -- 26 S. La Grange road, randy Cox (Facilities Manager) on Behalf of Jerry Burjan, Property Owner
- B. Engineering Services Agreement -- Street Condition Survey (Heuer and Associates, Westchester, Illinois - \$25,397
- C. Consolidated Voucher 061009 - \$491,728.02
- D. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Town Meeting, Monday, September 25, 2006

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

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Presentation -- FY 2005-06 Comprehensive Annual Financial reports: Referred to Trustee Horvath

Trustee Horvath stated that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Village of La Grange for Fiscal Year May 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006 as prepared by the Finance Department has been reviewed by the auditors Sikich L.L.P. Copies of the audit report were previously sent to the Board under separate cover and are available for public inspection at the La Grange Public Library, in the Village Clerk's office, in the Finance Department and if accepted by the Village President will also be posted on the Village's website. Trustee Horvath requested Mr. Dan Berg, a partner with Sikich L.L.P. to give a brief overview of the audit report.

Mr. Berg stated that Sikich L.L.P. has rendered an unqualified or "clean" opinion stating that Village financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2006 are prepared and presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Mr. Berg specifically noted attention to the letter of transmittal and management discussion analysis provided by Sikich L.L.P. Mr. Berg expressed his availability to answer any questions about the process or the audit.

Trustee Langan indicated his confidence in staff's capable financial management.

On behalf of the Village Board, President Asperger accepted the report and directed staff to submit the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to the Government Finance Officers' Association for consideration of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. President Asperger noted the Village has received this prestigious award for ten consecutive years and expressed her gratitude to Finance Director Lou Cipparrone and Assistant Finance Director Joe Munizza for their excellent financial management.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Presentation – Central Business District / Short Term Parking Concept

Prior to his presentation, Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn announced that the free leaf pick-up program began today and explained specific collection guidelines for residents to follow. Questions should be referred to the Public Works Department at (708) 579-2328.

Mr. Pilipiszyn announced that the next Village Board Town Meeting would be held on Monday, October 23 at the Community Center located at 200 Washington Avenue.

Manager Pilipiszyn began his presentation on the concept for short term parking in the Central Business District by explaining that as previously communicated to the Village Board in a preliminary staff report, the Village has received several requests from merchants who would like to see short term parking spaces for customer convenience or to serve as a loading zone. Mr. Pilipiszyn noted that this concept was consistent with one of the operational recommendations from the Parking Study which suggested the creation of short term spaces at the end of each block.

Mr. Pilipiszyn explained that short term parking was evaluated by staff for the entire Central Business District and reasoning to establish spaces at the ends of each block were even distribution, ease of communication to shoppers, and ease in administering. The Village currently has two distinct parking characteristics in the downtown area which consist of on-street short term parking which enforces two hour parking limits and off-street long term parking which enforces three hour parking limits. The new 15 minute convenience parking concept would be a refinement to the short term category. Mr. Pilipiszyn requested Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin to elaborate on the concept.

Mr. Benjamin distributed exhibits to the Village Board which were prepared by Heuer and Associates, the Village's Engineer which annotated where all of the short term parking spaces would be located. Mr. Benjamin explained that Village staff met with the La Grange Business Association Board and members to discuss the concept and the consensus was a positive recommendation.

President Asperger opened the topic to the Board for discussion. Trustee Langan inquired if Ashland Avenue parking would remain as 30 minutes and was informed yes. Trustee Livingston inquired if comparisons were available and was informed that most of the spaces are newly created. With no other discussion from the Board, President Asperger opened the floor to the public.

Lori Garivaltis owner of the Pine Merchant expressed her desire for short term parking as a loading zone for customer delivery.

Mike LaPadius owner of Roly Poly thanked staff for meeting with local businesses and also expressed his favor of short term parking.

The owner of Ceramic Art Café noted his favor especially since children are often times dropped off and picked up at this place of business. Signage and surface markings were requested and President Asperger noted that would be developed by staff.

Trustee Horvath inquired about enforcement and Police Chief Holub responded that enforcement will not be difficult as the Parking Division currently enforces several existing short term spaces in the Central Business District.

Village Manager Pilipiszyn explained that the next step would be to provide the Board a draft ordinance which would codify short term parking regulations. If approved, signage would be installed and evaluations from business owners, residents and shoppers would identify any necessary adjustments.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to have staff prepare the ordinance.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Lori Garivaltis owner of the Pine Merchant inquired about security measures regarding the Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) to be installed at 26 S. La Grange Road and the recent armed robbery and was informed she should discuss her concerns with the property owner, Mr. Burjan or Police Chief Holub.

Steve Palmer owner of Palmer Place Restaurant expressed several concerns regarding the development of Village parking Lot 2 at Harris Avenue and Sixth Avenue. Mr. Palmer is fearful that the development of the former IHOP property currently being used as a temporary parking area, completion of the new Library, and revitalization of the La Grange Theater will create more demand for parking area. President Asperger stated that no decisions have been made and the Board will exercise caution in considering all aspects as parking utilization continues to evolve.

Kathy Deane, 110 S. Ashland read a letter to the editor published in the Doings on September 29, 2006 which stated a resident's opinion of the Village Board's lack of consideration for parking areas. President Asperger noted that the resident may not have been advised of all the facts. President Asperger believes the Village Board and staff are diligent in their efforts to make decisions to benefit the entire community.

Rob Wessel, 220 S. Peck expressed his concerns with recent flooding and inquired if sewers are undersized. President Asperger noted that flooding was probably caused by inoperable sump pumps due to the lengthy power outage caused by recent storms. Public Works Director Ken Watkins explained the design standard for the affected neighborhood.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Closed Session – Probable or Imminent Litigation

It was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Cremieux to convene in Executive Session to discuss probable or imminent litigation. Approved by roll call vote.

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

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Livingston complimented Fire Chief Fleege and the entire Fire Department on the successful open house to recognize Fire Prevention Week.

Trustee Langan believes staff works very hard to come up with solutions to parking issues and encouraged staff to continue to be proactive in addressing parking issues rather than reactive.

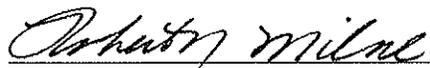
Trustee Cremieux noted that basement flooding occurs from time to time and especially during extreme rain events. Trustee Cremieux also noted that currently parking lot 2 is an under-performing asset and one of the Board's responsibilities is to evaluate development proposals and explore tax generating options for the benefit of the entire Village.

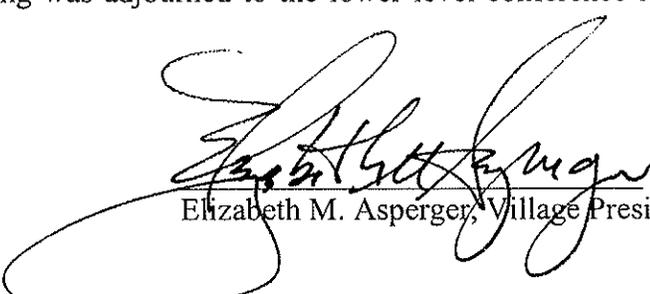
Trustee Horvath shares similar concerns with parking but that the Village is studying the matter. He also indicated that the Village is thinking about providing relief from basement flooding by considering two sewer projects such as the Maple Avenue Relief Sewer.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to the lower level conference room for closed session.

ATTEST:


Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk


Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

Oct. 23 2006
Approved Date