

## MINUTES

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

Monday, June 12 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 7:34 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Robert Milne, the following were:

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

ABSENT: Trustee Livingston

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn  
Village Attorney Mark Burkland  
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin  
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone  
Public Works Director Ken Watkins  
Police Lieutenant Vic Arnold  
Fire Chief David Fleege  
Doings Reporter Ken Knutson

### 2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger indicated that Memorial Day ceremonies honoring and remembering those who have served our Country were conducted by the American Legion, Robert E. Coulter Post 1941 on Monday, May 29. President Asperger encouraged residents to attend these ceremonies in the future.

June 2 marked the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Pets and Pals Charities Pet Parade. The "*Ahhh! La Grange Weekend*" also included a carnival sponsored by the La Grange Business Association. President Asperger applauded the Pet Parade Committee on an outstanding parade. She also thanked those residents and businesses who were inconvenienced by the parade for their patience and cooperation.

President Asperger noted that the public plaza and fountain are completed for all to enjoy and invited Village residents to visit. However, she expressed her disappointment with acts of vandalism to the plaza and Pets on Parade displays. President Asperger noted that Police Aides will patrol the area to deter any further destruction and encouraged the public to report any misbehavior.

Requests for Proposals to develop Parking Lot #2 located on the northeast corner of Harris Avenue and Sixth Avenue have been issued with a June 30 deadline. President Asperger assured the public that the potential for development is subject to supplying alternative parking to decal holders who currently utilize the parking lot.

The Plan Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 13 to continue discussion regarding Victorian Manor and a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 27 regarding the amendments to the zoning code.

Lastly, President Asperger reminded businesses that the non-home rule sales tax approved by referendum in 2004 and which imposes a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% increase (7.75% to 8%) on sales tax for general merchandise becomes effective July 1, 2006. These taxes will be used for maintenance of the Central Business District including the new parking structure.

A. Trustee Assignments

President Asperger explained that in addition to their regular duties, Village Trustees are also assigned to certain areas of responsibility and serve as liaisons between the Village Board and its various advisory boards and commissions. Areas of responsibility as assigned by President Asperger are:

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

President Asperger indicated she would assign two Trustees to serve as liaisons on those commissions which are extremely busy in order to stagger some of the responsibilities. Liaison assignments as assigned by President Asperger are Plan Commission, Trustees Langan and Horvath; Zoning Board of Appeals, Trustees Cremieux and Livingston; Design Review Commission, Trustees Pann and Wolf.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Jim Palermo, 216 S. Ashland requested further discussion of the Police Department's request to replace the investigations vehicle and the parking enforcement pick-up truck. President Asperger explained that items on the Omnibus Agenda are not discussed individually unless a Trustee requests it be removed for further discussion, however President Asperger will permit Village Manager Pilipiszyn to elaborate on the Village's position in obtaining the most cost effective means by which items are purchased.

Mr. Palermo inquired why the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag is not recited prior to Village Board meetings and President Asperger indicated she is following meeting procedures as handed down from previous Village Presidents, however would take Mr. Palermo's comments under consideration.

Mike La Pidus, Vice President of the La Grange Business Association thanked the Village Board and staff for their help in making "*Ahhh! La Grange Weekend*" a huge success. Mr. La Pidus also thanked the Village for their quick response to curb vandalism within the Central Business District.

Keith Hollenbeck on behalf of the La Grange Bible Church expressed his thanks to the Plan Commission and noted the La Grange Bible Church would be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Village.

Reverend Debra Williams – Pastor of Davis Memorial Church inquired as to the origin of the Pet Parade and her belief that it originated from a female member of the Davis Memorial congregation. President Asperger referred Pastor Williams to Susan and Bob Breen originators of the Pets and Pals Charities.

Trustee Cremieux requested items 4.A, 4.C, and 4.D to be removed from the Omnibus Agenda and placed under Current Business for further discussion.

Trustee Wolf requested item 4.B to be removed from the Omnibus Agenda and placer under Current Business for further discussion.

Trustee Horvath inquired if the request to purchase software license agreements (item 4.I) included twenty-four hour maintenance service seven days a week and Fire Chief Fleege responded affirmatively.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)

B. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)

- C. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)
- D. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)
- E. Ordinance (#O-0616) Change In Parking Restrictions / 500 Block of W. Burlington Avenue
- F. Ordinance (#O-06-17) Creation of a Four-Way Stop Intersection / Sawyer Avenue and Lincoln Avenue
- G. Purchase – Police Department / Replacement of Investigations Vehicle (Thomas Dodge of Orland Park, Illinois \$19,713)
- H. Purchase – Police Department / Replacement of Parking Enforcement Pick-Up Truck (Anderson Ford of Berwyn, Illinois \$18,610)
- I. Purchase – Software License Agreements (Zoll Data Systems of Broomfield, Colorado \$6,000)
- J. Purchase – Display Monitors for Police Department Surveillance Cameras (Thomas Alarm Systems of Yorkville, Illinois \$5,800) (Budget Amendment Resolution #R-06-14)
- K. Ordinance (#O-06-18) – Prevailing Wages
- L. Consolidated Voucher 060522 - \$643,684.95
- M. Consolidated Voucher 060612 - \$563,217.24
- N. Review of Minutes of Closed Sessions
- O. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, May 8, 2006

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, and O of the Omnibus, seconded by Trustee Cremieux. Approved by roll call vote.

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

4.A Assignment of Redevelopment Agreement – La Grange Crossing  
(Removed from Omnibus for further discussion.)

Trustee Cremieux explained that the Village was recently notified by Triangle Partners, LLC of its intent to sell the property known as the La Grange Triangle to UBS Realty Investors, LLC. The Village was advised that Mid-America Asset Management, Inc., will be retained by UBS as its management and leasing agent. Trustee Cremieux noted several concerns with the language on the Transferee Assumption Agreement and Estoppel Certificate related to the transfer of the Triangle property. Village Attorney Burkland attempted to clarify the concerns expressed by Trustee Cremieux.

Trustee Cremieux indicated he had no objections to the actual transfer just concerns with the language on the documents. After much discussion, President Asperger suggested either tabling the item or approving it subject to review and revisions by the Village President and Village Manager.

It was moved by Trustee Cremieux to approve the Transferee Assumption Agreement and Estoppel Certificate subject to language review and revisions by the Village President and Village Manager, seconded by Trustee Langan. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

4.B Ordinance (#O-06-14) – Amendment to an existing Special Use Permit / Site Plan Approval to construct an addition to the existing Religious Organization (SIC #866), 850 S. Seventh Avenue, La Grange Bible Church (Removed from Omnibus for further discussion.)

Trustee Wolf inquired if the stone and brick materials had been supplied for review and Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin responded affirmatively and produced the samples indicating they satisfied code requirements

Trustee Horvath expressed his gratitude to the Plan Commission for their dedication to this project. Trustee Cremieux wished the petitioner well with this improvement.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve the ordinance granting an amendment to a Special Use Permit and approve a new site plan to construct an addition to the existing religious organization at 850 S. Seventh Avenue, seconded by Trustee Cremieux. Approved by roll call vote.

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

Absent: Trustee Livingston

4.C Ordinance (#O-06-15) Resubdivision of Lots, 201 S. Stone Avenue  
(Removed from Omnibus for further discussion.)

The owner's request to subdivide in the Historic District and create a 50 foot lot, has caused Trustee Cremieux to have concerns. Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin provided additional background information and supplied colored maps to the Board to more effectively explain the request. Village Attorney Burkland noted that the request meets the subdivision code of Illinois and has been recommended for approval by the Plan Commission. Trustee Cremieux expressed his disappointment in not being able to better control this subdivision. It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve the ordinance granting the resubdivision of lots at 201 S. Stone Avenue, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by roll call vote.

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

4.D Ordinance (Denied) – Change In Parking Restrictions / 100 Block of S.  
Park Road (Removed from Omnibus for further discussion.)

Trustee Cremieux explained that although the Parking Commission has unanimously recommended to further restrict parking on the west side of the 100 block of S. Park Road to "No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday," he believes this will just create a precedence and will push the problem to the next block.

President Asperger noted currently the location has restrictions and this request is an extension of those restrictions.

Trustee Langan was in agreement with Trustee Cremieux.

Police Lieutenant Arnold noted that that on-street parking is a convenience to faculty and staff from the Lyons Township High School North Campus even though they have their own parking lot.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve the ordinance amending the appropriate chapter of the Village Code, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Motion failed by a 3 to 2 roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Horvath and Pann  
Nays: Trustees Cremieux, Langan, and Wolf  
Absent: Trustee Livingston

A. Special Event – La Grange Art & Craft Fair: Referred to Trustee Pann

Trustee Pann noted that the Village has received a request from Ms. Renae Schueneman of Midwest Art & Craft Fairs, Inc., on behalf of the La Grange Business Association to hold the annual art and craft fair on Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9, 2006. The location utilized last year was found to be favorable and is being requested again this year, however it will again be necessary for the Board to approve various road closures.

It was moved by Trustee Pann to approve the closure of Harris Avenue west of La Grange Road to Ashland Avenue and Madison Avenue from Harris Avenue south to just north of the entrance to the parking lot located at Harris Avenue and Madison Avenue and the closure of Village parking Lots 3 and 4 on July 8 and 9, 2006 for the annual art and craft fair, seconded by Trustee Langan. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Trustee Horvath inquired if the Village is reimbursed for costs related to clean-up and was informed yes.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Pilipiszyn announced that the Village will be replacing the curb and gutter on Kensington Avenue between Cossitt Avenue and Calendar Avenue. Weather permitting the work is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 19 at 7:00 a.m. Manager Pilipiszyn indicated that affected residents have been notified of this project and if they have further questions should contact the Department of Public Works at (708) 579-2328.

In response to Mr. Palermo's previous inquiry regarding the purchase of vehicles for the Police Department, Mr. Pilipiszyn assured Mr. Palermo that Department Heads only purchase necessary items. In addition, the West Central Municipal Conference Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Agreement or the State of Illinois Central Management State Purchasing Agreement provides the Village with the best possible purchase price.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Rosemary Naseef, 911 S. Stone referenced the subdivision of lots by suggesting to Trustee Cremieux that the Village be less permissive in its building code. Ms. Naseef does not feel enough time is being given to digest the Zoning Code amendments when they will not be available until June 23 and the Public Hearing is June 27. Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin explained that the June 27 meeting is the first step in a lengthy process. It will be a review of

what the committee has discussed and assured Ms. Naseef that residents would be given ample time to comment.

President Asperger explained the process to amend the Zoning Code has been on going and at this first meeting Plan Commission members will be updated. As the process continues there will be ample time for everyone to express opinions. Trustee Langan agreed that there is no benefit to lose momentum or slow the process.

Trustee Horvath suggested the information be posted on-line under Village News and an e-mail notice go out to those registered.

Jim Palermo, 216 S. Ashland requested the Village televise and tape meetings and provide DVD's for residents not able to attend in person. President Asperger noted that residents are hesitant to be video taped or viewed live on camera and it is difficult to convey effective coverage. Trustee Langan encourages participation in person.

Reverend Debra Williams – Pastor of Davis Memorial Church noted that any information placed on the internet would be helpful for residents to prepare good dialogue and thus impact on the decision making process. Pastor Williams noted it is not just to be informed but to understand the information. President Asperger indicated this would require a tremendous amount of transactions.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Closed Session – Personnel Matters

It was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Cremieux to convene in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Approved by roll call vote.

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

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

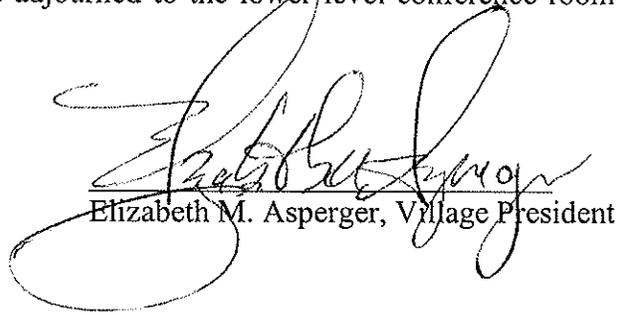
Trustee Horvath feels that Plan Commission meetings should be televised.

Trustee Cremieux feels that televising meetings should be used judiciously.

Trustee Wolf is in agreement with Trustee Horvath to televise and tape meetings.

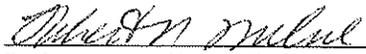
10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to the lower level conference room for closed session.



Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

  
Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

JULY 10, 2006  
Approved Date