

# MINUTES

## VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

### PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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

Monday, April 10, 2006 - 7:30 p.m.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange public hearing and 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, Livingston, Pann, and Wolf with President Asperger presiding.

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn  
Village Attorney Maureen Browne  
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin  
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone  
Public Works Director Ken Watkins  
Police Chief Michael Holub  
Fire Chief David Fleege  
Utilities Superintendent Mike Bojovic  
Reporter from the Suburban Life Tara Alexander  
Reporter from the Doings Ken Kuntson

President Asperger explained that there would be a public hearing prior to the regular Village Board meeting this evening.

#### 2. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2006-07 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget: Referred to President Asperger

It was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Pann to convene the Public Hearing for public comments on the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget. President Asperger indicated that notice of this

Public Hearing had been posted and published according to State Statute and that the budget document has been available for inspection at the Village Hall and the La Grange Public Library. President Asperger noted this five year budget is an excellent planning tool and asked if anyone in the audience had any oral or written comments or questions on the FY 2006-07 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget.

Kathy Deane, 110 S. Ashland inquired if the \$3.2 million federal grant was included in the budget and was informed that it was. Ms. Deane inquired if the Village had received a letter from Congressman Lipinski regarding use of the term "commuter" in the federal transportation bill. President Asperger indicated that Ms. Dean's inquiry had been conveyed to the Congressman and his staff, but to date no written response has been received from the Congressman's office.

Jim Palermo, 216 S. Ashland inquired why the preliminary budget was not available on the Village's website and was informed that the web provider for the Village continues to work on this project and hopes to have it completed in the near future.

Pastor Debra Williams expressed her appreciation to access the preliminary budget and was enlightened with the budgeting for the "brick and mortar" aspects of the community, however she would like to see future budgets include more human factors. President Asperger encouraged communication with staff to further explore ideas and needs for the community. Although specific budget line items may not be identified, such factors are considered.

At 7:54 p.m. with no additional oral or written comments, it was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Pann to adjourn the public hearing.

At 7:55 p.m. the Village Board meeting was convened, with the same Village Officials as the Public Hearing being in attendance.

### 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### A. Oath of Office – Firefighter / paramedic Chris Mansfield

President Asperger stated that a vacancy occurred within the Fire Department and the La Grange Board of Fire and Police Commission appointed Chris Mansfield. President Asperger welcomed Chris who is a licensed paramedic and certified Firefighter II. Village Clerk Milne administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Mansfield.

President Asperger announced that it has been customary to recognize its citizen volunteers who serve on advisory boards and commissions at an open house in one of the Village's dining establishments. This year the Village Board would

like to publicly thank those citizen volunteers and thus determined that at the next Village Board meeting on Monday, April 24, the agenda will only consist of special recognition for those citizens who volunteer to serve on the advisory boards and commissions.

With the beginning of Spring, President Asperger stated that it is anticipated to have the landscaping, irrigation system and fountain for the public plaza completed by May 1.

Giving an update on the Zoning Code Review Committee, President Asperger indicated they are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 18 in the lower level conference room of the Village Hall to review draft language on proposed amendments to the Zoning Code. Public hearings before the Plan Commission are anticipated to be held in June.

Lastly, President Asperger explained that in response to increased citizen concerns regarding traffic issues, the Village Board approved the establishment of a Part-Time Police Officer Program. Police Chief Holub has initiated the program to provide increased service to residents.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

#### 5. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-06-03)– Variation – Rear Yard Setback/Marty and Marcy Dunne, 300 S. Waiola Avenue
- B. Ordinance (#O-06-04) – Variation – Maximum Building Coverage / Vytautas Berzanskis, 737 S. Waiola Avenue
- C. Ordinance (#O-06-05) – Change in Parking Restrictions / 300 Block of W. Burlington Avenue
- D. Ordinance (#O-06-06) – Creation of Student Loading Zone / 100 Block of S. Madison Avenue (First United Methodist Church)
- E. Budget Amendments (Resolution #R-06-05) – Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2006
- F. Engineering Services Agreement – Bluff Avenue Reconstruction Project (Phase II Engineering) – (Resolution #R-06-06 Budget Amendment and Agreement with Heuer and Associates not to exceed \$197,396.30)

- G. Contract – Group Health and Life Insurance Renewal (Blue Cross / Blue Shield for group health insurance and Fort Dearborn for group life insurance effective May 1, 2006)
- H. Purchase – Public Works Department / Replacement of Step Van (Freeway Ford, Lyons, Illinois \$57,635 step van; Monroe Truck, Joliet, Illinois \$5,098 installation of the hydraulic system; Resolution #R-06-07 Budget Amendment)
- I. Budget Amendment (Resolution #R-06-08)– Traffic Signal Preemption Control System
- J. For-Profit Solicitation – TruGreen
- K. Consolidated Voucher 060327 (\$410,031.48)
- L. Consolidated Voucher 060410 (\$1,338,542.11)
- M. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, March 13, 2006

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

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

## 5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Resolution (#R-06-09) – Approving the FY 2006-07 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget: Referred to Trustee Wolf

Trustee Wolf stated that a public hearing was held earlier this evening to address written and oral comments regarding the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget. Trustee Wolf indicated that this is a five-year budget which offers insight into what is expected to occur over the next five years and can be used as a guideline for financial, administrative and operational purposes. Trustee Wolf added that capital expenditures of approximately \$3.2 million are budgeted in FY 2006-07 which consists of \$1.5 million in street and alley improvements, \$910,000 for water and sewer improvements, \$300,000 for parking structure improvements, \$230,000 for street light replacement program debt service,

\$200,000 for wayfinding signage in the Central Business District and \$75,000 in sidewalk, gutter and other improvements. Trustee Wolf explained that in order to continue to provide the high level of public services to the community, the Village has planned several revenue enhancements which will not create an added burden on residents via property taxes. Trustee Wolf added that these alternate revenues include a .25% non-home rule sales tax beginning in FY 2006-07 and the elimination of the sales tax TIF in FY 2007-08. Trustee Wolf added that the Village will also save approximately \$82,000 since there was no premium increase in the Village's group health insurance plan.

President Asperger complimented staff on the evolution of the current Village Budget noting the strength of a comprehensive five year plan. President Asperger also noted the significant input provided by the Trustees.

It was moved by Trustee Wolf to adopt the Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget, seconded by Trustee Pann. Approved by roll call vote.

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

- B. Resolution (#R-06-10) – Endorsement of Application for Cook County Class 6(b) Property Tax Incentive / 704 E. Elm: Referred to Trustee Livingston

Trustee Livingston noted that Mr. Bill Leonhard, President of Allied Waterproofing, currently located in Lyons, has approached the Village of La Grange about the potential for a Class 6(b) Cook County property tax abatement to develop a new industrial building at 704 E. Elm Avenue. Mr. Leonard proposes to construct a building comparable in appearance and size to the adjacent industrial structures, however, the contract to purchase the property is contingent upon acquiring a Class 6(b) tax status.

The Cook County Class 6(b) tax incentive program is designed to retain and encourage development of industrial uses, however, the County will not grant the incentive without approval from the Village in the form of a resolution in support of the application. Staff has analyzed the proposal and recommends approval of the resolution. Trustee Livingston noted that the Village of La Grange has previously approved similar types of incentives for other businesses.

Trustee Cremieux noted his favor of improving this vacant lot to a business which will create job opportunities. Trustee Langan expressed his favor with Mr. Leonhard's willingness to invest in the community. Trustee Wolf inquired if this tax abatement would be transferable and Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin indicated the tax abatement remains with the property.

It was moved by Trustee Livingston to approve the resolution which signifies to the County, the Village's endorsement of Mr. Leonhard's Class 6(b) tax abatement application, seconded by Trustee Langan. Approved by roll call vote.

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

C. Engineering Services Agreement – Maple Avenue Relief Sewer (MARS) Project (Phase I) (Resolution #R-06-11 Budget Amendment): Referred to Trustee Horvath

Trustee Horvath explained that the Village is embarking on a multi-year initiative to construct a relief storm sewer in Maple Avenue. This will first require the installation of an outlet sewer connecting the Bluff Avenue corridor to the Deep Tunnel. The project is to be completed in conjunction with the Bluff Avenue Reconstruction Project, thereby requiring a budget amendment to increase the allocation of funds.

It was moved by Trustee Horvath to approve the engineering services agreement for Phase I of the MARS project as submitted by Heuer and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$140,055 and the Resolution and budget amendment in the amount of \$140,055 to allocate the cost of design engineering related to the first phase of the MARS project to FY 2006-07, seconded by Trustee Pann. 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 stated that Village offices would be closed on Friday, April 14 for a Spring holiday, however police and fire would remain operational.

Manager Pilipiszyn added that the renewal of vehicle and animal licenses are due by April 30. Residents were encouraged to renew by mail or in person. The Finance Department has extended hours on Friday, April 28 until 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon to accommodate residents.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Don Johnson, 240 S. La Grange Road expressed his delight with the Part-Time Police Officer Program and inquired how many officers will encompass this program. Police Chief Holub noted that currently one Part-Time Police Officer is trained and active and possibly four or five additional will be trained and utilized in the near future.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

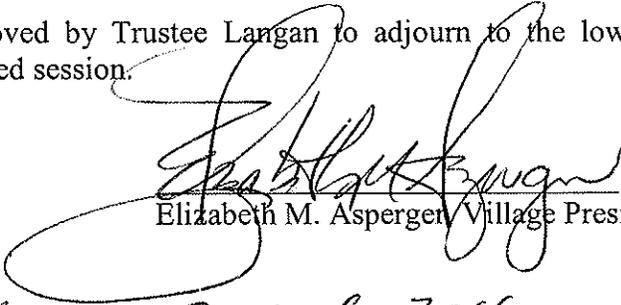
A. Closed Session – Purchase, Sale, or Lease of Real Property

It was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Pann to convene in Executive Session to discuss the purchase, sale, or lease of real property. Motion was approved.

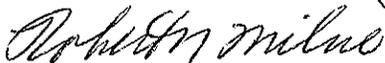
9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn to the lower level conference room for closed session.

  
Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

  
Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

  
Approved Date