

## MINUTES

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

Monday, December 12, 2005 - 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 Horvath, Langan, Livingston, and Pann with President Asperger presiding.

ABSENT: Trustees Cremieux and Wolf

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

### 2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger gave an update on the Zoning Code review process. The Zoning Code Review Committee recommends priority be given to bulk, yard and space requirements. The next meeting for the Committee will be held in January.

President Asperger commented on the success of the Holiday Walk and West End Holiday Block Party extending her thanks to the Department of Public Works for doing an outstanding job in preparation for these gatherings. President Asperger specifically commended Public Works Director Ken Watkins and Utilities Superintendent Mike Bojovic for their superb service.

Lastly, the Village is saddened to be losing Code and Development Supervisor Adam Dotson who has taken a position as Community Development Director with the City of Oak Forest.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-05-39) – Variation – Corner Side yard Setback / Maximum Building Coverage / James and Barbara Yong, 143 South Spring Avenue
- B. Engineering Services Agreement – Neighborhood “G” Street Resurfacing Project – Heuer and Associates, Westchester, Illinois - \$144,913
- C. Consolidated Voucher 051212 - \$584,618.94
- D. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, November 28, 2005

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

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Resolution Levying a Tax for Library Operating Purposes: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan explained that because the La Grange Library is a “municipal library” rather than a separate “public library district” it must levy property taxes as part of the Village of La Grange tax levy. The La Grange Library Board of Trustee’s 2005 levy request for operating purposes in FY 2005-06 is \$1,528,892 which is a 4.54% increase over last year’s tax levy. This is the allowable increase under the Property Tax Limitation Act and is equal to the increase of the Village tax levy request.

Trustee Langan noted that both Mr. Steve Moskal, Executive Director of the La Grange Library and Mr. Richard Adamczyk Trustee of the Library Board were in attendance to answer any questions.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to accept Resolution R11.15-A-2005, approved by the Library Board, seconded by Trustee Pann. Approved by roll call vote.

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

B. Ordinance (#O-05-40) – 2005 Property Tax Levy for Village Operations:  
Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan explained that since the tax levy did not exceed Truth in Taxation requirements it was not necessary to hold a public hearing to adopt the final levy. The final tax levy includes an increase of 4.54%, exclusive of debt service, over the prior year's tax extension.

Trustee Langan noted that in the past the Village has adopted an ordinance which abates the current portion of the 1998 Streetlight Bond Issue. Since staff has proposed to refund the outstanding balance of the 1998 Streetlight Bond Issue, an abatement is not part of the 2005 property tax levy. Abatement ordinances are required to be filed with Cook County prior to March 1, 2006, therefore the Village Board will be requested to approve an ordinance to abate the current portion of the 2005 Streetlight Refunding Issue in February, 2006.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to adopt the ordinance requesting a 2005 property tax levy of \$6,136,826, exclusive of debt service, which is a 4.54% increase from the 2004 levy, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by roll call vote.

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

President Asperger explained to the audience that this item had been discussed in great length at a previous Village Board meeting.

C. Resolution (#R-05-21) – Cook County Interoperable Communication System: Referred to Trustee Horvath

Trustee Horvath stated that the Cook County Interoperable Communication System is a state of the art, wireless video and text communication system which is funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Village of La Grange along with 27 other municipalities is being included in this "interoperable" system which provides the format to communicate in the event of an emergency. Trustee Horvath noted that there is no cost to the Village, however, as part of the County wide implementation process, a Resolution confirming the Village's participation is required.

It was moved by Trustee Horvath to approve the Resolution accepting the Cook County Interoperable Communication System, seconded by Trustee Livingston. Approved by roll call vote.

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

D. Ordinance (#O-05-41) – Refunding of 1998 Street Light Bond Issue:  
Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan explained that in 1998 the Village Board approved the issuance of alternate revenue bonds to complete the Residential Streetlight Program. Trustee Langan noted that the bonds were due to mature in 2017 and had an average interest rate of 4.65%. Due to more favorable current interest rates, staff negotiated terms for refunding which would save the Village approximately \$100,000. Trustee Langan introduced Kevin McCanna, President of Speer Financial, Inc. to elaborate on the refunding issue.

Mr. McCanna stated that the First National Bank of La Grange has submitted a bid for the purchase of the \$2,785,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2005 with an average interest rate of 3.73%. Mr. Speer Financial, Inc. is of the opinion that the bid is favorable to the Village and should be accepted.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to adopt the ordinance, drafted by bond counsel Holland and Knight, authorizing the issuance of \$2,785,000 General Obligation, Alternate Revenue, Refunding Bonds, Series 2005, seconded by Trustee Pann. Approved by roll call vote.

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn announced that the parking structure is open and operational as of Friday, December 2. Parking is free and available on a first come – first served basis to residents, shoppers and visitors, however, there is a 3-hour time limit until 6:00 p.m. Central Business District employees are required to purchase a parking decal. Mr. Pilipiszyn explained that the Village Board recently created a limited number of residential day and overnight decal spaces

within the structure and has indicated that operational policies will be revisited after three months to make adjustments if necessary. Mr. Pilipiszyn added that lighting and punch list items will continue through mid-January and weather permitting the public plaza should be completed by early Spring.

After January 2, Sixth Avenue will be restored back to a two-way street and the use of the temporary public parking lot at the former IHOP location will be discontinued.

Lastly, Mr. Pilipiszyn noted the Village Hall would be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holiday. Thus the regularly scheduled Village Board meeting on Monday, December 26 has been canceled.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

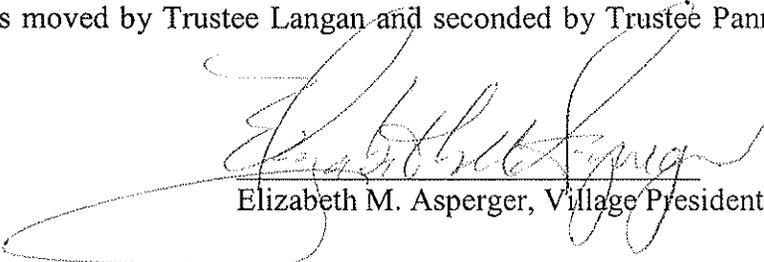
Trustee Langan stated that the effect of the 2005 property tax levy on the average La Grange home with a selling price of \$400,000 would be an increase of \$24.31 from the Village levy and \$5.84 from the Library levy.

Trustee Pann complimented the Public Works Department on their expeditious removal of snow.

Trustee Horvath wished all a safe and happy holiday.

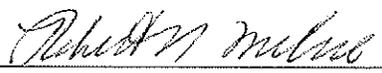
10. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:56 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Pann to adjourn.



Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:



Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk

01/23/06  
Approved Date