

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

Village Hall
Lower Level Conference Room
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, November 14, 2005
(Immediately Following the Regular Village Board Meeting)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

An Executive Committee Workshop was held on Monday, November 14, 2005 and called to order at 10:00 p.m. in the Village Hall lower level conference room.

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Robert Milne, Village Clerk
Robert Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
Sharon Peterson, Assistant Village Manager
Lou Cipparrone, Finance Director
Maureen Brown, Village Attorney
Ken Knutson Reporter The Doings
Sara Luneburg Reporter Suburban Life
Local Residents

2. TIF - Continued Policy Discussion

President Asperger gave a brief overview of the last Executive Committee meeting indicating that the focus of future TIF projects was directed towards the continuation of the façade loan program, capital projects, and redevelopment opportunities.

President Asperger further explained that the Village was not aggressively pursuing redevelopment projects. Rather, there seemed to be consensus among the Village Board that opportunities would be considered on a case-by-case basis when brought to the attention of staff.

Façade Loans

It was the consensus of the Village Board to continue the façade loan program. Staff was directed to work with subsequent applicants under one of several program options which were proposed.

It was also the consensus of the Village Board to explore the Business Improvement District (BID) concept as a post-TIF strategy.

Capital Projects

President Asperger briefly reviewed the six capital projects, and costs where available, as recommended by staff, and requested input from the Village Board.

Discussion ensued regarding prioritization and other funding sources for some of these projects.

It was the consensus of the Village Board that the first tier of priorities would consist of: way finding signage (first priority); beautification; and intersection improvements at La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue. The second tier of priorities would consist of: replacement of the overhead street lighting system along La Grange Road through the Central Business District; enhanced pedestrian crossing system at signalized intersections within the Central Business District; and improved vehicle / pedestrian movements at the La Grange Road train station along Hillgrove Avenue. Staff was directed to seek and maximize alternative revenue / grant sources for these projects to the extent possible before TIF funds are utilized.

Redevelopment Opportunities

President Asperger invited comments from the Village Board on the elements of a redevelopment policy prepared by staff.

A brief discussion ensued. President Asperger suggested that the Village Board give additional consideration to the proposed policy points for further discussion at a later date.

A question was raised regarding the last TIF property tax levy. President Asperger offered that since there is interest among the Village Board to use TIF funds for the projects discussed this evening, perhaps the best course of action is to remain flexible and not act on the issue for the time being. President Asperger suggested that in doing so, the Village Board could review TIF annually and in the meanwhile, it is possible that the County could provide further guidance on the issue.

3. Parking Structure / Operational Issues

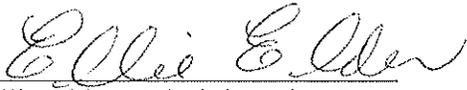
Village Manager Pilipiszyn had previously supplied the Executive Committee with an extensive report on parking structure operational issues for their review, with staff recommendations.

A brief discussion ensued. President Asperger suggested continuance of the discussion after the next regularly scheduled Village Board meeting on Monday, November 28, 2005.

4. Adjournment

The Executive Committee Workshop was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ellie Elder, Administrative Secretary

Approved: 01/23/06