

MINUTES

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

Monday, April 25, 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 7:30 p.m. by President Hansen. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Robert Milne, the following were:

PRESENT: Trustees Asperger, Cremieux, Eastman, Langan, Livingston and Pann with President Hansen presiding.

ABSENT: None

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 Chief Michael Holub
Fire Chief David Fleege
Village Planner Angela Mesaros

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hansen expressed heartfelt sympathies to the family of former Village President Thomas Brown at his passing. President Hansen noted that Mr. Brown had served as Village Trustee from 1968 to 1973; Village President from 1973 to 1977; and up until a few years ago as Code Enforcement Officer for the Village.

President Hansen informed the audience that previously this evening, the Canvassing Board consisting of himself, Village Clerk Milne, and Trustee Eastman conducted the canvass of the votes for the April 5, 2005 Consolidated Election and noted that there were no changes to the County's final election results.

President Hansen added that the Liquor Commission had also previously met this evening to discuss an ordinance to amend the Liquor Code in order to create a new Class H retail and catering license category which will be presented to the Village Board for consideration at the next regular meeting on May 9, 2005.

President Hansen announced that the Lyons Township High School Students Art Exhibit would be held in the Village Hall Auditorium beginning on Friday, April 29 and encouraged everyone to view the exhibit.

President Hansen reminded residents to purchase their vehicle and animal licenses prior to the April 30 deadline and announced extended hours for those who may not have already renewed.

Lastly, President Hansen announced that brush pick up by the Village's Public Works Department is the first Monday of each month.

A. Proclamation – Arbor Day

President Hansen stated that the Village of La Grange has been named a Tree City USA for the 22nd consecutive year and proclaimed April 29, 2005 as Arbor Day. It was moved by Trustee Asperger to approve the Proclamation recognizing Arbor Day, seconded by Trustee Eastman. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Mary Nelson, 1200 Carriage Lane representing the La Grange Public Library invited the audience to view the elementary schools art exhibits at the library.

Jim Palermo, 216 South Ashland questioned certain amendments to the draft Comprehensive Plan, specifically affordable housing and its definition. President Hansen explained that there is a state law governing this matter and that the Village is in compliance. Village Attorney Burkland noted that there is no definition for affordable housing and the State of Illinois uses data related to income which varies for each community. La Grange is exempt because it exceeds the minimum requirement. Mr. Palermo requested the vote to approve the Comprehensive Plan be continued until the newly elected Trustees take office.

Mike Horvath, 123 S. Madison Avenue commented that the Comprehensive Plan provides a very good vision for the community, however he expressed concerns regarding the rezoning of the West End Business District, noting traffic issues, density and parking.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Quotes – Temporary Improvements, IHOP Parking Lot (R-05-07) – Je Redding Asphalt Company, Lyons, Illinois - \$11,495
- B. Award of Contract – Tree Pruning and Tree Removal – Three-year contract tree pruning to Arbor Green Ltd., Morton Grove, Illinois and three-year contract tree removal to Midwest Tree Service, DeKalb, Illinois.
- C. Quotes – Riding Lawn Mower –Russo Power Equipment, Schiller Park, Illinois \$6,594
- D. Consolidated Voucher 050425 - \$452,771.82
- E. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Public Hearing and Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, April 11, 2005

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

Ayes: Trustees Asperger, Cremieux, Eastman, Langan,
Livingston, Pann and President Hansen
Nays: None
Absent: None

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance – Amendment to the Official Comprehensive Plan of the Village of La Grange and Adoption of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Corridor Plan: Referred to Trustee Livingston

Trustee Livingston gave a brief introduction of the Comprehensive Plan explaining that it is the result of nearly two years of planning by dedicated citizens, community leaders, village officials, staff and planning consultants. Trustee Livingston noted the importance the Comprehensive Plan being a guide to measure the most desirable long-range development of the community and indicated that Trustee Richard Cremieux, Trustee Ken Eastman, Economic Development Advisory Committee Chair Taylor Jaeger, Plan Commission Chair Steve Randolph and HNTB Corporation Associate Vice President Phil Hanegraaf would comment and answer questions.

Trustee Eastman believes this is a good plan in terms of looking forward and provides some decision making tools. Throughout the plan development process, issues were resolved by consensus. The plan is balanced in its approach and should be approved.

Trustee Cremieux thanked Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin and Village Planner Angela Mesaros along with members of the Steering Committee and the Plan Commission for their time and talents to achieve this document.

Trustee Livingston recognized members of the Steering Committee by name: Andrea Barnish, Jerry Burjan, Richard Cremieux, Greg DiDomenico, Charlene Vickery, Ken Eastman, Cheryl Ciecko, Taylor Jaeger, Robert Klonowski, Gaylon Lightner, John Madden, Mary Nelson, Cathy Pierson, Stephen Randolph, and John Rot.

It was moved by Trustee Livingston to approve the Ordinance amending the Official Comprehensive Plan of the Village of La Grange and adopting the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Corridor Plan, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Taylor Jaeger spoke briefly of the 18 month process used in taking comments from various groups and forwarding them to the Plan Commission. Steve Randolph remarked that over 50 meetings were held of one kind or another related to this project and indicated the process was a good series of checks and balances.

Phil Hanegraaf of HNTB proceeded to make a brief presentation to highlight the major elements of the new plan.

Village Board discussion ensued. Trustee Eastman inquired as to changes indicated on the west side of the Village with pros and cons for designated C-1 being changed to C-2, land use, affordable housing, a central historical area, and multi-family versus single family on the east side. Mr. Hanegraaf and Mr. Randolph answered questions and attempted to clarify issues.

Trustee Eastman indicated the Comprehensive Plan is an advisory tool and spoke of the bicycle path and the historic district with questions regarding implementation. Mr. Hanegraaf indicated the plan expresses guidelines not recommendations and Commissioner Randolph clarified wording of parking lots as opposed to parking areas.

Trustee Cremieux discussed maintaining both commuter stations as full service.

Trustee Asperger commented on the structural preservation of the Stone Avenue Station as well as working with local school districts concerning traffic, safety measures and student parking.

Both Trustee Cremieux and Asperger were concerned with the mention of similar neighborhood groups which are concepts used in Naperville and Mr. Hanegraaf noted it was included as an association reference. It was suggested that this concept be removed.

Trustee Asperger noted zoning code amendments being considered only for core residential and historical areas rather than community wide.

Trustee Eastman suggested maintaining the core wording and creating a community wide section. It was agreed that the text can be modified.

Trustee Langan expressed his opinion to remain flexible and recognize the need for alternate uses and expansion of green space.

Trustee Livingston expressed the need for a traffic study and Commissioner Randolph strongly recommends a traffic capacity study not a traffic density study. In addition Commissioner Randolph recommended the need for rational capacity of streets.

Trustee Asperger commented on the Villages perseverance in seeking grants for alternative revenue sources in order to reduce the pressure of property tax increases. In addition, Trustee Asperger noted her support to expand open space and maintain safety in and around the railroads.

Trustee Langan complimented the committee and noted the need for updating the telephone infrastructure wiring and cable into a wireless network.

Trustee Pann concurred with items previously discussed by the Board.

President Hansen indicated the need for clarification of C-1 versus C-2 zoning for the West End Business District and Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin explained that it is not about changing the zoning from C-1 to C-2 but how parking is provided in the commercial sub-corridor.

President Hansen noted the consensus of the Board for approving the Comprehensive Plan with some changes in wording. President Hansen requested a motion to table this item and suggested approving the concept and directing staff to make revisions and prepare a final copy for Board approval at the next Village Board on May 9.

It was moved by Trustee Eastman to table the final adoption of the Comprehensive Plan subject to changes, seconded by Trustee Cremieux. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Hansen thanked all who participated in the evolution of the Comprehensive Plan and noted that it reflects the existing character of La Grange and will reinforce the vision for future changes.

B. Award of Contract – Neighborhood “F-2” Street Resurfacing Project:
Referred to Trustee Asperger (R-05-08)

Trustee Asperger explained the infrastructure improvements to the area generally bounded by 47th Street to the north, La Grange Road to the east, 53rd Street to the south and Kensington Avenue to the west, will include street resurfacing and rehabilitation; sewer rehabilitation; replacement of drainage structures; and spot curb repairs. Trustee Asperger noted that Central Blacktop, the low bidder for this project, has been recommended by the Village’s Engineer, Heuer and Associates to be capable of performing the work as specified.

Trustee Asperger added that due to the bid price for sewer items exceeding the overall budget estimate it is necessary to approve a budget amendment for sewer main maintenance.

It was moved by Trustee Asperger to award the construction contract for the Neighborhood “F-2” Street Resurfacing Project to Central Blacktop of Hodgkins, Illinois in the amount of \$1,396,842 and approving the budget amendment and resolution in the amount of \$89,000 in the Sewer Fund for the additional sewer work, seconded by Trustee Langan. Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes:	Trustees Asperger, Cremieux, Eastman, Langan, Livingston, and Pann
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

6. MANAGER’S REPORT

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

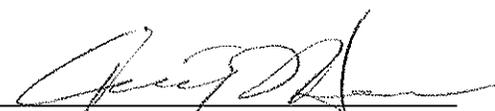
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9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Eastman that the Village Board adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.



Timothy R. Hansen, Village President

ATTEST:



Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk



Approved Date