

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 11, 2005 - 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 7:30 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
Utilities Superintendent Mike Bojovic
Reporter from the Suburban Life Sara Luneburg

President Hansen extended congratulations to the newly elected officials Village President Elizabeth Asperger, Village Clerk Robert Milne, Village Trustees Mark Langan, Mike Horvath, and Barb Wolf, adding that La Grange is a strong community and will move forward with this new leadership. President Hansen explained that there would be a public hearing prior to the regular Village Board meeting this evening.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2005-06 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget:
Referred to President Hansen

At 7:35 p.m. President Hansen 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 Hansen stated that proposed revenues for Fiscal Year 2005-06 are \$32,478,845 and that proposed expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-06 are \$33,658,242. President Hansen asked if anyone in the audience had any oral or written comments or questions on the FY 2005-06 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget. Hearing and receiving none, at 7:40 p.m. President Hansen closed the public hearing.

At 7:41 p.m. the Village Board meeting was convened, with the same Village Officials as the Public Hearing being in attendance.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hansen recognized the *Judah Travelers*, a local church basketball team, and introduced its coaches and players to the audience. The Village Board congratulated them on achieving first place in their league. President Hansen introduced the Reverend Debra Williams who is the new Pastor of Davis Memorial Church.

President Hansen noted the canvass of votes from the April 5th consolidated election would be held after April 20 and prior to April 26 when Cook County has finalized its count.

President Hansen added that the draft Comprehensive Plan has been reviewed by the Plan Commission. With some modifications, the Plan Commission has recommended its approval. The Comprehensive Plan is available for review at the La Grange Public Library as well as the Village website.

President Hansen congratulated Village Trustee Ken Eastman on receiving the 2005 Ted Gifford award for outstanding community service to be presented at the Rotary Club meeting on Friday, April 15. Lastly, President Hansen and the entire Village Board thanked and congratulated Public Works Director Ken Watkins for his dedication and hard work during his 25 years of employment with the Village.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (No. O-05-05) – Variation – Number of Signs per Lot / John Rot, Seamus Knolls, LLC, 70-76 S. La Grange Road
- B. Consolidated Voucher 050411 - \$421,099.10
- C. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, March 28, 2005

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

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Resolution (R-05-05) – Approving the FY 2005-06 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan stated that there were no written or oral comments regarding the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Operating and Capital Improvements budget at this evening's previously held public hearing. Trustee Langan 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 Langan added that capital expenditures of approximately \$9.8 million are budgeted in FY 2005-06 which consists of \$6.2 million for a parking structure, \$2.7 million in street and alley improvements, \$565,000 for water and sewer improvements, \$294,000 for street light replacement program debt service, and \$75,000 in sidewalk, gutter and other improvements. Trustee Langan 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 Langan added that these alternate revenues include a Special Service Area levy for maintenance of the Central Business District in FY 2005-06, 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 Langan added that the Village will also save approximately \$159,000 since there was no premium increase in the Village's group health insurance plan.

President Hansen complimented staff on the evolution of the current Village Budget noting the strength of a five year plan.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to adopt the Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget, seconded by Trustee Eastman. Approved by roll call vote.

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

B. Budget Amendments (Resolution R-05-06) – Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2005: Referred to Trustee Livingston

Trustee Livingston noted the necessity to comply with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 34 and amend the budget due to unbudgeted expenditures which have been previously approved by the Village Board. Trustee Livingston explained that the first budget amendment was for the cost to relocate and bury overhead utility lines in the alley behind the Village Hall in preparation for the construction of the parking structure. The second budget amendment was for unbudgeted salary expenditures in the Administrative and Finance Departments due to the retirement of the Village Manager and Accounts Payable Clerk, per Village policy for payout of accrued sick leave, vacation and other accrued leave time. Trustee Livingston added that every change to the budget has to be recognized formally.

It was moved by Trustee Livingston to approve the resolution amending the FY 2004-05 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget, seconded by Trustee Asperger, Approved by roll call vote.

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

C. Award of Contract – Auditing Services: Referred to Trustee Cremieux

Trustee Cremieux proposed that the Village retain Sikich, Gardner for another five-year contract for auditing services. Trustee Cremieux reasoned that many governmental auditing firms are no longer performing audits for state and municipal governmental entities and the Village has been well served by Sikich, Gardner and Mr. Dan Berg who was instrumental in assisting the Village with implementation of GASB34. Trustee Cremieux noted that auditing services are exempt from the formal bidding process and although the services are for five-years the contract is renewed annually. It was moved by Trustee Cremieux to accept the

proposal from Sikich, Gardner for auditing services, 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

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn had no additional items to report.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Eastman expressed his gratitude for being nominated to receive the Ted Gifford Award.

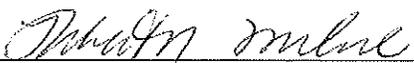
10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Asperger that the Village Board adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

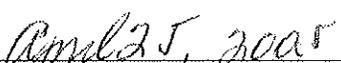


Timothy R. Hansen, Village President

ATTEST:



Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk



Approved Date