

MINUTES

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

Monday, March 28, 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 7:35 p.m. by President Hansen. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Robert Milne, the following were:

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

ABSENT: Trustee Asperger

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Sharon Peterson
Village Attorney Matt Norton
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
Reporter from the Doings Ken Knutson

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hansen indicated that the Village of La Grange has once again been named a Tree City USA.

President Hansen informed the audience of an economic development video entitled *Ahhh! La Grange Business Opportunities* which will be used as a professional marketing piece at trade shows. Thanks were expressed to Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin and Code and Development Supervisor Adam Dotson for developing this promotional item.

President Hansen concluded his announcements by noting that the Plan Commission would be conducting their deliberation of the Comprehensive Plan tomorrow evening in the Village Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. President Hansen invited Chairman of the Plan Commission Steve Randolph to give an update on the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Randolph gave a status summary of what has transpired over the past year at the numerous meetings, focus groups and public hearings explaining that the consultant HNTB has provided a red-lined version of the Comprehensive Plan which will help explain concepts and actual verbage and allow the Commission to make changes before it is presented to the Village Board.

President Hansen asked if the Comprehensive Plan recommends parking decks in the West End Business District, and was informed by Commissioner Randolph no, it does not. Commissioner Randolph stated that the plan is flexible; it does not prohibit nor does it advocate such changes. Commissioner Randolph added that one of the issues discussed in great length by the Plan Commission was to complete a traffic study and not allow METRA to influence building a parking deck if arterial streets are unable to accommodate the demand.

President Hansen inquired if there are TIF Districts included in the Comprehensive Plan and was informed by Commissioner Randolph no, the plan just recognizes the existence of the current TIF District.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

Trustee Cremieux requested item 4.A of the Omnibus Agenda be removed for further discussion.

- A. Ordinance (No. O-05-02) – Design Review Permit (DRP) #64 – 114 West Calendar, Jim Loayza
- B. Ordinance (No. O-05-03) – Special Use/Site Plan Approval to Allow Gymnastics Instruction – Amusement and Recreation Services in the I-1 Light Industrial District, 300 Washington Avenue (Unit D), Christine Kozelka Campbell
- C. Advance Purchase – Police Department Squad Cars (WCMC) Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Anderson Ford of Berwyn, Illinois 7 vehicles \$99,126

- D. Ordinance (No. O-05-04) – Disposal of Surplus Property
- E. Quotes – Residential Streetlight Program – Additional Installation – J. F. Edwards Construction, Geneseo, Illinois \$8,500
- F. Consolidated Vouchers 050314 and 050328 - \$752,039.60 and \$807,752.55
- G. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, February 28, 2005

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

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

President Hansen summarized item 4.A regarding the Design Review Permit (DRP) #64 at 114 West Calendar noting that the Design Review Commission had given its unanimous approval. Trustee Cremieux questioned the height and was informed by Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin that the height was in compliance with the Village's Zoning Code. Trustee Cremieux requested discussion amongst the Board.

Trustee Pann believes the variety of height and character of the building adds to the charm of the Village and expressed his approval as long as it was in compliance with code. Although Trustee Livingston agrees with the desire for a variety in architecture he expressed his disapproval at this time and would like to further review the request. Trustee Eastman questioned whether there were two offices or one tenant and was informed that there was only one tenant. Trustee Langan feels it is a very nice design and believes the Design Review Commission made a good decision.

President Hansen explained that the zoning is in compliance with Village code and the item to be voted on is the Design Review Permit. It was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Pann to approve Design Review Permit #64. President Hansen asked if there were any further discussion. Trustee Cremieux continued to have concerns with the dome. Trustee Livingston stated he would not vote in favor at this time.

It had been moved and seconded to approve the Ordinance for Design Review Permit (DRP) #64 at 114 West Calendar, Jim Loayza. Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Eastman, Langan, Pann and President Hansen
Nays: Trustees Cremieux and Livingston
Absent: Trustee Asperger

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Contract – Group Health and Life Insurance Renewal: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan stated that the Village's health insurance contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois expires on April 30, 2005. It was noted that Blue Cross requested a 4.12% increase in premiums which is well below the average increase of 13% in health insurance costs. Trustee Langan explained that after further negotiations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield agreed to renew the Village's group health insurance contract with no increase in premiums for the next fiscal year.

Trustee Langan continued by stating that group life insurance is provided by Fort Dearborn Life through Blue Cross/Blue Shield and because the Village continues to have a good claims history a one-year agreement has been negotiated with Fort Dearborn Life with no increase in premiums.

President Hansen thanked the Village's insurance broker Jim Relyea for his assistance in negotiations with Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve the contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for group health insurance and Fort Dearborn for group life insurance, effective May 1, 2005 and the Village Manager be authorized to execute the contract documents, seconded by Trustee Cremieux. Approved by roll call vote.

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn explained the four phases of improvements during the Hillgrove Avenue Rehabilitation Project which is scheduled to be

completed by October 2005. Village Manager Pilipiszyn indicated that questions regarding commuter parking or construction concerns be directed to the Public Works Department at 579-2328.

Village Manager Pilipiszyn noted that absentee voting has been on-going at the Village Hall and will continue Monday through Friday, April 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with extended hours on Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Voter registration resumes on April 7 and questions may be directed to the Village Clerk at 579-2316.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Jeanne Mc Laughlin, 242 S. Peck Avenue inquired if the Comprehensive Plan has been adopted by the Board or is it still in review with the Plan Commission. President Hansen answered that the Comprehensive Plan is still in review with the Plan Commission and has not been presented to the Village Board for approval.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Closed Session to Discuss Matters of Potential Litigation

It was moved by Trustee Pann and seconded by Trustee Livingston to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss possible litigation immediately following this evening's Village Board meeting. Approved by roll call vote:

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

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Eastman spoke on the recent proposal to restructure the TIF District to provide clarification to questions he has received from residents. Trustee Eastman explained that although there was a request by staff for the Village Board to review the opportunity to extend TIF, the Board carefully considered the issues and concerns expressed by the school and park districts, thereby concluding it would not extend TIF.

Trustee Langan, on behalf of residents who spoke to him, extended thanks to the Public Works Department for keeping the lines of communication open during the road construction project. Trustee Langan requested staff to make arrangements

with LT-TV to incorporate the economic development video into the televised replay of the Village Board meeting to be aired on the Village's cable network.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Eastman that the Village Board adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

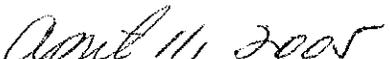


Timothy R. Hansen, Village President

ATTEST:



Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk



Approved Date