

MINUTES

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

Monday, February 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 7:34 p.m. by President Hansen. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Robert Milne, the following were:

PRESENT: Trustees Asperger, Cremieux (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), 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
Assistant Public Works Director Mike Bojovic
Utilities Superintendent Mike Bojovic
Police Chief Michael Holub
Fire Chief David Fleege
Reporter from the Suburban Life Sara Luneburg
Reporter from the Doings Ken Knutson

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hansen indicated he did not have any announcements.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Engineering Services Agreement – Neighborhood “F-2” Street Resurfacing Project – Heuer and Associates, McCook, Illinois - \$178,285
- B. Consolidated Voucher 050228 - \$310,445.54
- C. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, February 14, 2005.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, and C 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. Resolution (R-05-04) – Establishing Certain Temporary Parking and Traffic Regulations During Construction of Parking Structure: Referred to Trustee Cremieux

Trustee Cremieux explained that the Village has studied and determined the best methods to create temporary parking opportunities and to adjust vehicular traffic patterns during the construction of the parking structure. Trustee Cremieux added that the Village would create a temporary municipal parking lot at 93 South La Grange Road, which is the former IHOP Restaurant property; change 6th Avenue into a one-way street, southbound between Burlington Avenue and Cossitt Avenue; and allow parking on both sides of 6th Avenue on this two block segment. Trustee Cremieux requested Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn to elaborate on the proposed operational issues and relocation of upcoming special events.

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn thanked residents and the business community for their comments and suggestions at the public meetings previously held to achieve the best method for additional parking during the construction of the parking structure. The temporary parking plan provides for the creation of 95 spaces at the IHOP parking lot; 66 on-street spaces by making 6th Avenue one-way southbound from Burlington to Cossitt with parking on both sides of the street; CBD Employee decal parking on 7th Avenue and Harris Avenue (3 spaces), Harris Avenue west of Ashland Avenue (3 spaces), and on Calendar Avenue west of Ashland Avenue (8 spaces); and allowing residential overnight parking in Lots 2,

11, and 12. Mr. Pilipiszyn added that the Village will continue to communicate to residents, shoppers, and Central Business District employees via the Village's website and will initiate a brochure providing information related to temporary parking and traffic variations. To further extend communications, residents are invited to contact Assistant Village Manager Sharon Peterson via e-mail at speterson@villageoflagrange.com to share their e-mail address.

Mr. Pilipiszyn indicated that the Farmer's Market would be resuming on May 12 and will be conducted on Harris Avenue east of La Grange Road. Mr. Pilipiszyn added that the upcoming Pet Parade Carnival and Craft Fair would also be held on Harris Avenue west of La Grange Road.

Trustee Cremieux moved to approve the resolution establishing the temporary parking and traffic regulations during the construction of the parking structure, seconded by Trustee Pann. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn announced that the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad will be conducting necessary track repairs which will require the La Grange Road crossing to be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, March 2 and 3. The Village has notified the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Burlington Northern will post signage for alternate routes.

Mr. Pilipiszyn invited the public to attend the continuation of the Plan Commission's Public Hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Auditorium.

The public was advised that Lyons Township, located at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside, would be conducting seminars on Wednesday, March 2 at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. regarding information on how to file an appeal for the 2004 tax assessment.

The public was invited to attend a Budget Workshop on Saturday, March 5 at 8:00 a.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Village Hall. Finance Director Lou Cipparrone stated that copies of the draft budget are available at the La Grange Public Library as well as in the Village Clerk's Office.

Lastly, Mr. Pilipiszyn noted that the brochure being prepared by the Village would provide a map of alternate parking locations for residents, shoppers and employees in the Central Business District along with frequently asked questions and answers. The brochure should be available and placed in local stores by the end of the week.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Jim Palermo, 216 S. Ashland expressed his delight with the enhancements to the Village website and proclaimed he had suggested these improvements to the Village Board 13 months ago. Mr. Palermo hoped the Village would move forward with his idea to form a technology committee and indicated his belief that when the newly elected Trustees Mike Horvath and Barb Wolf take office, they would move forward with his request to form such a committee.

Kathy Deane, 110 S. Ashland, recited a letter to the editor published in the Doings Newspaper and written by Robert Wessel.

John Mueller, who resides on Kensington Avenue, indicated his interest in the Village Hall Auditorium being used for theatrical performances. President Hansen advised Mr. Mueller to contact the Village Manager with his request.

Elizabeth Lewis, 324 S. 6th Avenue expressed her concerns with the Comprehensive Plan and feels that input from residents is being ignored. Ms. Lewis noted the loss of affordable housing; intolerable traffic on Brainard Avenue; and her belief that the Village should support parks and schools not the creation of a new TIF District. Ms. Lewis noted that the Comprehensive Plan does have many fine recommendations but she is opposed to building high density parking structures in residential areas.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Pann expressed his rebuttal to Mr. Wessel's letter to the editor noting that verbal statements were taken out of context. Trustee Pann reiterated his approval for the construction of a parking structure.

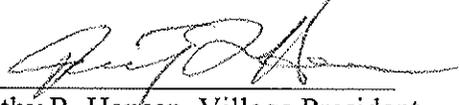
Trustee Cremieux noted his belief that the Village Board has and continues to believe the parking structure is in the best interests of the entire Village.

Trustee Asperger feels that the Village Board has and continues to represent and communicate to the citizens of La Grange in an honest and respectful manner.

Trustee Langan reiterated the history and several years of compiling information, which the Village has undertaken to bring forth the Comprehensive Plan as well as the parking structure. Trustee Langan believes the Village Board has openly communicated through various means including the Village website.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan and seconded by Trustee Asperger that the Village Board adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

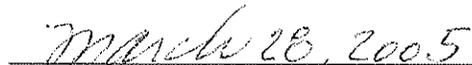


Timothy R. Hansen, Village President

ATTEST:



Robert N. Milne, Village Clerk



Approved Date