

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

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

Monday, January 31, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

An Executive Committee Workshop of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange was held on Monday, January 31, 2005 and called to order at 7:40 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Village Hall.

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

ABSENT: Trustees Eastman and Pann.

OTHERS: Robert Milne, Village Clerk
Robert Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
Sharon Peterson, Assistant Village Manager
Lou Cipparrone, Finance Director
Ken Watkins, Director of Public Works
Mike Bojovic, Utilities Superintendent
Chris Dosselman, Office Manager
Tom Heuer, Village Engineer
Ken Knudson, The Doings

II. TIF FUND – PARKING STRUCTURE FUNDING PLAN, CONTINUED DISCUSSION.

This item is a continued discussion from the November 22, 2004 workshop. Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn presented an updated and finalized funding plan for the parking structure project now that the construction costs have been determined. In summary, staff proposed the use of General Fund reserves to fund the additional cost of \$356,710 to the overall project budget.

Finance Director Lou Cipparrone reviewed the recommended funding plan, the highlights of which are outlined below.

- Utilize \$2,230,000 in TIF Fund reserves.

- Use Village reserve funds to reduce the amount of the bond issue in a total of \$3,336,710 (\$2.23 million – TIF Fund, \$750,000 – Parking Fund, and \$356,710 – General Fund).
- The amount of the bond issue at this time is \$4.5 million, which is the difference between the cost of the design, construction and professional fees of the parking structure (\$7,836,710) and the total amount of Village reserve funds being used to reduce the amount of the bond issue (\$3,336,710).
- With a 6 year term, and an estimated interest rate of 5% on a \$4.5 million bond issue, interest costs are estimated at \$820,000.
- Since the Village will use available reserves of approximately \$3.3 million to fund the early stages of the project, the Village does not anticipate having the need to issue bonds until mid-2005.

Trustee Livingston asked how it would be handled if federal funds become available during this time. If federal funds do become available, the Village would need to be careful on how the terms of the bond issue are structured for reimbursement with federal funds.

There being no further discussion, this funding plan will now be incorporated into the draft budget.

III. CAPTIAL PROJECTS.

Office Manager Chris Dosselman presented this item which included a status report of Capital Projects for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and Capital Project recommendations for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

Village Engineer Tom Heuer was present to give an update on the Hillgrove reconstruction project. Due to the late bid date, the project did not begin until late in the fiscal year and construction will resume in the early part of spring. The balance of funds for this project has been carried over into the fiscal year 2005-2006 budget.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to concur with staff's budget recommendations.

IV. WATER FUND.

Utilities Superintendent Mike Bojovic presented this item which included a status report of water system improvements for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and recommendations for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. Among the recommendations, staff proposed the following:

- One and a half (1.5%) water rate increase, to reflect new rates charged by McCook effective January 1.
- Water main replacement schedule for the next five years, which prioritizes which areas get replaced first. This may change however, when the Street Condition Survey is completed.
- Water meters will be 20 to 25 years old in fiscal year 2009. Staff proposed a budget of \$300,000 beginning in fiscal year 2009 for two years in order to replace the existing meters.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to concur with staff's budget recommendations.

V. SEWER FUND.

Public Works Director Ken Watkins presented this item which included a status report of sewer system improvements for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 as well as recommendations for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. Among the recommendations, staff proposed the following:

- Sewer improvements in Neighborhood F-2.
- May 1, 2005 will be year three of a five year projected 5% annual rate increase. This will represent less than \$5.00 per year for most sewer customers.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to concur with staff's budget recommendations.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

The Executive Committee Workshop was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon L. Peterson
Assistant Village Manager

Approved: 02-14-05