

## **Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**

Date: Monday, February 22, 2010

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Village Hall Auditorium

Minutes of the Meeting

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Village Hall Auditorium  
53 South La Grange Road  
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, February 22, 2010 - 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 7:33 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Administrative Secretary Ellie Elder, the following were present:

**PRESENT:** Trustees Holder, Horvath, Langan, Livingston, Kuchler, and Palermo

**ABSENT:** Village Clerk Milne

**OTHERS:** Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn  
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson  
Village Attorney Mark Burkland  
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone  
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin  
Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros  
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham  
Fire Chief David Fleege  
Police Chief Mike Holub

### **2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### **A. Appointments – Plan Commission**

President Asperger noted that vacancies have occurred on the Plan Commission. President Asperger requested approval to appoint Mr. Wayne Kardatzke as Chair of the Plan Commission; Ms. Laura Weyrauch as Vice-Chair of the Plan Commission; and Ms. Nancy Pierson as Commissioner of the Plan Commission. Trustee Langan moved to approve the appointments, seconded by Trustee Holder. The motion carried by voice vote.

President Asperger noted that previously this evening an Emergency Telephone System Board meeting was held in preparation for the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget.

President Asperger announced that immediately following the regular Village Board meeting this evening there would be an Economic Development workshop and the public is invited to attend.

Lastly, President Asperger expressed sincere condolences to the Gist family at the tragic loss of those family members killed in the recent fire in Cicero.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Village Attorney Burkland noted changes to the wording of item B on the omnibus agenda to read Ordinances, indicating that the Board is approving two separate ordinances regarding the Bluff Avenue Reconstruction Project.

### 4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Ordinance (#O-10-06) – Creating an Additional Class A-2 Liquor License, Toscana’s Grill, 80 S. La Grange Road

B. Ordinance (#O-10-07 & #O-10-08) – Authorizing Acquisition of Permanent Easement and Temporary Construction Easements for the Bluff Avenue Reconstruction Project

C. IDOT / Local Agency Agreement – Neighborhood “H” Street Resurfacing Project

D. Open Meetings Act – Review of Closed Session Minutes

E. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Special Village Board Meeting on Monday, February 1, 2010 (Capital Projects Workshop)

F. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, February 8, 2010

G. Consolidated Voucher 100222 – (\$864,344.39)

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B (with changes), C, D, E, F, and G of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, Palermo and President Asperger

Nays: None

Absent: None

## 5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. A Resolution (#R-10-02) of the Village of La Grange Urging the General Assembly to Consider Pension Reform Measures: Referred to President Asperger

President Asperger described the various issues and decisions made at the State level which impact the ability of municipalities to fund their pension contributions. In summary, pension reform by the General Assembly is necessary to address the funding status of pension funds.

Based on the recent series of pension discussions and review of the Village Board regarding the pension situation, President Asperger explained that a draft resolution urging the Illinois General Assembly to enact pension reform was recently circulated to the Board.

Staff completed research with other municipalities and incorporated the Board's suggestions to form the language on the resolution presented this evening.

President Asperger moved to approve the resolution urging the General Assembly to consider pension reform measures, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Considerable discussion ensued between the Village Board.

Trustee Holder suggested that the wording in Section 2 of the resolution indicating the "Illinois General Assembly to consider the following:" be revised to state the "Illinois General Assembly to act upon the following:"

Trustee Livingston noted his support of the resolution and the importance of municipalities taking action to send a message to legislators regarding pension reform.

Trustee Palermo shares the concerns regarding pension shortfalls and feels we should adjust the retirement age. Trustee Palermo also believes that more financial data should be included in the resolution to inform our legislators of the deficiencies. Trustee Palermo suggested that this item be tabled until further revisions are made.

Trustee Kuchler believes this resolution is proper and expressed doubt as to its effectiveness with legislators. Trustee Kuchler does not feel more staff time should be expended for revisions.

Trustee Langan does believe that our legislators recognize the issues faced by municipalities and are open to comments and concerns. Trustee Langan expressed his support of the resolution as is.

Trustee Horvath expressed his favor of the resolution and feels the importance of the issues related to pension shortfalls need to be relayed to our legislators.

Trustee Livingston concurs and strongly believes resolutions such as this are acknowledged in Springfield and help provide better communication to our legislators.

President Asperger noted that a majority of the Village Board was supportive of the resolution as written, with a couple of word changes proposed by Trustee Holder. Trustee Palermo offered his assistance for an on-going dialogue of this issue.

Approved with minor revisions by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, and Palermo

Nays: None

Absent: None

## 6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn announced that a draft budget would be posted on the Village website and available at the La Grange Public Library on or about March 5 in advance of the budget workshop to be held on Saturday, March 13. The public was invited to attend.

Mr. Pilipiszyn indicated that notices for vehicle and animal license renewals will be mailed shortly and the Village would be offering extended hours to accommodate residents who chose to renew in person rather than by mail.

Lastly, Mr. Pilipiszyn stated that the third consecutive Spring Clean-up day will be offered to residents the week of April 12. Detailed information is available on the Village's website.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Greg O'Connor, 315 S. Catherine Avenue noted his displeasure in the methodology of appointments to the various boards and commissions and his disappointment in the denial of his variance request in January, 2010. Mr. O'Connor referenced correspondence sent to President Asperger via electronic mail on Sunday, February 21, 2010 noting his criticism and concerns.

President Asperger expressed her rebuttal to Mr. O'Connor's comments and noted she would share his electronic correspondence to the entire Board. President Asperger disagrees with Mr. O'Connor's accusations in his correspondence and strongly noted the highest regard for the volunteers who are appointed to the boards and commissions and their commitment to doing their best in following Village code, policy and procedures. President Asperger

expressed her thoughts that the members of the boards and commissions as well as the Village Board of Trustees and herself work very hard to serve the residents and community in which they live.

#### 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### 9 TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Horvath expressed his support to televise all of the boards and commission meetings and noted his personal e-mail address for residents to contact him.

President Asperger stated that the Village's e-mail is open for the public to contact her as well as each of the departments.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approved: 03/08/10