

Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Date: Monday, February 08, 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 8, 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 7:35 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

President Asperger announced that DiNico's Pizza would be opening this week.

Congratulations were extended to the Boy Scouts of America on their 100th Anniversary.

President Asperger added that a previous liquor commission meeting was held to consider an application made by Toscana's Grill with a recommendation to issue such a license.

Lastly, President Asperger announced that there would be a meeting of the Community and Economic Development Commission on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Auditorium. In addition there will be an Economic Development Workshop on February 22, 2010 immediately following the regular Village Board meeting. The audience was encouraged to attend.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Harlan Hirt, 421 S. Spring presented a memo to the Village Board and requested the minutes of December 14, 2009 meeting be amended as he previously requested on January 25, 2010. President Asperger noted that legal counsel had advised the Board on this matter and Village Attorney Burkland confirmed.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Ordinance (#O-10-03) – Design Review Permit (DRP) #79, 600-604 and 620 West Burlington, First National Bank of La Grange, Property Owner

B. Ordinance (#O-10-04) – Design Review Permit (DRP) #77, Amendment to Design Review Permit #73, 512 West Burlington, Jerry Burjan

C. Temporary Use Permit – Portable Greenhouse, Hortons, 60 South La Grange Road

D. Ordinance (#O-10-05) – Consolidation of Lots / Jason and Michelle Borkowski, 224-228 Ninth Avenue

E. Map Amendment – Short Term Parking Spaces Within the Central Business District

F. Award of Contract & Engineering Services Agreement – Installation of Emergency Generator / Police & Fire Facility (Ross Electric, Inc. Kaneville, IL - \$52,100 & Baxter & Woodman, Itasca, IL - \$18,000)

G. Equipment Purchase – Public Works Department / Pump No. 3 Replacement (Municipal Well & Pump, Waupum, WI - \$18,284)

H. Award of Contract – Duct Cleaning – Police & Fire Stations (Kleen Air Service Corp., Chicago, IL - \$10,150)

I. Resolution (#R-10-01) – Accepting Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds, Justice Assistance Grant Program

J. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Special Village Board Meeting on Friday, January 8, 2010 and Saturday, January 9, 2010

K. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2010

L. Consolidated Voucher 100208 – (\$516,957.22)

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K and L of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Trustee Palermo inquired about item B and the need to amend the previous design review permit. Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin responded. Trustee Palermo referenced a similar issue in the past and questioned procedures. Attorney Burkland responded that approval of the ordinance granting a design review permit ensures compliance with the permit.

Trustee Horvath noted that procedures handling design review permits may not be consistent. Mr. Benjamin explained that the Village Code is not precise. Staff occasionally has to make a determination, to see if changes by the applicant rise to a level that requires reconsideration by the Village Board.

Trustee Horvath inquired as to when the Board could expect a summary of the strategic planning session. Village Manager Pilipiszyn responded.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

None

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn announced that Village offices would be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of President's day.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Jeannine Mc Laughlin, complimented the La Grange Police Department on their professional courtesy on a recent personal visit to her home to advise of a death in her family.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9 TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Horvath expressed his support of a Public Art Commission and inquired about the status of a Public Safety Commission.

President Asperger noted that public safety is of utmost importance to the Village. However, as previously discussed, the Village relies on professionals and staff to form policies and procedures where and when circumstances arise relating to safety. President Asperger added that volunteers may not be aware of surrounding issues related to improving safety, which could lead to unintended consequences.

Trustee Horvath inquired about polling the Board to determine support for establishing a public safety commission. President Asperger advised the Village Board to consider the sustainability of an advisory commission, staff commitment of time to support a commission, and outlined the various opportunities for public input directly to the Village Board on important matters. President Asperger indicated her support for more outward communication and education of public safety.

President Asperger invited trustees to send comments and input on this issue to her for further consideration.

Trustee Langan believes the Board is losing its effectiveness. Trustee Langan explained that if a Trustee wishes to further discuss an item on the omnibus portion of the agenda, he should request it be placed under current business and present it for further discussion.

Trustee Holder commented on the successfulness of the Valet parking and expressed his thanks to Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin for reinstating this important service to the businesses and visitors alike.

Pastor Debra Williams requested an opportunity to speak and President Asperger granted her request. Pastor Williams suggested that people be allowed to comment about agenda items on-line before a Village Board meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Kuchler. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approved: 02/22/10