

Special Village Board Meeting / Capital Projects Workshop

Date: Monday, February 01, 2010

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Village Hall Auditorium

Minutes of the Meeting

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

Monday, February 1, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange special 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: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, and Palermo with President Asperger presiding.

ABSENT: Trustee Livingston
Clerk Milne

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Engineer Tom Heuer
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham

President Asperger noted that this Capital Projects Workshop is the beginning of the budget process and requested Village Manager Pilipiszyn to give an overview.

Mr. Pilipiszyn explained that while the Capital Projects budget is presented as fully-funded, fiscal pressures within the General Fund will require a \$200,000 annual reduction among the various annual capital maintenance programs. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham has been asked to analyze and prioritize each of these programs and recommend a reduction totaling \$200,000 annually. More specific information regarding proposed changes to the annual capital maintenance programs will be provided to the Village Board at the budget workshop scheduled on Saturday, March 13.

Mr. Pilipiszyn proceeded to describe how aggressively the Village pursued state capital bill and federal stimulus monies in 2009. He noted the Village's strong working relationship with its state and federal legislators.

Finally, Mr. Pilipiszyn noted that the Village's workload for capital projects this year will be exceptional.

II. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham proceeded to present each item under this topic which included a status report of Capital Projects for Fiscal Year 2009-10 and Capital Project recommendations for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Village Board to concur with staff's budget recommendations, however, to postpone the item regarding Burlington Avenue and Ogden Avenue intersection improvements. Also, a separate discussion concerning the Stone Avenue train station renovation project will be scheduled in the future.

III. WATER FUND

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham presented this item which included a status report of water system improvements for Fiscal Year 2009-10 and recommendations for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

It was noted that the final rate increase of three consecutive annual rate increases from the City of Chicago will become effective May 1, 2010. Among the recommendations, staff is projecting the need for additional water rate increases of 10.0% in both FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 to fund anticipated expenditures and to maintain reserves. The need for the rate increases will be evaluated further.

Discussion ensued.

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

IV. SEWER FUND

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham presented this item which included a status report of sewer system improvements for Fiscal Year 2009-10 as well recommendations for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

It was noted that additional rate increases may be needed to fund sewer projects and maintain adequate reserves.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Village Board Capital Projects Workshop was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellie Elder
Administrative Secretary

Approved: 02/22/10