

Village of La Grange



VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Village Hall Auditorium

53 S. La Grange Road

La Grange, IL 60525

Elizabeth M. Asperger
Village President

Thomas Morsch
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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

AGENDA

Monday, November 14, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
 - Trustee Holder*
 - Trustee Horvath*
 - Trustee Kuchler*
 - Trustee Langan*
 - Trustee Nowak*
 - Trustee Palermo*
 - President Asperger*

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - This is an opportunity for the Village President to report on matters of interest or concern to the Village.*

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS
 - This is the opportunity for members of the audience to speak about matters that are included on this Agenda.*

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE
 - Matters on the Omnibus Agenda will be considered by a single motion and vote because they already have been considered fully by the Board at a previous meeting or have been determined to be of a routine nature. Any member of the Board of Trustees may request that an item be moved from the Omnibus Agenda to Current Business for separate consideration.*

 - A. Request to Purchase – Third Party Interface Application to Firehouse Software

 - B. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, October 24, 2011

 - C. Consolidated Voucher 111114

5. CURRENT BUSINESS
 - This agenda item includes consideration of matters being presented to the Board of Trustees for action.*

 - A. La Grange Business Association / 2011 Hometown Holiday – Request for Village Sponsorship: *Referred to Trustee Holder*

- B. Ordinance – Creation of a Two-Way Stop Intersections at Maple Avenue and Leitch Avenue / Maple Avenue and Sunset Avenue, And Four-Way Stop Intersections at Goodman Avenue and Leitch Avenue / Goodman Avenue and Edgewood Avenue: *Referred to Trustee Kuchler*
- C. Preliminary Review of the Proposed 2011 Property Tax Levy Request: *Referred to Trustee Nowak*
- 6. MANAGER’S REPORT
This is an opportunity for the Village Manager to report on behalf of the Village Staff about matters of interest to the Village.
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA
This is an opportunity for members of the audience to speak about Village related matters that are not listed on this Agenda.
- 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION
The Board of Trustees may decide, by a roll call vote, to convene in executive session if there are matters to discuss confidentially, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.
- 9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS
The Board of Trustees may wish to comment on any matters.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT

The Village of La Grange is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who require certain accommodations so that they can observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions, regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the Village’s facilities, should contact the Village’s ADA Coordinator at (708) 579-2315 promptly to allow the Village to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

OMNIBUS VOTE

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
Fire Department

BOARD REPORT

TO: Village President, Village Clerk,
Board of Trustees and Village Attorney

FROM: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager and
William J Bryzgalski, Fire Chief

DATE: November 14, 2011

RE: **REQUEST TO PURCHASE – THIRD PARTY INTERFACE
APPLICATION TO FIREHOUSE SOFTWARE**

In 2010, the La Grange Fire Department applied for a federal technology grant to purchase mobile computers and software for the purpose of improving firefighter safety and operational efficiency by providing an effective means to access critical data and information in pre-incident plans, and to enhance command, accountability and control during emergency incidents.

In February 2011, the Department was notified that its grant application had been approved in the amount of \$57,095 under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, which is administered by FEMA, [which is an agency operating under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security].

The first two phases of the project have been completed; the purchase and installation of mobile data terminal (MDT) units within Fire Department apparatus, and the purchase and installation of Firehouse Software. The final phase is the purchase and installation of a third party interface to allow Valor, the dispatch center's CAD system, to operate with the Fire Department's new incident command software. This is a sole source purchase from Valor Systems as they are the vendor responsible for the design and operation of our dispatching system.

It is our recommendation that the Village Board authorize staff to purchase the interface, and professional services to configure the interface, from Valor Systems of Oak Brook, Illinois in the amount of \$11,592.

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MINUTES

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

Monday, October 24, 2011 - 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 Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Thomas Morsch, the following were present:

PRESENT: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Nowak, and Palermo

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Mark Burkland
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Assistant Community Development Director and Planner Angela Mesaros
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief Bill Bryzgalski
Police Lieutenant Renee Strasser

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

For the 17th consecutive year, the Village of La Grange has received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget document. President Asperger offered congratulations to Finance Director Lou Cipparrone and Assistant Finance Director Joe Munizza for their efforts in preparation of the document.

Lastly, President Asperger indicated the annual Halloween Walk would be held on Saturday, October 29 and the recommended hours for trick-or-treating on Monday, October 31 are from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Village Clerk Morsch announced the items on the Omnibus portion of the agenda and noted that Trustee Kuchler has requested item 4-B regarding the creation of four-way stop intersections be removed and placed under current business for discussion.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Tim Brzeczek who resides in the 200 block of Edgewood believes the Village Board should vote against the proposed ordinance for the creation of four-way stop intersections.

Phil Stamatakos, 230 Blackstone expressed his appreciation for the Boards consideration regarding the creation of four-way stop intersections and encouraged them to vote affirmatively. Mr. Stamatakos added that he feels the stop sign noted for Sunset and Maple should be relocated to Maple and Blackstone.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance – Amendment to the Village Code Regarding Diseased Trees
- B. Moved to Current Business
- C. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, October 10, 2011
- D. Consolidated Voucher 111024 (\$448,469.74)

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, C, and D of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Motion approved by roll call vote:

Ayes:	Trustees Holder, Horvath, Langan, Kuchler, Nowak, and Palermo
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- 4-B. Ordinance – Creation of a Four-Way Stop Intersections / Maple Avenue and Leitch Avenue / Maple avenue and Sunset Avenue / Goodman Avenue and Leitch Avenue / Goodman Avenue and Edgewood Avenue

Trustee Kuchler explained the details involved in staff's analysis of the request from a resident to consider the placement of stop signs on Maple Avenue as it intersects with either Leitch, Edgewood or Sunset, thereby creating a four-way stop at one of those intersections. Trustee Kuchler added that an analysis determined the indentified intersections did not meet the warrants in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD), however it was noticed that within the neighborhood, several long segments on both Goodman Avenue and Maple Avenue did not have any stop signs in the east west direction.

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Trustee Kuchler indicated that past practices of the Village has called for the placement of stop signs within neighborhood block segments in an alternating pattern between east-west and north-south streets. Trustee Kuchler elaborated on the reasoning surrounding the past practices and noted staff's recommendation for adding stop signs at the designated locations.

Trustee Kuchler stated that residents in the area received written notification of the addition of stop signs and staff did not receive any resident comments that would alter the recommendation.

For discussion purposes, Trustee Kuchler moved to approve an ordinance amending the appropriate chapter of the Village Code that Maple Avenue and Leitch Avenue; Maple Avenue and Sunset Avenue; Goodman Avenue and Leitch Avenue; and Goodman Avenue and Edgewood Avenue shall be four-way stop intersections, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Kuchler noted the Board has previously recognized cost containment issues for not obtaining a professional Village wide study regarding stop signs, however he believes there should be a policy in place to regulate the placement of stop signs. Trustee Kuchler asked if there were facts to determine where stop signs are placed. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham responded affirmatively and provided the determining factors.

Trustee Kuchler commented on the controversy over which intersection should receive a stop sign and although the Village utilizes the MUTCD it should also have some required procedural policies in place. Trustee Kuchler believes not more than three block segments should require stop signs.

Trustee Horvath inquired if there was a map or drawing on the location of current stop signs and Mr. Gillingham responded affirmatively.

Trustee Kuchler noted his intend to vote no on the item.

Trustee Horvath was in agreement with Trustee Kuchler that a uniform stop sign policy is needed to be consistent that stop signs are providing safety throughout the entire Village.

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn noted that upon direction from the Board, stop signs could be evaluated and closely examined utilizing staff resources in order to contain costs, but it would require an extended period of time in order for staff to complete the analysis Village-wide.

President Asperger stated that current practices have been acceptable and the matter before the Board tonight is the motion to approve the ordinance as presented.

Motion failed by a 2 to 4 roll call vote:

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Ayes: Trustees Nowak and Langan

Nays: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, and Palermo.

President Asperger noted conflicting direction to staff during the discussion. Staff was directed to consider the Village Board's discussion and return with a recommendation.

- A. Ordinance – Zoning Code Amendments: Open Space District, Institutional buildings District, planned Developments: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan provided historical data on the Zoning Code explaining that the Village has undertaken phases of a comprehensive review of the Code to reflect current conditions. Trustee Langan explained that in the Board's strategic planning process these items were identified as a priority. In April 2011 a public workshop was conducted and in July 2011 a public hearing was held whereby the Plan Commission considered proposed amendments to the Open Space and Institutional Buildings Districts. After much deliberation the Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend the amendments to the Village Board for consideration.

Trustee Langan detailed information on the Open Space District; Institutional Buildings District; and Planned Developments amendments being proposed this evening for consideration. Trustee Langan identified additions to the permitted list and additions to the special use list for both Open Space Districts and Institutional Buildings Districts.

Because of the number of large tracts of land in the Village that have potential as planned developments has diminished over the years and developers are now more likely to seek planned development approvals for smaller projects, staff and the Village Attorney reviewed those sections of the Zoning Code related to Planned Developments. Trustee Langan explained that staff determined the need to maintain the traditional planned development regulations for larger projects and to add a new set of regulations applicable to smaller planned developments. In September the Plan Commission held a public hearing to review the proposed amendments regarding planned developments and voted unanimously to recommend them to the Village Board for consideration.

Trustee Langan described all of the proposed amendments and noted that the Village Attorney has prepared an ordinance for the Village Board's consideration. Trustee Langan moved to approve the ordinance amending provisions of the La Grange Zoning Code related to uses and regulations in the Open Space and Institutional Buildings Districts and related to Planned Developments, seconded by Trustee Nowak.

Trustee Kuchler expressed concerns with the planned development portion referencing the development of the YMCA property. Trustee Kuchler noted concerns with the previous redevelopment proposal as being too dense for the

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character of the community, and with the relaxed parking requirements. Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin responded and indicated the amendments are attempting to provide more flexibility for smaller developments, and are in keeping with the Comprehensive Plan.

President Asperger noted her concerns with band shells being listed as a permitted use and the noise effects on residential areas. Attorney Burkland noted the item could be moved into the special use category. Trustee Langan concurred with that proposed designation.

Trustee Nowak inquired about the reduced set back for playground equipment and Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin responded how the Park District of La Grange advised the Plan Commission that the current standard hinders the development of smaller park locations.

Trustee Langan moved to amend the ordinance to remove band shells from the permitted use and place band shells under special use, seconded by Trustee Nowak.

Motion to amend the ordinance was approved by voice vote.

Motion to approve the ordinance as amended, approved by a 5 to 1 roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Langan, Nowak, and Palermo
Nays: Trustee Kuchler
Absent: None

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn reminded residents that the last free monthly brush pick-up would be held the week of November 7.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Langan congratulated Finance Department staff for their excellent financial management and resulting budget award announcement.

Trustee Horvath reiterated his request to expedite the revised proposal for stop signs within the Village.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Horvath to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder.
Motion approved by voice vote.

Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date:

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

Disbursement Approval by Fund

November 14, 2011

Consolidated Voucher 111411

<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>11/14/11 Voucher</u>	<u>10/28/11 Payroll</u>	<u>11/10/11 Payroll</u>	<u>Total</u>
01	General	213,332.86	265,663.18	347,812.49	826,808.53
21	Motor Fuel Tax				0.00
22	Foreign Fire Insurance Tax				0.00
24	ETSB	2,052.47			2,052.47
40	Capital Projects	8,877.51			8,877.51
50	Water	163,278.23	37,716.63	45,518.06	246,512.92
51	Parking	12,201.82	23,706.53	30,327.30	66,235.65
60	Equipment Replacement				0.00
70	Police Pension				0.00
75	Firefighters' Pension				0.00
80	Sewer	8,457.05	9,300.37	9,811.16	27,568.58
90	Debt Service	269,382.50			269,382.50
91	SSA 4A Debt Service				0.00
93	SAA 269				0.00
94	SAA 270				0.00
		<u>677,582.44</u>	<u>336,386.71</u>	<u>433,469.01</u>	<u>1,447,438.16</u>

We the undersigned Manager and Clerk of the Village of La Grange hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the foregoing items are true and proper charges against the Village and hereby approve their payment.

Village Manager

Village Clerk

President

Trustee

Trustee

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CURRENT BUSINESS

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
Community Development Department

BOARD REPORT

TO: Village President, Board of Trustees
Village Clerk and Village Attorney

FROM: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
Patrick D. Benjamin, Community Development Department

DATE: November 14, 2011

RE: **LA GRANGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION/ 2011 HOLIDAY WALK -
REQUEST FOR VILLAGE SPONSORSHIP**

Attached for your consideration is a request from the La Grange Business Association seeking authorization and financial support for the 20th annual Holiday Walk to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The La Grange Business Association is again requesting that the Village co-sponsor the annual Holiday Walk. At this time the La Grange Business Association is requesting that the Village contribute an amount not to exceed \$12,000. This amount has been provided for in our Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget. The Village's position of sponsorship is committed to marketing the event, which includes newspaper advertisements, posters, and most importantly the production and mailing of the brochure indicating participants and activities for the evening.

As in the past, activities will start with an All-Village Sing, followed by Santa's arrival by fire truck and the traditional lighting of the "Village Tree." Santa will be seated in the Village Hall auditorium together with Mrs. Claus and will be assisted by several elves. Face painting, enhanced decorations, and the addition of musical entertainment are part of the plans for families waiting in line to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The Holiday Walk will include strolling musicians, costumed characters and ice sculptures situated throughout the Village. There will also be a cider and snack station in the fountain area.

The annual Holiday Walk has always been a positive reflection of the Village of La Grange and brings shoppers into the community which is the ultimate goal of both the La Grange Business Association and the Village of La Grange.

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It is recommended that the Village again support the Holiday Walk's cost of advertising and marketing for 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000, with the following conditions as outlined in our sponsorship policy:

- The La Grange Business Association will provide a complete financial statement for the organization for fiscal year 2011;
- The La Grange Business Association will provide a budget for this event including line item detail;
- The La Grange Business Association will acquire cash sponsorship to match the Village contribution;
- The La Grange Business Association will provide a complete final accounting for this event;
- The Village of La Grange is to be prominently listed on all advertising, including, but not limited to, posters, web sites and newspaper advertising. All advertising is to be approved by Village staff prior to public presentation
- All events are to be coordinated to the satisfaction of the Village.

As noted in the attached letter, the La Grange Business Association will be requesting \$15,000 for the 2012 Holiday Walk. This increased amount will be presented in March at the budget session for Fiscal Year 2012/2013. If the Board has any preliminary feedback, we would be happy to receive it at this time.

Representatives from the La Grange Business Association will be in attendance at your meeting to answer any questions you may have.

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106 Calendar Avenue La Grange, Illinois 60525

November 3, 2011

Via EMAIL

Mr. Patrick Benjamin
Village of La Grange
53 S. La Grange Rd.
La Grange, IL 60525

Dear Pat:

Plans are underway for the 20th annual Hometown Holiday Walk. The Walk will be held Saturday, December 3 from 5-9 pm throughout Downtown La Grange.

The Village of La Grange and the La Grange Business Association have successfully partnered to provide our residents a magical evening filled with community spirit. Once again activities will start at 5:00pm on the Village Hall lawn with an All-Village Sing, followed by Santa's arrival by fire truck and lighting of the "Village Tree." We would like to continue the tradition of lighting the large evergreen-style tree on the south end of the Village Hall lawn.

We have been pleased with the arrangement of having Santa situated in the Village Hall Board Room and would like to continue with this idea again this year. Mrs. Claus and several Elves will also be in attendance. Face painting and improved decorations are also part of the plans for Village Hall as well as a variety of decorated Christmas Trees. We plan to sell LGBA gift certificates from a table in the lobby of Village Hall.

Plans are underway to have strolling musicians, costumed characters and ice sculptures situated throughout the Central Business District. We will also be providing our guests the opportunity to ride the "Polar Express" (a kiddie train ride) in the parking lot behind Palmer Place. There will be three trolley cars in the downtown area that evening. We will also be setting up a s'mores and bonfire station around the fountain area and will be hosting a Petting Zoo with Pony Rides on Calendar Court for all the kids to enjoy.

We again request that the Fire Department deliver Santa to Village Hall at 5:30pm. Estimates from past years have indicated that approximately 5,000 people are in town for the Walk, so we also request any additional police manpower that you deem necessary.

The La Grange Business Association has worked diligently each year to continue to improve the quality of our Holiday Walk. Committee members and our Executive

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Director dedicate countless hours coordinating the details to ensure the success of this event. We truly appreciate the help of the Village with sponsorship and the help from Village Departments to help decorate our town.

We believe our partnership makes Hometown Holiday an event that is enjoyed by our community and envied by our neighbors. To continue this tradition, the La Grange Business Association requests budgeted financial support from the Village in the amount of \$12,000 to help market and operate the event.

The Village of La Grange will be included in all newspaper, website, direct mail and other corresponding marketing materials as a "Co-Sponsor" of this important community event along with the LGBA. The La Grange Business Association will provide the necessary expense and receipt reports so that the Village can make their reimbursement.

As the cost of doing business has climbed over the past few years, the LGBA has absorbed those additional expenses. However, as the Village prepares budgets for 2012, we respectfully request support in the amount of \$15,000 next year to cover those costs.

Again, the LGBA would like to thank the Village of La Grange for their participation and support of this wonderful event.

Please call me at (708) 352-4300 or email me at ryan.williamson@lpl.com with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

Ryan Williamson
President
La Grange Business Association

P.S. Please forward this letter or share its contents with the appropriate Village staff so that they will be informed of the plans for this year.

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
Department of Public Works

BOARD REPORT

TO: Village President, Village Clerk,
Board of Trustees and Village Attorney

FROM: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
Ryan Gillingham, Director of Public Works
Michael Holub, Police Chief

DATE: November 14, 2011

RE: **ORDINANCE — CREATION OF A TWO-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS
AT MAPLE AVENUE AND LEITCH AVENUE / MAPLE AVENUE AND
SUNSET AVENUE, AND FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS AT
GOODMAN AVENUE AND LEITCH AVENUE / GOODMAN AVENUE
AND EDGEWOOD AVENUE**

Village staff received a request from a resident requesting the Village to consider the placement of stop signs within the Maple Avenue corridor, between Brainard Avenue and Gilbert Avenue. More specifically, the request was to install a stop sign on Maple Avenue as it intersects with either Leitch, Edgewood or Sunset, thereby creating a four-way stop at one of those intersections. Staff reviewed this request based on the standards for four-way stop signs outlined in the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways* (MUTCD), published by the Federal Highway Administration, as well as on established Village traffic control policies.

The analysis determined that the indentified intersections did not meet the warrants in the MUTCD for a four-way stop sign. However, staff noted from the analysis of stop signs within the neighborhood that several long segments on both Goodman Avenue and Maple Avenue did not have any stop signs in the east west direction. Past practice by the Village has called for the placement of stop signs within neighborhood block segments in an alternating pattern between east-west and north-south streets. The purpose of this policy is to (1) to improve traffic flow and safety in residential areas by not installing four way stops at every intersection where motorists could become desensitized to stop signs (i.e. a car rolling through an intersection with a four way stop and not coming to a complete stop) and (2) discourage any particular street as a means for traffic to cut through to avoid other streets and intersections.

More specifically within this subject neighborhood, east-west vehicle traffic on Maple Avenue from Gilbert Avenue to Brainard Avenue is not required to stop within a seven block segment between these two collectors. Also, east-west traffic on Goodman Avenue between Gilbert Avenue and Blackstone is not required to stop within a five block segment. The Village's

Comprehensive Plan indicates that Maple Avenue and Goodman Avenue are considered local streets. In addition to assessing stop sign placement based on the desired alternating stop sign pattern, staff noted that a two-way stop condition exists at the intersections of Goodman Avenue and Leitch Avenue, Goodman Avenue and Edgewood Avenue, which are directly adjacent to the Creative World Montessori School.

At the October 24, 2011 Board meeting, staff provided a recommendation and proposed ordinance to add stop signs at the following locations in furtherance of alternating stop sign placement in residential neighborhoods:

1. Maple Avenue and Leitch Avenue
2. Maple Avenue and Sunset Avenue
3. Goodman Avenue and Leitch Avenue
4. Goodman Avenue and Edgewood Avenue

The Village Board requested that staff address several questions and comments that were discussed at the meeting. The two areas of additional clarification requested by the Board centered on whether the stop signs in the north-south direction should be removed, and second if the proposed stop signs would be better suited at different intersection locations on either Goodman or Maple Avenues.

Attached for reference is a map that was included with the initial analysis that shows the location of the existing and proposed stop signs in the neighborhood labeled Option 1.

To reiterate, the recommendation to add stop signs was based on the determination that several long segments on both Goodman Avenue and Maple Avenue did not have any stop signs in the east west direction. For this reason, stop signs were recommended to be placed at the locations indicated above.

Staff stated that ideally the north-south stop signs would also be removed as a multi-way stop is not required at these two intersections based on the guidelines indicated above. Given that stop conditions at these intersections have existed for many years, staff recommended keeping these north-south stop signs in place. However, upon further review staff is comfortable with altering this recommendation on Maple Avenue to have these intersections be two-way stops in the east-west direction as two-way stops at these locations will meet the larger objective of re-establishing the alternating stop sign pattern in this neighborhood.

To address the short term safety concern of altering long-established traffic patterns, staff recommends that advanced warning signs and flags be put in place alerting motorists to the new intersection traffic controls. Furthermore, should two-way stop signs be implemented, staff will monitor these changed conditions to see if additional traffic control measures such as a four-way stop are warranted. Future modifications to the traffic control in the area can be made if resident

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feedback or traffic data suggest that additional alterations are necessary. A map labeled Option 2 showing the placement of two-way stop signs at Leitch and Sunset Avenues is attached. For reference the north-south segments without stop signs for two or more blocks are highlighted in yellow on the map.

Staff does not recommend altering the four-way stop recommendation on Goodman since the Creative World Montessori School is directly adjacent to these two intersections. In general, four-way stops exist around schools due to the number of pedestrians (particularly children), and pick-up and drop-off activities.

The second area of additional clarification requested by the Board was related to the location of the stop signs, and which intersections should have stop signs in the east-west direction. On Goodman Avenue, we recommend that four-way stops be located as recommended at Edgewood and Leitch Avenues. The reasoning behind selecting these locations is that (1) these intersections are adjacent to the school on this block and (2) by placing them at these locations there will not be a stretch on Goodman Avenue longer than two blocks without a stop.

On Maple Avenue we recommended that east-west stops be located at Leitch and Sunset Avenues to create three shorter segments along this seven block segment where stop signs do not exist. Due to the odd number of blocks, the addition of stop signs at two intersections along this segment would result in two segments of two blocks without a stop sign, and one segment of three blocks without a stop sign. Sunset and Leitch Avenues were selected since placing stop signs at these intersections provides for a better overall pattern of stop signs in the area.

Also discussed at the meeting in terms of stop sign placement was whether the intersection of Blackstone and Maple Avenue would be a better candidate for stop signs than the intersection of Sunset and Maple Avenues. Attached for reference is a map labeled Option 3 that shows this potential configuration. Staff recommends Option 2 since Option 3 creates two street segments three blocks long in the north-south direction without a stop sign.

Finally, please note that the correspondence sent to residents only indicated the contemplation of four-way stop signs. Therefore, additional citizen feedback may be received should two-way stops be implemented.

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance amending the appropriate chapter of the Village Code.

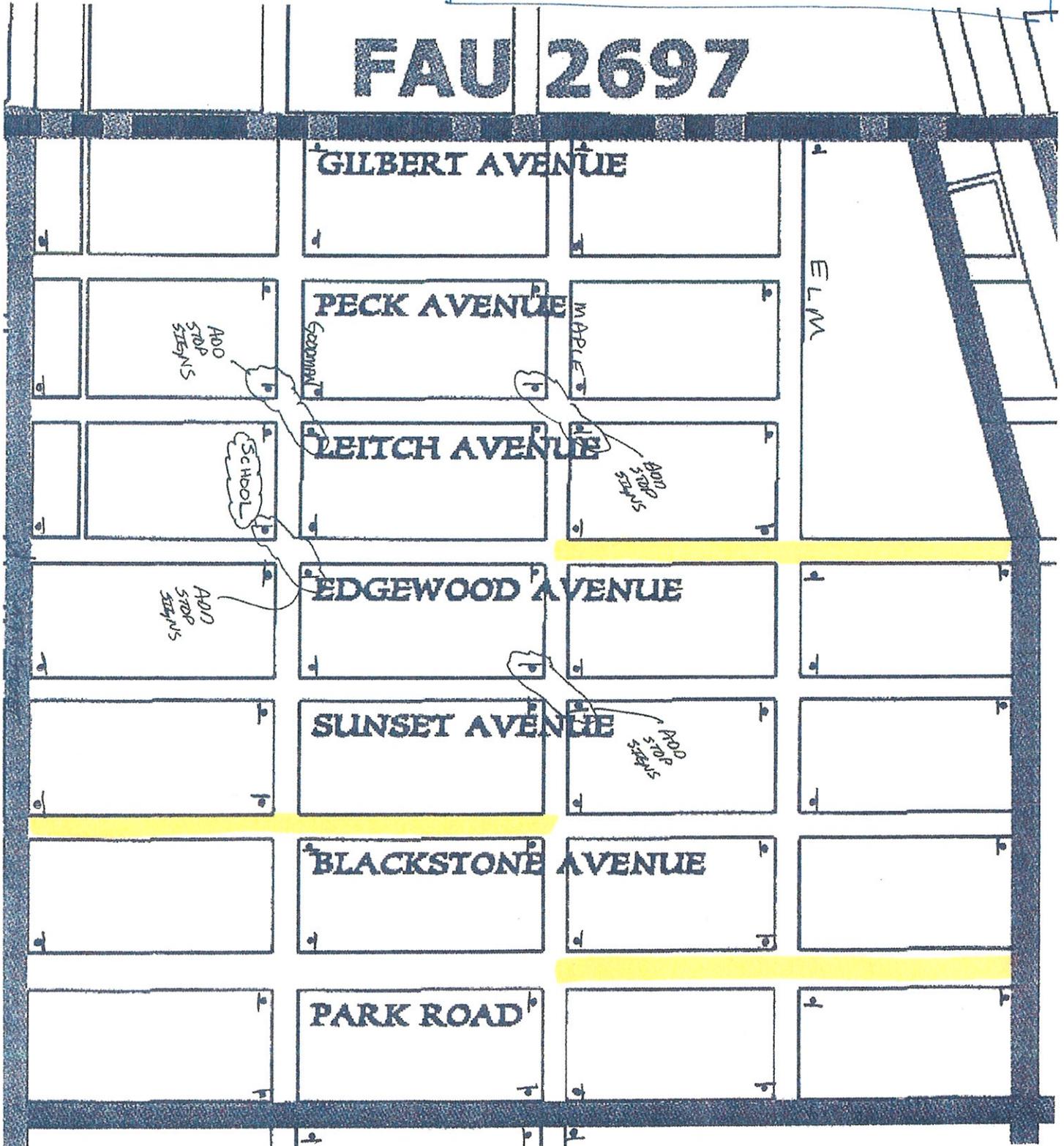
It is our recommendation that the ordinance be approved.

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OPTION 1 - INITIAL RECOMMENDATION
4-WAY STOPS AT LEITCH AND
SUNSET

→ STOP SIGN.

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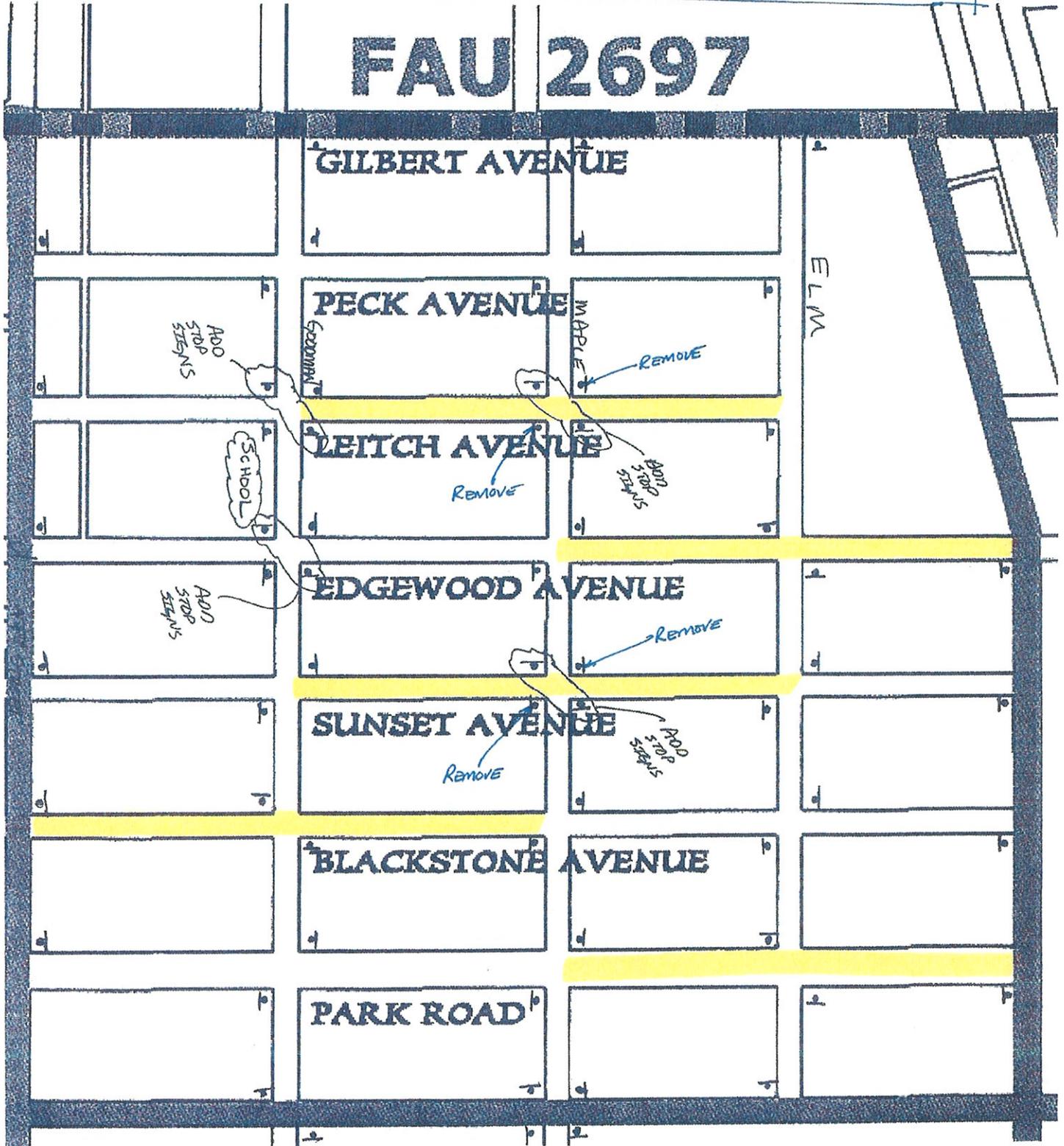
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OPTION 2 - TWO-WAY STOP
SIGNS AT LEITCH AND
SUNSET

→ STOP SIGN.

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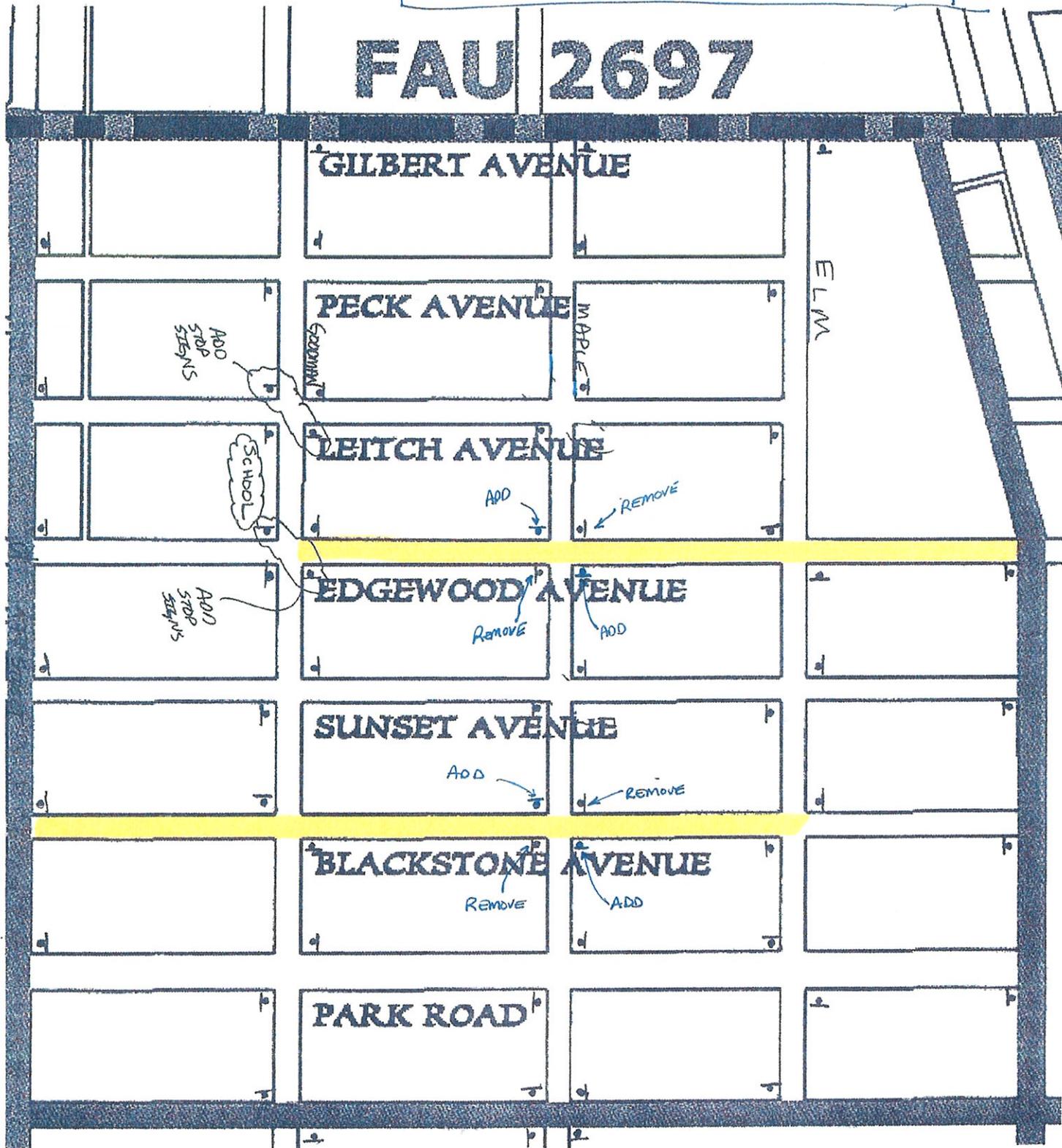
→ INDICATES NORTH-SOUTH SEGMENTS WITHOUT STOP SIGNS
FOR TWO OR MORE BLOCKS

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OPTION 3 - TWO-WAY STOP SIGNS
AT EDGEWOOD AND
BLACKSTONE

→ STOP SIGN.

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→ INDICATES NORTH-SOUTH SEGMENTS WITHOUT STOP SIGNS FOR TWO OR MORE BLOCKS

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77
OF THE LA GRANGE CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange have determined that it is appropriate and useful to amend the traffic regulations in force at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Leitch Avenue, Maple Avenue and Sunset Avenue, Goodman Avenue and Leitch Avenue, and Goodman Avenue and Edgewood Avenue in the manner provided in this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange, Cook County and State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: Amendment of Chapter 77 of the Code of Ordinances. Chapter 77, titled "Traffic Schedules", is amended by adding thereto the following:

SCHEDULE III. Stop Intersections (A) The following intersections shall be four-way stop intersections:

Goodman Avenue and Leitch Avenue
Goodman Avenue and Edgewood Avenue

SCHEDULE III. Stop Intersections (C) The following intersections shall be two-way stop intersections:

<u>Stop Street</u>	<u>Through Street</u>
Maple Avenue	Leitch Avenue
Maple Avenue	Sunset Avenue

Section 2: Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form for review at the La Grange Village Offices and the La Grange Public Library.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2011, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

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Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:

Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
Finance Department

BOARD REPORT

TO: Village President and Board of Trustees, Village Clerk and Village Attorney

FROM: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
Lou Cipparrone, Finance Director

DATE: November 10, 2011

RE: **PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED 2011 PROPERTY TAX LEVY REQUEST**

The **Truth in Taxation Law** requires a preliminary review of the proposed property tax levy by the corporate authorities at least 20 days prior to the adoption of the tax levy to determine if the aggregate levy is more than 5 percent greater than the preceding year's tax levy extension, exclusive of debt service. If the preliminary levy is estimated to exceed the preceding year's levy by more than 5 percent, the Village must hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of the proposed property tax levy. The proposed Truth in Taxation levy request, excluding debt service, shows a total increase of 2.47 percent over the prior year's extension (See attached Exhibit 1). Therefore, the Village of La Grange is not required to hold a public hearing regarding the 2011 property tax levy.

The proposed Village and Library's property tax levy increase of 2.47 percent over the prior year's extension, exclusive of debt service, is also subject to the **Property Tax Limitation Act** (property tax caps), which limits the increase in property tax extensions, exclusive of debt service and new property growth, to five percent, or the percent of increase in the national Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is less.

The key feature resulting from the property tax limitation legislation is the calculation of the limiting rate. The aggregate rate extended for those funds subject to the Property Tax Limitation Act cannot exceed the limiting rate. The limiting rate formula allows for growth in aggregate extensions by the amount of the limit, **plus** amounts for voter approved rate increases and new growth. When calculating the limiting rate, the Village must also make its best estimate concerning the 2011 EAV and 2011 new property, as these figures will not be known until after the final levy is required to be filed with the County, no later than the last Tuesday in December.

The limit rate calculation includes new growth which is generally defined as improvements or additions to a property that increase the assessed value of that real property during the levy year. It does not include maintenance, remodeling or triennial reassessments.

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The Village’s limiting rate for the 2011 tax levy is calculated as follows:

(2010 extension, excluding debt service)					
7,859,522	x	1.015 (CPI)	=	7,977,415	= 1.0209
(788,889,511 - 7,500,000) divided by 100				7,813,895	
(2011 est. EAV - 2011 est. new growth)					

The CPI rate for the 2011 levy determined as of December 2010 was 1.5 percent. The percentage increase in the tax levy over the 1.5 percent CPI represents estimated new growth of \$7.5 million EAV based upon previous residential and commercial construction Village wide. It is critical to capture new growth in the year it becomes available. Otherwise, it will become part of the succeeding years' base EAV and not subject to an increased levy. If such new growth does not occur, the property tax levy will automatically be lowered by Cook County.

Cook County reported new growth in the Village during 2010 of \$1.5 million. In previous years the Village incurred new growth from residential and commercial construction as follows: 2009 - \$47 million; \$42.5 million due to the end of the TIF District and \$4.5 million from new construction; 2008 - \$8.8 million, 2007 - \$7.2 million, 2006 - \$9.8, 2005 - \$12.9 million and 2004 - \$4.1 million.

Cook County also includes a 3% loss and cost factor to the Village levy. This ensures the Village will collect sufficient property taxes to fund operations and make bond payments. The loss and cost amount is added to levies to offset any unpaid property taxes due to delinquencies and foreclosures. By including a loss and cost factor, the Village ensures any new growth not accounted for in the Village’s estimate will be captured as part of the tax levy.

Since the adoption of the Property Tax Limitation Act in 1994, the Village has levied the maximum amount allowable under the tax cap in order to generate sufficient revenues to meet increasing operating costs. With tax levies limited to the lesser of 5% or the CPI, excluding new growth; and personnel, pension and health insurance costs increasing in excess of these amounts the Village must continue with conservative fiscal management, economic development and identifying alternate revenue sources in order to meet operational requirements and maintain it’s long-term fiscal health.

It should be noted that at this time, the Village Board is only announcing the 2011 preliminary tax levy for the purpose of determining if the total aggregate levy is more than 5 percent greater than the preceding year’s tax levy extension in accordance with Truth in Taxation requirements. The ordinance adopting the final 2011 tax levy will be presented at the December 12, 2011 Village Board meeting.

Information regarding individual line item levies (corporate, forestry, road & bridge, ambulance, police and fire pension levies, etc.) which collectively make up the total Village property tax levy is detailed below. It is important to note that due to tax cap limitations, any increase in any one individual line item levy results in a corresponding decrease in another individual line item levy.

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General Fund Levy

The cumulative increase in the General Fund levy is \$153,865 or 3.55 percent. The General Fund levy, in total, is the amount available under tax cap law, after funding the Village's pension levies (IMRF, Social Security, Police and Fire Pension Funds). The General Fund levies are utilized to support Village operating expenditures including: Police, Fire, Public Works, Community Development, Finance and Administration. These funds also support major capital improvement projects including street reconstruction in accordance with the Board's direction. The Forestry Tax, Police and Fire Protection, and Street and Bridge levies are calculated at a percentage of their maximum rate based on prior year EAV. The Ambulance Service levy is an estimate of the cost to provide this service based upon a percentage of the Fire Department's budget. The corporate levy represents the balance available under the tax cap.

The IMRF and Social Security levies are based on actual payroll figures. To moderate the impact of 2008 investment losses, IMRF adopted a phase-in plan, capping increases for employer contribution rates at 10 percent annually. Although IMRF has reported investment gains over the past several years, IMRF has advised local municipalities that their rate phase-in plan will remain in effect for the 2012 rate calculation. The IMRF levy reflects the 2011 contribution rate of 11.46 percent increasing to 12.61 percent in 2012. The IMRF phase-in plan provides the flexibility to moderate the increases in the employer contribution rate while maintaining the commitment to fully fund the pension plan over a reasonable time period.

Pension Levies

Pursuant to Village Board direction at the conclusion of the workshop conducted on October 10, 2011, the Police and Fire pension levies reflect the annual required contributions based upon independent actuarial valuations of each fund for the year ended April 30, 2011. In addition, the Village has received letters from both the Police and Fire Pension Fund Boards, requesting the Village levy funds based upon the independent actuarial valuations in the amount of \$794,310 and \$769,974; respectively. The pension levies reflect the continued use of the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method and 100% funding, and a change in the interest rate assumption from 7.5% to 7.0% which has previously been discussed and approved by the Village and both pension boards. These levies reflect an overall small decrease of \$7,871 (0.50%) from the previous year levies due to the recent changes from pension reform legislation, providing the pension funds an opportunity to reduce the interest rate assumption without creating an additional financial burden on the Village budget.

Since the pension workshop in early October, two significant changes have occurred; 1) the impact of the recently released new growth figure from Cook County of 1.5 million EAV on the current 2010 tax levy, as compared to the estimated 7.5 million EAV, which results in current tax levy receipts projected to be \$45,000 below budget; and 2) the 1.5 million in new growth becomes part of the 2010 base EAV which also impacts the 2011 tax levy. Consequently the resulting change in the 2011 General Fund levy from pension reform is \$46,000 not the previously discussed \$90,000. Because of ongoing economic uncertainties including reductions in state shared revenues, additional property tax caps, historically low interest rates, no significant redevelopment projects, and the unknown impact on sales tax of the closing of Border's, it is best to remain fiscally conservative and include the additional property tax revenues in General Fund reserves, as unassigned. The financial impact of the tax levy as part of the overall cost containment plan will be further discussed during the upcoming budget workshops after the first of the year.

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Library Tax Levy

The La Grange Public Library is classified as a “municipal library” rather than as a separate public library district. As a municipal library, the Library does not have its own authority to levy property taxes. Therefore, the Library must levy taxes as part of the Village’s annual property tax levy. The Library's 2011 tax levy request also represents an increase of 2.47 percent over the 2010 property tax levy extension. This amount reflects the allowable increase under the Property Tax Limitation Act and is equal to the amount of the increase of the Village tax levy request. Representatives from the La Grange Library will be in attendance at the December 12, 2011 board meeting to answer any questions regarding the tax levy request for the Library.

The Library’s debt service levy which is excluded from the Truth in Taxation calculation decreases by \$1,788. This reflects the change in the subsequent year's debt amortization schedule for the 2004 G.O. bond issue for construction of the new library building. Debt service levies fluctuate annually depending on the debt amortization schedule.

Cook County uses actual bond ordinances on file to calculate required levies for debt service. As such, the levy requests for debt service included as part of this report are being presented for informational purposes only.

Special Service Area Levy

As part of the annual property tax levy, a Special Service Area levy is filed with Cook County to fund on-going maintenance of the Central Business District. The Special Service Area tax levy is not subject to the Truth in Taxation requirements. The Special Service Area encompasses all commercial properties within the Central Business District, excluding any single-family and multi-family properties. By ordinance, the Special Service Area levy is to be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index utilized as part of the Property Tax Limitation Act. Therefore, the 2011 Special Service Area levy of \$61,244 reflects an increase of 1.5 percent over last year’s levy of \$60,339.

Exhibits 1, 2, and 3

Exhibit 1 shows the Village’s Truth in Taxation calculation. The proposed 2011 property tax levy request of \$8,053,985 represents an increase of \$194,463 or 2.47 percent from the 2010 tax levy of \$7,859,522.

Exhibit 2 presents historical data about the Village's assessed valuation, EAV and new growth.

Exhibit 3 is a comparison of the Village and Library 2010 and 2011 property tax rates on residential property. Assuming the tax levy is adopted, the proposed increase of 2.47 percent on a home with an estimated market value of \$400,000, results in an increase of \$14.36 from the Village levy and an increase of \$4.79 from the Library levy.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Village Board approve the attached resolution announcing an estimated 2011 tax levy of \$8,053,985, exclusive of debt service, which is a 2.47 percent increase from the 2010 tax levy.

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

RESOLUTION _____

RESOLUTION PUBLISHING
PROPOSED REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE is required by law to determine the amounts of money estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the upcoming fiscal year upon the taxable property in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village is required under State Statute 35 ILCS 200/18-55 to make such a determination at least 20 days prior to the date of a required public hearing,

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE, that the estimated amount of said levy is hereby determined to be the sum total amount of \$ 8,053,985.

Resolved in open meeting this 14th day of November, 2011

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

Approved this 14th day of November, 2011

Village President _____

Attest: Village Clerk _____

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VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE
LIMITING RATE AND

EXHIBIT 1

TRUTH IN TAXATION CALCULATIONS

(Proposed 2011 Tax Levy for the 2012-13 budget year with 2010 Extended Tax Levy.)

2011 LEVY PROJECTION

LIMITING RATE CALCULATION:

(2010 extension, excluding debt service)	(CPI increase)	=	7,977,415	=	1.0209
7,859,522 X	1.015				
(788,889,511 -	7,500,000)/100		7,813,895		
(2011 est. EAV)	(2011 est. new growth)				

TRUTH IN TAXATION CALCULATION:

	EXTENDED 2010 LEVY FOR FY 11-12	EXT. 2010 LEVY RATES	PROPOSED 2011 LEVY FOR FY 12-13	DOLLAR CHANGE	% CHANGE	EST. 2011 LEVY RATES	MAXIMUM LEGAL RATES*
GENERAL FUND LEVIES							
CORPORATE FUND	571,506	0.0731	620,038	48,532	8.49%	0.0786	0.4375
FORESTRY TAX	159,403	0.0204	164,092	4,689	2.94%	0.0208	0.0500
CROSSING GUARDS	0	0.0000	0	0	0.00%	0.0000	0.0200
POLICE PROTECTION	1,278,353	0.1636	1,312,734	34,381	2.69%	0.1664	0.4000
FIRE PROTECTION	1,278,353	0.1636	1,312,734	34,381	2.69%	0.1664	0.4000
AUDITING	0	0.0000	0	0	0.00%	0.0000	0.0050
STREET & BRIDGE	280,518	0.0359	281,300	782	0.28%	0.0357	0.0600
AMBULANCE SERVICE	296,928	0.0380	300,000	3,072	1.03%	0.0380	0.2500
IMRF	250,826	0.0321	271,654	20,828	8.30%	0.0344	N/A
SOCIAL SECURITY	<u>212,537</u>	<u>0.0272</u>	<u>219,736</u>	<u>7,199</u>	<u>3.39%</u>	0.0279	N/A
SUBTOTAL GEN. FUND	4,328,424	0.5539	4,482,289	153,865	3.55%	0.5682	1.6225
PENSION LEVIES							
POLICE PENSION FUND	784,515	0.1004	794,310	9,795	1.25%	0.1007	N/A
FIRE PENSION FUND	<u>787,640</u>	<u>0.1008</u>	<u>769,974</u>	<u>-17,666</u>	<u>-2.24%</u>	<u>0.0976</u>	N/A
SUBTOTAL OTHER FUNDS	1,572,155	0.2012	1,564,284	-7,871	-0.50%	0.1983	
TOTAL VILLAGE TAX LEVY W/O DEBT SERVICE	5,900,579	0.7551	6,046,573	145,994	2.47%	0.7665	
TOTAL LIBRARY TAX LEVY	<u>1,958,943</u>	0.2507	<u>2,007,412</u>	<u>48,469</u>	2.47%	0.2545	0.6000
TOTAL TAX LEVY-TRUTH IN-TAXATION PURPOSE	<u>7,859,522</u>	1.0058	<u>8,053,985</u>	<u>194,463</u>	2.47%	1.0209	
DEBT SERVICE LEVY							
DEBT SERVICE - Village	0	0.0000	0	0		0.0000	
DEBT SERVICE - Library	<u>685,843</u>	0.0878	<u>684,055</u>	<u>-1,788</u>	<u>-0.26%</u>	0.0867	
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY	<u>8,545,365</u>	1.0936	<u>8,738,040</u>	<u>192,675</u>	2.25%	1.1076	
SPECIAL SERVICE AREA LEVY	<u>60,339</u>	n/a	<u>61,244</u>	905	1.50%		

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VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE
COMPARATIVE EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATIONS (EAV)
AND EAV GROWTH (NEW AND OTHER)

EXHIBIT 2

LEVY YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	X	STATE EQUALIZER FACTOR	=	(EAV)	EAV GROWTH INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCR/-DCR	NEW GROWTH	OTHER GROWTH
1993	110,172,321	** X	2.1407	=	235,845,887	25,433,096	12.09%	2,145,359	23,287,737
1994	110,094,531	X	2.1135	=	232,684,791	-3,161,096	-1.34%	1,202,720	-4,363,816
1995	115,678,873	X	2.1243	=	245,736,629	13,051,838	5.61%	11,861,094	1,190,744
1996	135,027,644	** X	2.1517	=	290,538,982	44,802,353	18.23%	15,663,453	29,138,900
1997	134,771,687	X	2.1489	=	289,610,878	-928,104	-0.32%	941,208	-1,869,312
1998	135,041,788	X	2.1799	=	294,377,593	4,766,715	1.65%	1,584,900	3,181,815
1999	147,451,925	** X	2.2505	=	331,840,558	37,462,965	12.73%	2,611,861	34,851,104
2000	136,689,081	X	2.2235	=	303,928,172	-27,912,386	-8.41%	658,319	-28,570,705
2001	137,556,750	X	2.3098	=	317,728,581	13,800,409	4.54%	1,903,529	11,896,880
2002	172,617,977	** X	2.4689	=	426,176,523	108,447,942	34.13%	7,078,569	101,369,373
2003	172,869,731	X	2.4598	=	425,224,964	-951,559	-0.22%	3,135,222	-4,086,781
2004	171,946,272	X	2.5757	=	442,882,014	17,657,050	4.15%	4,162,575	13,494,475
2005	209,260,588	** X	2.7320	=	571,699,926	128,817,912	29.09%	12,971,996	115,845,916
2006	210,506,792	X	2.7076	=	569,968,189	-1,731,737	-0.30%	9,787,889	-11,519,626
2007	211,730,722	X	2.8439	=	602,141,000	32,172,811	5.64%	7,194,191	24,978,620
2008	235,339,602	** X	2.9786	=	700,982,539	98,841,539	16.42%	8,802,486	90,039,053
2009	233,162,714	X	3.3701	=	785,781,663	84,799,124	14.08%	47,095,681	37,703,443
2010	236,784,700	X	3.3000	=	781,389,511	-4,392,152	-0.63%	1,402,582	-5,794,734
2011*	239,057,428	** X	3.3000	=	788,889,511	7,500,000	0.95%	7,500,000	0

Notes:

- NEW GROWTH INCLUDES IMPROVEMENTS OR ADDITIONS THAT INCREASE THE EAV OF THE PROPERTY
- OTHER GROWTH INCLUDES REASSESSMENTS (TRIENNIAL/SALE OF PROPERTY), REMODELING, AND INC. OR DEC. IN THE STATE MULTIPLIER.
- EAV IS COMPUTED BY MULTIPLYING THE ASSESSED VALUATION BY THE STATE EQUALIZER FACTOR.

* ESTIMATED EAV, NEW AND OTHER GROWTH

** TRIENNIAL REASSESSMENT

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE / PUBLIC LIBRARY
TAX LEVY SUMMARY

WHAT EFFECT WILL THIS HAVE ON MY TAXES?

	<u>2010 RATE</u>	<u>2011 RATE</u>
ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE (As determined by Cook County Assessor's Office)	\$400,000	\$400,000
X (TIMES) CLASSIFICATION FACTOR	<u>10%</u>	<u>10%</u>
= (EQUALS) ASSESSED VALUATION	\$40,000	\$40,000
X (TIMES) STATE EQUALIZER	3.3000	3.3000
- (MINUS) HOMEOWNERS' EXEMPTION	<u>(\$6,000)</u>	<u>(\$6,000)</u>
= (EQUALS) EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION	\$126,000	\$126,000
/ (DIVIDED BY)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00
X (TIMES) VILLAGE TAX RATE	<u>0.7550</u>	<u>0.7664</u>
= (EQUALS) VILLAGE TAX BILL	\$951.30	\$965.66
DIFFERENCE IN VILLAGE RATE	\$14.36	
LIBRARY TAX RATE	<u>0.2507</u>	<u>0.2545</u>
= (EQUALS) LIBRARY TAX BILL	\$315.88	\$320.67
DIFFERENCE IN LIBRARY RATE	\$4.79	
TOTAL VILLAGE/PUBLIC LIBRARY TAX BILL	<u>\$1,267.18</u>	<u>\$1,286.33</u>
DIFFERENCE IN TOTAL TAX RATE	\$19.15	



VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE POLICE PENSION BOARD



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TO: Village Board

FROM: LaGrange Police Pension Board

DATE: October 27, 2011

REF: Tax Levy

The actuarial update results dated April 30, 2011, submitted by Timothy W. Sharpe, Actuary, 1412 Sherwood Lane Geneva, IL, was reviewed by the LaGrange Police Pension Board.

The tax levy as stated in the actuarial report for \$794,310 was accepted by the Board as presented and passed at the Pension Board meeting on October 26, 2011.

On behalf of the LaGrange Police Pension Fund, I respectively request the aforementioned tax levy amount be included as part of the Village of LaGrange's 2011 property tax levy ordinance submitted to Cook County.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryan M. Beaver".

Bryan Beaver
President
LaGrange Police Pension Board

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LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIREFIGHTERS PENSION FUND
MEMORANDUM

TO: VILLAGE BOARD
FROM: President Bryzgalski
DATE: October 18, 2011
REF: TAX LEVY

The actuarial results dated April 30, 2011, submitted by Timothy W. Sharpe, Actuary; Geneva, IL was reviewed by the La Grange Firefighters Pension Board.

The 2011, pension levy request as calculated by the independent actuary, Tim Sharpe, utilizing the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method, 100 % funding, and a change in the interest rate assumption from 7.5 % to 7.0 % which results in a 2011, Fire Pension tax levy of \$769,974.

The tax levy as stated in the actuarial report for \$769,974 was accepted by the Board as presented and passed at the Pension Board meeting on October 18, 2011.

On behalf of the La Grange Firefighters Pension Fund, I respectfully request the aforementioned tax levy amount be included as part of the Village of La Grange's 2011, property tax levy ordinance submitted to Cook County.

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