

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

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:

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

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

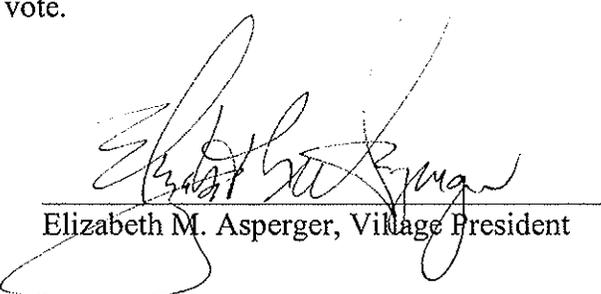
9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

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.

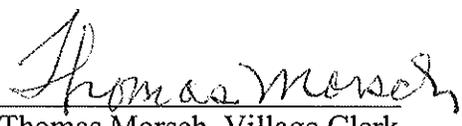
10. ADJOURNMENT

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: November 14, 2011