

MINUTES

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

Monday, January 23, 2012 - 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 7:30 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, and Palermo

ABSENT: Trustee Nowak

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

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger recognized members of Girl Scout Troop 258 from Spring Avenue School who are working to achieve their "Local Lore" patch which includes local government.

President Asperger announced that the La Grange Business Association is promoting a new restaurant campaign entitled "Passport to Dining". Adding that Aracely's Bakery has recently opened in La Grange, President Asperger encouraged residents to shop and dine locally.

Lastly, President Asperger invited the public to attend a Capital Projects Workshop on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Auditorium. The workshop is in preparation for the upcoming budget process and will provide an opportunity to discuss proposed infrastructure and other capital projects.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinances (#O-12-01) – Amendment to Design Review Permit (DRP) #83, 26 East Burlington, Ammar Moosabhoy (Impact Architectural Signs)
- B. Purchase – Public Works Department / Replacement Vacuum Leaf Collector
- C. Ordinance (#O-12-02) Creation of Three Additional One Hour Parking Spaces on Brainard Avenue (West End Business District)
- D. Map Amendment – Short Term Parking Space / Loading Zones Within The Central Business District / 0-100 Block of West Burlington Avenue
- E. (Ordinance #O-12-03) Amendment to Village Code – Regulations Governing Smoking in Certain Places
- F. Not-For-Profit Solicitation Permit – Alzheimer’s Association of Illinois
- G. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, December 12, 2011
- H. Consolidated Voucher 111226 – (\$524,228.22)
- I. Consolidated Voucher 120109 – (\$709,235.96)
- J. Consolidated Voucher 120123 – (\$964,671.94)

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

6. MANAGER’S REPORT

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Palermo offered information related to alternative electricity provider rates and his belief that residents could incur a substantial savings. Trustee Palermo would like staff to research these options and suggested placing a referendum question on the upcoming November ballot for citizen input.

President Asperger noted for the Board that the Village Manager had discussed this item and although the Board had not determined it as a strategic priority, staff has been researching information related to cost effective electricity. Requesting Assistant Village Manager, Andrianna Peterson to provide her findings, President Asperger also referenced information provided to the Board related to electricity reliability and residential outage concerns.

Ms. Peterson provided detailed information regarding alternative suppliers of electricity adding that Commonwealth Edison would continue to maintain the service lines and respond to power outages as in the past. The only change would be a potential reduction in the cost of the electricity supply charge on the customers billed by Commonwealth Edison.

Ms. Peterson referenced a campaign created by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus who launched an Energy Savings Program to provide competitive rates to residents through Integrys Energy Services.

Ms. Peterson referenced the website for the Illinois Commerce Commission and Citizen's Utility Board for comprehensive information. Ms. Peterson also noted that consumers are urged to investigate their options prior to making a decision. Ms. Peterson added that the Attorney General's Office has concerns and is monitoring these programs.

Trustee Palermo inquired about the savings and Ms. Peterson noted that according to the Citizen's Utility Board they have the most cost effective rates. Trustee Palermo inquired if Integrys Energy Service is available to La Grange residents and Ms. Peterson responded affirmatively. Trustee Palermo suggested that this information be provided to residents.

Trustee Kuchler suggested that residents should be provided with a website link to the Citizen's Utility Board.

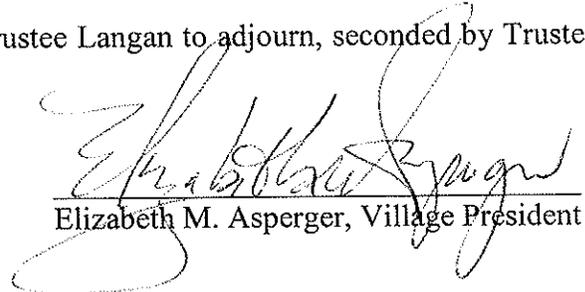
Trustee Horvath is in favor of placing this item as a referendum question on the upcoming November ballot. President Asperger noted that the legal; administrative; and consultant costs may out weigh the potential benefits.

Trustee Langan requested additional information and evaluation prior to determining if this item should be placed on the November ballot as a referendum.

President Asperger suggested the Board take time to review the matter and consider additional costs during the upcoming budget process.

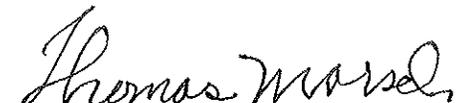
10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Motion approved by voice vote.



Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:



Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date: 02/13/12