

## MINUTES

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

Monday, February 13, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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, Nowak and Palermo

ABSENT: None

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 William Bryzgalski  
Police Chief Mike Holub

President Asperger requested the Board and audience stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### 2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### A. Resolution of Appreciation – Retirement of Auxiliary Police Sergeant Louis Berardi

President Asperger recognized Louis Berardi for his thirty three years of volunteer service as a member of the Auxiliary Police Unit. Reading the Resolution of Appreciation on the Retirement of Auxiliary Police Sergeant Louis Berardi, President Asperger requested Board approval. Trustee Langan moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Trustee Holder. Approved by voice vote. Mr. Berardi was presented with the resolution and received a standing ovation.

President Asperger reminded the audience that the La Grange Business Association is promoting restaurant week and encouraged residents to participate in "Passport to Dining" during the month of February.

President Asperger invited the public to attend the next regular Village Board meeting on Monday, February 27 which will be followed by two workshops related to economic development and the water meter replacement program. The public was also invited to attend the upcoming budget workshop to be held on Saturday, March 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the lower level conference room in the Village Hall. President Asperger encouraged residents to read the Village Manager's message in the preliminary draft budget document which will be available on line, at the Village Hall and the La Grange Public Library.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Resolution (#R-12-01) – Investment Authorization for Village Treasurer and Officials
- B. Ordinance (#O-12-04) Disposal of Surplus Property
- C. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, January 23, 2012
- D. Consolidated Voucher 120213 – (\$787,348.70)

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Ordinance (#O-12-05) – Amendments to the Zoning Map and the Zoning Code Related to Nonconforming Uses: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan provided an overview of the Village's ongoing review of the Zoning Code in an attempt to bring the code into conformity with the Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Langan noted that the Plan Commission has conducted public hearings on the proposed amendments and these amendments are being presented to the Village Board for their consideration. Trustee Langan explained that recommendations made by staff and the Plan Commission consist of amendments to the residential district boundaries and to the nonconforming uses section of the zoning code.

Trustee Langan noted that evaluating the residential district boundaries is in part a follow-up to the review process completed earlier this year of single family residential regulations. Providing detailed information relative to the proposed amendments to the zoning map, Trustee Langan stated dates of the public hearings; affirming vote by the Plan Commissioners; and each of the recommended amendments. Trustee Langan added that the Plan Commission acknowledged consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, trends for development and the community need for each of the proposed amendments.

Trustee Langan described the amendments to the nonconforming uses section of the zoning code to allow restoration of nonconforming structures when there is damage or destruction to any extent beyond the control of the owner. Noting the Plan Commissions unanimous recommendation for these amendments, Trustee Langan moved to approve the ordinance amending the Zoning Map and Section 12-103 of the La Grange Zoning Code related to Nonconforming Uses in Structures Not Designed for Permitted Use, seconded by Trustee Horvath.

Village Attorney Burkland noted that 34 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue was inadvertently omitted on the Board Report, however was included in the ordinance.

Trustee Langan thanked the members of the Plan Commission for their thoughtful and thorough consideration to rectify the code through these amendments.

Trustee Horvath concurred with Trustee Langan on a job well done by the Plan Commission.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn stated that the Village has been informed by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad that plans to perform track maintenance at the Kensington Avenue railroad crossing have been postponed until April. Information will be provided to the public at that time.

Mr. Pilipiszyn provided detailed information on voter registration deadlines and early voting for the upcoming Primary Election on March 20, 2012. Citizens were advised to visit the Cook County website at [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com) for additional information.

Lastly, Mr. Pilipiszyn noted that Village administrative offices would be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of President's Day and will reopen on Tuesday, February 21.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Dr. Bergschneider thanked the Board for beginning the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Dr. Bergschneider expressed numerous concerns related to his recent petition of residents and parking issues on the 1100 block of Spring Avenue. He feels there were inconsistencies in the process of handling the petition and inquired if the Board had been informed of his communications with staff.

President Asperger assured Dr. Bergschneider that staff had processed and handled his requests properly and the Board was informed of all of his concerns and issues.

President Asperger noted Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson's comprehensive review and study of the parking issues that Dr. Bergschneider brought forth and the conclusion provided to the Board.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Langan reminded residents of the newly opened eatery's and encouraged everyone to patronize local businesses and restaurants.

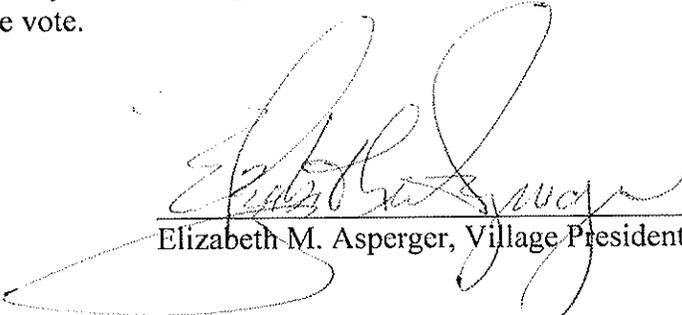
Responding to Dr. Bergschneider, Trustee Kuchler clarified that the Board did receive information provided to them by staff regarding his referenced parking issues. Speaking for himself, he viewed the matter as operational, and did not believe it was his role to respond individually.

Referencing Dr. Bergschneider's concerns, Trustee Horvath voiced his desire for consistent policies and standards to be set so there is consistency throughout the Village.

Also in reference to Dr. Bergschneider's comments, Trustee Palermo believes that consistency is most important.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 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: 02/27/12