

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Monday, February 6, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange special meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Clerk Morsch, the following were:

PRESENT: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan and Nowak with President Asperger presiding.

ABSENT: Trustee Palermo

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

President Asperger noted that this Capital Projects Workshop is the beginning of the budget process and requested Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn to give an overview. Mr. Pilipiszyn stated that: the Capital Projects Fund has the ability to fund identified projects over the five-year budget period; consensus direction from the Village Board is being sought on the next generation residential street resurfacing program, and traffic and pedestrian safety improvements; and it is necessary to dedicate a separate workshop to discuss staff recommendations for the proposed water meter replacement program and for water rate increases.

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 2011-12 and Capital Project recommendations for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

Discussion ensued regarding emerging cost-sharing concerns as identified by staff, with the proposed traffic signal within the Willow Springs Road corridor. It was the consensus of the Village Board to proceed with the project at an increased cost to the Village, Western Springs and La Grange Memorial Hospital despite the Park District's decision not to share in the cost of the improvement.

Discussion ensued regarding the bollard-mounted pedestrian crossing signal improvement. A prototype was displayed and examined. It was staff's recommendation not to install the bollards because their height and appearance did not appear to be compatible with the Village's existing streetscape furnishings in the Central Business District (CBD), and to seek an alternative pedestrian safety improvement with the grant funds currently assigned as the funding source for this project. It was the consensus of the Village Board to concur with this staff recommendation.

The Village Board initiated a discussion concerning the status update on the drainage study for the area south of 47th Street. The Village Board acknowledged the complexity and significant costs associated with additional infrastructure improvements to serve this neighborhood. The Village Board was supportive of staff efforts to continue to coordinate a regional planning group for a solution.

In reviewing the list of potential improvements within the La Grange Road corridor, it was the consensus of the Village Board to discontinue consideration of a second mid-block crossing in the CBD.

In reviewing the status of the Emerald Ash Borer tree removal and replacement program, the Village Board acknowledged the significant program cost and encouraged continued acquisition of both private sector and public sector grant funds. In response to a suggestion, a system to accept privately-funded tree donations will be developed and promoted periodically. As recommended by the Environmental Quality Control Commission, the Public Works Department continues to experiment with a treatment program for a sampling of Ash trees not yet infected by the pest.

The Village Board initiated a discussion regarding the Maple Avenue Relief Sewer (MARS). It was requested that staff explore financing as an option to using a pay-as-you-go approach towards funding this sewer infrastructure improvement.

Discussion ensued regarding improvements within the 47th Street corridor. Staff requested clarification of a directive from the Village Board last year to create "hard stops" at Waiola Avenue and Ninth Avenue. Staff described the stair-stepped approach taken to date, and a course of action going forward to ascertain approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Some members of the Village Board expressed concern with the cost of professional services juxtaposed the likelihood of IDOT approval. It was the

consensus of the Village Board as follows: (1) continue to pursue a red stop condition at the intersections of 47th Street and Waiola, and 47th Street and 9th Avenue; (2) use KLOA to full engagement of current task order. When that contract value has been reached, report back to the Village Board with year-to-date progress and assessment regarding feasibility in obtaining IDOT approval; and (3) leave proposed pedestrian crossing enhancement at La Grange Road and 52nd Street within the budget, but use it as a bargaining chip with IDOT.

Re-instatement of the Village's sewer lining program in FY 2014-15 was well received by the Village Board. Staff was encouraged to accelerate resumption if possible.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to accept the technical findings and project approach of the "next generation" street resurfacing program as prepared by Baxter & Woodman. It was also the consensus of the Village Board to concur with a staff recommendation to resurface residential streets on a block segment basis rather than on a neighborhood-wide basis.

After discussion of other capital projects, it was the consensus of the Village Board to concur with staff's budget recommendations, unless modified or directed otherwise as noted above.

III. WATER FUND

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham presented this item which included a status report of water system improvements for Fiscal Year 2011-12 and recommendations for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

It was noted that water rate increases of 10.0% in both FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 to fund operating expenditures and to rebuild reserves remain budgeted as planned. Water rates have also been adjusted to serve debt to be issued for the replacement of water meters and rehabilitation of the pumping station, as well as passing along water rate increases from the City of Chicago.

Discussion quickly ensued regarding the proposed water rate increases and the proposed water meter replacement program. President Asperger suggested that further questions and comments be held for the workshop discussion.

IV. SEWER FUND

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham presented this item which included a status report of sewer system improvements for Fiscal Year 2011-12 as well recommendations for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

It was noted that a rate increase of 10% for three consecutive years is scheduled to begin with FY 2013-14. This series of increases is needed to rebuild sewer reserves. Staff estimates that these increases will result in an increase of \$15 per year for each sewer customer.

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

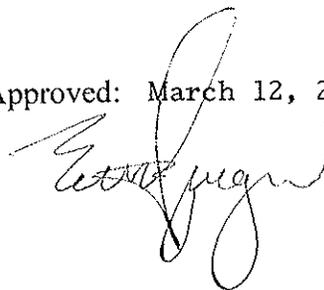
V. ADJOURNMENT

The Village Board Capital Projects Workshop was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Pilipiszyn
Village Manager

Approved: March 12, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Pilipiszyn", is written over the date "March 12, 2012". The signature is fluid and cursive.