

Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Date: Monday, November 09, 2009

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Village Hall Auditorium

Minutes of the Meeting

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

Monday, November 9, 2009 - 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 Robert Milne, the following were present:

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Paula Kirlin
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief David Fleege
Police Chief Mike Holub

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger expressed congratulations to the Lyons Township Men's Varsity Soccer team for winning the State Championship. Congratulations were also extended to the La Grange Business Association for their successful Halloween Walk.

The public was invited to attend the upcoming Plan Commission meeting on Thursday, November 12 which will include continued discussion of zoning text amendments.

Lastly, President Asperger announced that the regularly scheduled Village Board meeting on November 23 would be canceled and the next meeting is scheduled on December 14. President Asperger explained that this evening's meetings would consist of the regular business meeting followed by a special meeting to continue discussion of Police and Fire pension funds.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Approve and Authorize Village President and Village Clerk to Execute Amendment to Village Manager Employment Agreement

B. Ordinance (#O-09-35) – Design Review Permit (DRP) #78, 42-44 S. La Grange Road, Dinico's Pizza / Giuseppe Piccione, Business Owner

C. Burlington Avenue Resurfacing Project, Kensington Avenue to Brainard Avenue: (1) Engineering Services Agreement; (2) Engineering Task Order; (3) Local Agency Agreement for Federal Stimulus Funds; & (4) MFT Resolution

D. Equipment Purchase – Public Works Department / Hot Patch Asphalt Trailer (Bonnell Industries, Inc., Dixon, Illinois - \$12,350)

E. Award of Contract – Installation of Holiday Lights (Illuminight Lighting, LLC Highland Park, Illinois - \$14,450)

F. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, October 26, 2009

G. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Special Meeting Monday, October 26, 2009

H. Consolidated Voucher 091109 – (\$501,248.75)

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

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, Palermo and President Asperger

Nays: None
Absent: None

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Ordinance (#O-09-36) Variation – Maximum Building Coverage and Maximum Lot Coverage / Kevin and Jeanette Barnicle, 20 N. Catherine Avenue: Referred to Trustee Kuchler

Trustee Kuchler explained the circumstances relating to this request for a variation from maximum building coverage and maximum lot coverage in order to construct a two-car detached garage. Trustee Kuchler added that the requested variation falls within the authorized limits of the Zoning Code and on October 15, 2009 the Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on this matter. The motion to recommend the variation be granted with the condition that the existing front porch remain open passed by a six (ayes) to one (nay) vote. Trustee Kuchler noted reasons given by the Zoning member who recommended denial of the variation.

Trustee Kuchler added that the upcoming Plan Commission meeting will consider allowing staff to administratively grant variances for lot coverage and set backs.

It was moved by Trustee Kuchler to approve the ordinance for a variation of maximum building coverage and maximum lot coverage at 20 N. Catherine Avenue, seconded by Trustee Horvath.

Trustee Kuchler expressed his appreciation for the Zoning Board of Appeals comments and stated his reasons for supporting the variation.

Approved by a four to two roll call vote.

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

B. La Grange Business Association / 2009 Holiday Walk – Request for Village Sponsorship: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan explained that the December 5, 2009 Holiday Walk has always been a positive reflection of the Village of La Grange and brings shoppers into the community. This is the 18th annual event and the La Grange Business Association is requesting the Village co-sponsor the event in an amount not to exceed \$12,000. Trustee Langan added that the Village's position of sponsorship is marketing the event, which includes newspaper advertisements, posters and

the production and mailing of the booklet which lists the activities for the evening.

Trustee Langan explained the activities and other enhancements to be included. Upon culmination of the event, the La Grange Business Association would provide a complete financial statement for the event.

Trustee Langan invited La Grange Business Association President, Honor Lorenzini and Vice President, Ryan Williamson to comment on this year's activities.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to support the Holiday Walk's cost of advertising and marketing for 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000, with the conditions as outlined in the Village's sponsorship policy, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Holder, Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, and Palermo

Nays: None

Absent: None

C. Preliminary Review of the Proposed 2009 Property Tax Levy Request (#R-09-13): Referred to Trustee Holder

Trustee Holder stated that this is a preliminary review of the proposed 2009 property tax levy request and explained that the Truth in Taxation Law requires a preliminary review of the proposed tax levy at least 20 days prior to its adoption. If the aggregate levy is more than 5% greater than the preceding year's extension, exclusive of debt service, the Village must hold a public hearing before adopting the proposed property tax levy. Since the proposed Truth in Taxation levy request, excluding debt service, shows a total increase of 7.60% over the prior years' extension, the Village of La Grange is required to hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of the 2009 property tax levy. Trustee Holder indicated the Property Tax Limitation Act limits the increase in property tax extensions, exclusive of debt service and new property growth to 5% or the percent increase of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) whichever is less. The CPI for the 2009 tax levy determined as of December 2008 was 0.1%.

Trustee Holder gave an explanation of new growth in 2008 resulting from the end of the TIF District. Also noted was that the Village is estimating additional new growth of \$7.5 million based upon continued residential and commercial construction in the Village.

Trustee Holder added that the La Grange Public Library is a municipal library not a library district therefore the library levy is a part of the Village levy. The Library's tax levy request represents an increase of 7.67% over the 2008 property tax levy extension.

At this time the Village is announcing the 2009 preliminary tax levy and the ordinance adopting the 2009 tax levy will be presented at the December 14th Village Board meeting which will be preceded by a public hearing in order to receive public comment and answer questions regarding the 2009 tax levy.

It was moved by Trustee Holder that the Village Board approve the Resolution announcing the estimated 2009 tax levy of \$7,705,269, exclusive of debt service, which is a 7.60% increase from the 2008 tax levy, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Langan noted the importance of new growth from TIF and continuance of economic development in the Village.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn announced that Village offices would be closed on November 11 in observance of Veterans' Day as well as November 26 and 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. Public safety employees will be available in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Pilipiszyn invited the public to attend a Veterans' Day Tribute on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. hosted by the Robert E. Coulter American Legion Post 1941 located at 900 S. La Grange Road.

Lastly Mr. Pilipiszyn thanked the Village Board for their confidence in his performance as Village Manager by approving his employment agreement.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Paul Kerpan, 7 N. Spring expressed his concerns with excessive train whistle blowing. Mr. Kerpan referenced other municipalities that are working with Congressman Dan Lipinski for inclusion in a quiet zone.

President Asperger indicated that the Village has previously worked with Congressman Lipinski on this issue and Village Manager Pilipiszyn noted that La Grange is already considered to be a quiet zone.

Mr. Pilipiszyn explained the criteria for train whistle blowing and requested Mr. Kerpan provide dates and times that excessive whistle blowing has occurred.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9 TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Kuchler commented on the recent residential burglaries and noted the Police Department's commitment to resolving the crimes. Trustee Kuchler encouraged communication with Village personnel.

President Asperger encouraged residents to sign up for Village announcements via the e-mail blast offered on the Village's website. In addition Police Chief Holub encouraged residents to sign up for Code Red which also in an emergency notification system via telephone.

Trustee Palermo believes an announcement in the Village Spokesman for residents to sign up for these communication opportunities would be helpful.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:12 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approved: 12/14/09