

MINUTES

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

Monday, May 14, 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 7:34 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
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief William Bryzgalski
Police Chief Michael Holub

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

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger announced the opening of the weekly farmer's market every Thursday morning through October. This year's summer art project sponsored by the La Grange Business Association is entitled "Hour Town" and will feature clocks throughout the Village. As in the past, the clocks will be auctioned in the fall to benefit not-for-profit community based organizations. President Asperger added that the Pet Parade Committee recently held a successful fund raising event.

A. Presentation – Illinois State Bar Association's 2012 Law Enforcement Award – Police Chief Michael A. Holub

Circuit Court Judge Russell Hartigan recognized La Grange Police Chief Michael Holub for his leadership and dedication to his profession by presenting him with the Illinois State Bar Association's 2012 Law Enforcement Award.

B. Recognition of Citizen Volunteers on Village Advisory Boards and Commissions

In appreciation for the citizen volunteers who have rendered thoughtful and dedicated service to the Village by participating on various advisory boards and commissions over the past year, President Asperger stated that each Trustee along with Village staff would give a brief synopsis of the functions of each advisory board and commission, announce the names of the members along with their years of service.

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (3-year term, 3 members)

Police Chief Mike Holub stated that in accordance with State Statute, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners oversee certain personnel matters within the Fire and Police Departments. They are responsible for the initial appointment of all full-time firefighters/paramedics and police officers; they make promotional appointments; and administer disciplinary action. Members are: Mark A. Lies, II, Chairman – 13 years of service; Wayne Vantluka 6 years of service, and Kathy Schwappach – 2 years of service.

Community & Economic Development Commission (3-year term, 9 members)

Trustee Nowak noted that this commission considers and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding economic development issues and matters related to the relationships between residential neighborhoods and commercial business districts. Members are: Roger Laven, Chariman – 21 years of service; Steve Palmer 12 years of service; Margaret Carlson; Mark Reich; Elizabeth Stiles and Lester Williams all serving for 5 years; Richard Holly 3 years of service; and David Schwartz and Rebecca Wimbush each 1 year.

Design Review Commission (3-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Palermo explained that the Design Review Commission reviews matters related to the Central Business District Façade Renovation/Restoration Program. The commission also reviews and offers recommendations to the Village Board on design review applications within the Design Overlay District and reviews appeals regarding the denial of sign permits. Trustee Palermo added that the commission's responsibilities have been expanded to include public art and the proposed establishment of a Public Art Commission.

Members are: Andrea Barnish, Chairwoman – 20 years of service; Regina Mc Linton – 21 years of service; Mark Ozer – 10 years of service; Tim Reardon – 5 years of service; Michael Thuma and Carol Visek 3 years of service; and Troy Pavelka 2 years of service.

Environmental Quality Control Commission – (2-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Holder explained that this commission continues to evaluate environmental issues and “green” initiatives. The Commission was involved in the Village’s waste contract renewal and has offered recommendations relating to quarry blasting activities and the Emerald Ash Borer.

Members are: Glenn Wentink, Chairman – 24 years of service; Harlan Hirt – 38 years of service; Patty Weber – 32 years of service; Richard Battistoni – 22 years of service; F. Peter Gabrek – 13 years of service; and Linda Christianson – 3 years of service.

Plan Commission – (3-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Kuchler explained that the Plan Commission reviews and recommends applications for special use permits, planned development approval, site plan approval, amendments to the Zoning Code and official map, vacation of public-rights-of-way, and subdivision plats.

Members are: Wayne Kardatzke, Chairman – 17 years of service; Jerry Reich 12 years of service; Tom Williams – 5 years of service; Laura Weyrauch, Vice Chairwoman – 5 years of service; Greg Paice – 4 years of service; Nancy Pierson 2 years of service; and Jay Stewart – 1 year of service.

Zoning Board of Appeals – (5-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Langan stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals reviews applications for relief from one or more requirements of the Village’s Zoning Code, conducts public hearings and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding those applications for zoning variations. Trustee Langan noted some typical requests discussed and reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals include front, side and rear yard setbacks for single-family homes; building coverage for single-family homes; building coverage and setbacks for the replacement of detached garages.

Members are: Ellen Brewin, Chairwoman – 18 years of service; Nat Papparlarado – 29 years of service; Ian Brenson – 6 years of service; Rosemary Naseef – 5 years of service; Peter O’Connor 3 years of service; Jeff Hoffenberg and Michael Finder – 2 years of service.

President Asperger announced that the Village Board would also like to thank several citizen volunteers who hold appointed positions and requested members of staff to recognize these individuals.

Police Chief Holub, on behalf of the Village, expressed his gratitude to the Police Auxiliary Force and Jim Liotta who has served on the Auxiliary Police Force for over 29 years, the last 18 years as Director.

Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson expressed the Village's gratitude to Curtis Linder who has represented the Village of La Grange by serving as a Trustee on the West Suburban Mass Transit District. This organization provides financial assistance to member communities to implement commuter-related improvements. Mr. Linder has served on the Board since 2009.

Fire Chief William Bryzgalski explained that the Firemen's Pension Board was created according to Illinois State Statute to review pension investment activity and evaluate disability claims, fitness for duty and other matters of an operational nature. Colin Robertson is the resident member who was appointed in 2011.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-12-17) – Special Use Permit / Site Plan Approval for a Professional Membership Organization (IL Parks and Recreation Association) in the IB Institutional Buildings District, 536 East Avenue, Park District of La Grange
- B. (Moved to Current Business for Further Discussion)
- C. Resolution (#R-12-05) – Request to Close La Grange Road / Pet Parade
- D. Resolution (#R-12-06) Support for Funding Application to the State of Illinois Through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) for Improved Pedestrian and Vehicular Mobility Around the Stone Avenue Train Station
- E. For-Profit Solicitation – Dobbela Distributing LLC
- F. Not-For-Profit Solicitation – Illinois Youth Club, Inc.
- G. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, April 23, 2012
- H. Consolidated Voucher 120514 – (\$1,209,761.99)

Trustee Palermo requested item 4-B be removed from the Omnibus Agenda and placed under Current Business for further discussion

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

4-B. Request to Purchase – Police Department / Replacement of Squad Cars

Trustee Palermo noted that in the past squad cars have been replaced on a two-year cycle, however as part of the Village's cost containment plan the recommendation was to schedule replacement on a three-year cycle. Trustee Palermo noted that staff has identified the need to return to a two year cycle due to the fact that the last fleet purchased in 2009 has incurred extensive maintenance repairs and expenditures and staff is of the opinion that the units have exceeded their useful life. Trustee Palermo detailed information regarding the replacement of squad cars at this time, indicating that the vehicles offered on "State Contract" through a bid process from the Department of Central Management Services and the Illinois State Police would be handled through Advantage Chevrolet in Hodgkins. For discussion purposes, Trustee Palermo moved to approve staff's recommendation to purchase six replacement squad cars for the Police Department's Patrol Division under the state purchasing contract from Advantage Chevrolet of Hodgkins, Illinois in an amount not to exceed \$155,000, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Palermo expressed concerns that more detailed analysis was needed to identify the need for replacement at this time. Police Chief Holub identified the cost of significant repairs and lapse of time without operating vehicles. Trustee Palermo questioned engine hours identified and suggested the possibility of purchasing a floater car.

Trustee Horvath would like to see comparisons with other communities to continue the three-year cycle replacement of squad cars. Trustee Horvath would like to amend the motion and delay the purchase of replacement squad cars.

President Asperger noted the motion this evening is to purchase the replacement squad cars and policy issues would be discussed at the upcoming budget workshop.

Trustee Langan noted the Board's decision to direct staff to purchase replacement squads this year. Trustee Langan concurs with staff's professional judgment to purchase the replacement squads to maintain productivity and safety.

Trustee Kuchler is in agreement with Trustee Langan, however due to budget deficits he believes that all capital purchases be delayed until the Board can make budget adjustments. Trustee Kuchler would like to review alternatives, possibly using one of the vehicles in another department.

Trustee Langan feels the need to allow staff to do their job and refrain from giving mixed direction.

Trustee Nowak noted the direction to move to a three-year replacement cycle, however the unique situation is to identify cost savings so as not to raise taxes. Trustee Nowak is inclined to delay this purchase until further budget analysis can be discussed.

Trustee Holder inquired if maintenance repairs are handled in-house. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham responded that in-house mechanics are only qualified to complete minor repairs. Trustee Holder concurs with staff recommendation and is not amicable to delaying the purchase of replacement squad cars.

Trustee Horvath feels the need for more analytical data before making capital purchases. Inquiring if the delay in purchase would affect the purchase price, Chief Holub responded that the State Contract may not be available again until the fall and prices may change.

Motion failed by a 4 to 2 roll call vote.

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

President Asperger expressed her concerns with the discussion on this item and lack of respect demonstrated toward professional staff. President Asperger said that while it is the Village Board's role to closely evaluate staff recommendations, the Village Board is not in a position to assess operational decisions.

A. Special Event – La Grange Business Association “Ahhh! La Grange” Carnival:
Referred to Trustee Holder

Trustee Holder made known that the La Grange Business Association has requested the Board's permission to conduct the “Ahhh! La Grange Carnival” which would take place Friday, June 1 through Sunday June 3, with the Pet Parade being held on Saturday, June 2, 2012. Trustee Holder explained the

details of the event including a request to sell beer and wine during the operating hours. Trustee Holder explained that the sale and service of liquor would be conducted by a licensed caterer and that the La Grange Business Association would monitor and control liquor management.

It was moved by Trustee Holder to approve the "Ahhh! La Grange Carnival" subject to specific conditions; approve the temporary closure of Harris Avenue from La Grange Road to Ashland Avenue; waive restrictions which prohibit the consumption of alcohol on the public way; waive the restrictions for the outdoor display and sale of goods and services in the C-1 Zoning District; and approve carnival rides as a Temporary Use, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Motion approved by voice vote.

B. Special Event – La Grange Art and Craft Fair: Referred to Trustee Holder

Trustee Holder noted that the Village has received a request from the La Grange Business Association to hold the Annual Art and Craft Fair on Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15, 2012. The location utilized for the past few years was found to be favorable and is being requested again this year, however it will again be necessary for the Board to approve various road closures.

It was moved by Trustee Holder to approve the closure of Harris Avenue west of La Grange Road to Ashland Avenue and Madison Avenue from Harris south to just north of the Madison Avenue entrance to the parking lot 8 located at Harris and Madison Avenues and the closure of Village Parking Lots 3 and 4 on each side of the Senior Center on July 14 and 15, 2012 for the La Grange Art and Craft Fair, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Motion approved by voice vote.

C. Ordinance (#O-12-18) Authorizing the Issuance of Water Revenue Bonds, or in Lieu Thereof, General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds: Referred to Trustee Nowak

Trustee Nowak provided background information on issuance of a general obligation, alternate revenue bond to fund the water meter replacement program and improvements to the water pumping station. Trustee Nowak indicated that in order to proceed with the issuance of the proposed bonds, Kane, McKenna Capital, Inc. was recently approved as financial consultants and Chapman and Cutler LLP as bond counsel. Also recently approved was a 5% increase in water rates to provide funding for the annual principal and interest payments for the bond issue.

Trustee Nowak explained that with the appropriate number of signed petitions to satisfy legal requirements, State Statutes enable a modified-form of public referendum (backdoor referendum) to be pursued by taxpayers and be placed on the November, 2012 general election ballot for voter approval.

In order to meet legal requirements, the next step in the process is to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation alternate revenue bonds and the publication of the ordinance along with the notice of intend to issue the bonds. Trustee Nowak detailed the steps required and referenced a timeline which details key dates pertaining to the bond issue. Trustee Nowak noted that approval of the authorizing ordinance together with the notice of intent to issue bonds and right to file a petition will be published in the May 23, 2012 issue of the Suburban Life newspaper and such publication begins the 30-day petition period for the backdoor referendum.

Trustee Nowak moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Water Revenue Bonds or in lieu thereof, General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds to fund the replacement of Village water meters and improvements at the East Avenue water pumping station, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Kuchler noted his intent to be consistent with his previous convictions on the replacement of water meters and will vote no on this item.

Trustee Horvath noted his intent to vote no on this item as well.

Trustee Holder noted his support of this item and firmly believes that funding for this project is mandated in order to cease losses in revenue incurred by faulty water meters.

Approved by a 4 to 3 roll call vote.

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

President Asperger believes it is in the best interest of residents to move forward with this project.

D. Resolution – (#R-12-07) Reimbursement of Capital Expenditures from Bond Proceeds: Referred to Trustee Nowak

Trustee Nowak indicated the most cost-effective funding source in which to replace current water meters and perform the rehabilitation of the water pumping station, is the issuance of a general obligation alternate revenue bond. Detailing the process by which taxpayers may pursue a public referendum through the filing of petitions with the Village Clerk, Trustee Nowak indicated applicable dates. In order to avoid additional lost revenue from defective or inaccurate water meters, Trustee Nowak indicated the need to adopt a resolution which allows the Village to be reimbursed for water meters replaced and expenditures incurred prior to the sale of the bonds.

Trustee Nowak moved to approve the adoption of a resolution authorizing reimbursement for certain capital expenditures from the proceeds of a subsequent bond issue, second by Trustee Holder.

Approved by a 4 to 3 roll call vote.

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT
None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Nancy Kenny, 400 S. Peck expressed her dismay at the Board's treatment of staff during the discussion of the purchase of replacement squad cars. Ms. Kenny feels that the Village Board should be more respectful.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Kuchler believes the Board is doing its best to address a budget problem. He said that cuts are going to have to be made. Trustee Kuchler said that it was not unreasonable or irresponsible to defer this purchase by one more year.

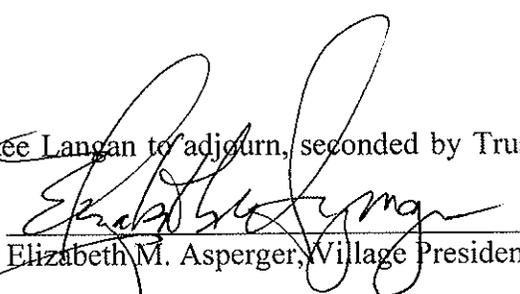
Trustee Nowak thinks highly of staff, however, is concerned with tax increases to residents and hopes that by further discussion, changes can be made to achieve meaningful cost savings.

Trustee Langan noted the need to provide staff the necessary tools to provide service to the community.

Trustee Horvath stated he feels the Board's job is to oversee the budget, ask questions, and to make tough decisions in these difficult economic times. He believes that is what residents want.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion approved by voice vote.


Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST


Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date: June 11, 2012