

## MINUTES

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

Monday, June 25, 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 7:33 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 Clerk Morsch to lead the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger commented on the positive activity in the Central and West End Business Districts and encouraged residents to continue to support local businesses. President Asperger noted the upcoming Art and Craft Show to be held on July 14 and 15.

Lastly, President Asperger expressed congratulations to graduates at all levels of education and wished them well in their future endeavors.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Award of Contract and Engineering Services Agreement – Poplar Place Drainage Improvement Project

Ordinance (#O-12-20) – Authorizing Acquisition of Permanent Easement for the Poplar Place Drainage Improvement Project

- B. Engineering Services Agreement – Baxter & Woodman, Inc. – Detailed Engineering and Design Services for the Reconstruction of Lot 13

Grant Agreement – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency – Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant Program

- C. Engineering Services Agreement – FY 2013-2014 Neighborhood Street Resurfacing Project

- D. Award of Contract – Leaf Hauling and Disposal

- E. Award of Contract – 2012 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program

- F. Ordinance (#O-12-21) – Prevailing Wage Rates for 2012

- G. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, June 11, 2012

- H. Consolidated Voucher 120625 – (\$531,370.30)

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, Nowak and Palermo  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

President Asperger offered congratulations to Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham on his due diligence in obtaining grant funding for the reconstruction of commuter parking Lot 13.

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Budget Amendments FY 2012-13 (#R-12-08): Referred to Trustee Nowak

Trustee Nowak stated that on April 23, 2012 the Village Board approved a budget for FY 2012-13 with the understanding that a continued budget discussion would

be convened to further examine and reduce operational expenditures. Adding that the continued budget discussion occurred on June 11, 2012, Trustee Nowak indicated that it was the consensus to approve several budget adjustments and expenditure reductions.

The budget adjustments and reductions in expenses were identified as follows: (i) eliminate the residential street sign replacement program; (ii) eliminate annual contributions for administrative vehicles for the Departments of Administration and Community Development and decrease contributions from all other operating departments due to extending the useful life of all other vehicles and equipment by one year, including squad cars from two to three years; (iii) transfer Equipment Replacement Fund reserves allocated for the administrative vehicle back to the General Fund; and (iv) increase Police Department Equipment Maintenance budget due to delayed purchase of squad cars.

Trustee Nowak indicated that the budget adjustments result in a projected surplus of \$32,000 for the General Fund in FY 2012-13 and a surplus of \$25,000 in FY 2013-14.

Trustee Nowak added that Village policy notes that revisions of the annual budget which alter total expenditures of any fund be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Village Board. If the budget adjustments are approved the updated information will be incorporated and the revised budget document will be posted to the Village website; on file at the La Grange Public Library and available at the Village Hall upon request.

Trustee Nowak moved to approve staff recommendations for a resolution amending the FY 2012-13 operating and capital improvements budget, seconded by Trustee Horvath.

Approved by a roll call vote.

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

## 6. MANAGER'S REPORT

### A. Electricity Aggregation

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn provided background information regarding requests from the Board to obtain additional information on alternative electricity providers in order to validate placing a referendum question on the November ballot to determine if residents would like the Village to pursue this program.

Mr. Pilipiszyn indicated that Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson has extensively researched electric aggregation options based on experience from other municipalities and requested she provide her findings.

Ms. Peterson indicated that staff researched and contacted other municipalities in order to provide the Board additional information relevant to staff time and consultant fees involved in developing and maintaining an electric aggregation program.

Ms. Peterson noted that the consultant's level of service has a determining factor on the amount of staff time involved. Explaining the implementation of a public information plan in preparation for the referendum process, Ms. Peterson also commented on the bidding process; proposal evaluation; contract award; and public hearing phases that would occur. Once the program is developed, there would be on-going administrative time and expenses to administer the contract; respond to public inquiries; advertise the program; and develop required documentation.

Ms. Peterson added that consultant fees vary widely and are based on the length of contract, number of customers, compensation model and scope of work. Identifying a range of consultant fees, Ms. Peterson explained that all municipalities highly recommend the use of a consultant due to the complexities and variables.

Referencing extensive information provided to the Board in their agenda packet, Ms. Peterson noted that staff is seeking direction on whether or not to pursue an electrical aggregation program the first step being to prepare a resolution calling for a public referendum question to be placed on the November 6, 2012 ballot.

President Asperger thanked Ms. Peterson for her detailed report and opened the floor to the Village Board of Trustees for discussion.

Trustee Holder asked how many municipalities had been contacted and Ms. Peterson responded at least ten in addition to several consultants. Trustee Holder inquired how many municipalities actually implemented the program and Ms. Peterson responded that each municipality contacted did implement the program. Trustee Holder inquired about consultant fees and Ms. Peterson noted that the majority of municipalities opted to include the consultant fee portion to the consumer. Ms. Peterson added that in general most communities were very positive about the program.

Trustee Kuchler asked if the program could be provided without the use of a consultant. Ms. Peterson responded that the bidding process of the highly technical program has numerous variables and it is recommended that a consultant interpret the results.

Trustee Palermo inquired about the fees. Ms. Peterson responded that the term of the contract would affect the consultant fees. Village Attorney Burkland concurred on the benefits of hiring a consultant due to the complexity and variable rates.

Trustee Holder asked if there was a preferred provider and Ms. Peterson responded that geographical areas may determine the vendor. Trustee Holder inquired if there were a national organization and Ms. Peterson responded not to her knowledge.

Trustee Nowak inquired about La Grange residents changing providers. Trustees Horvath and Palermo both indicated that they have changed providers and are in favor of placing a referendum on the November ballot to determine if a majority of residents would prefer that the Village have the authority to arrange for their supplier of electricity.

Trustee Kuchler asked about neighboring community rates. Ms. Peterson noted that after the referendum is approved by the voters, there would be several options for the Board to consider. Village Attorney Burkland concurred that there are numerous options and rates fluctuate, therefore it would be advisable to hire a consultant.

Trustee Nowak inquired about staff involvement and was informed that generally one or two staff members would devote time to the program.

Assuming that the referendum be placed on the ballot, Trustee Palermo asked if the Board could advocate support of the program. Attorney Burkland noted that the Village Board could provide factual information, however, cannot advocate a result.

President Asperger polled the Board for their thoughts on placing a referendum on the November 6, 2012 ballot to support electricity aggregation.

Trustee Nowak is supportive of the referendum, although generally uncomfortable with government negotiating for the private sector.

Trustee Kuchler expressed his gratitude to fellow Trustees who pursued this item for Board discussion and thanked staff for the detailed and informative report. Trustee Kuchler is in favor of placing the matter on the ballot however is hopeful that consultant fees be kept at a minimum.

Trustee Langan is in favor of seeking the voter's opinion and should the voters indicate their approval for the Village to move forward, Trustee Langan feels the need for a qualified consultant.

Trustee Horvath is also in favor of going to referendum and let the residents decide. Everyone has the ability to opt-out and there is value in negotiating as a municipality.

Trustee Palermo noted the importance of saving tax payers money. Critically important is that staff time and consultant fees be kept manageable.

Trustee Holder is supportive of placing the referendum on the November ballot and expressed thanks to Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson for her outstanding report.

President Asperger noted the unanimous support and indicated that a Resolution to place a referendum question on the November ballot would be placed on the agenda for the July 9 Village Board of Trustees regular meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Closed Session – Matters Related to Collective Bargaining

President Asperger indicated that there would be a motion to adjourn to closed session immediately following this meeting and the Village Board would not reconvene to open session as no formal action would occur.

Trustee Langan moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss matters related to collective bargaining, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Approved by a roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

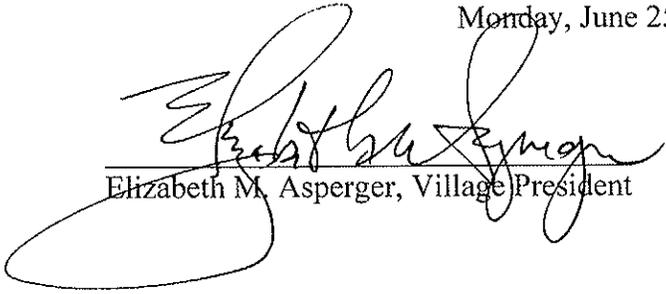
Absent: None

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Holder added his appreciation to Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham for negotiating the best rate for the Village's leaf hauling contract.

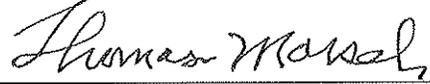
10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m. the Board adjourned to Closed Session and President Asperger indicated the next regular Village Board meeting would be on July 9, 2012.



Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:



Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date: July 9, 2012