

MINUTES

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

Monday, January 14, 2013 - 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 7:31 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, and Palermo

ABSENT: Trustee Nowak

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

Due to recent damage sustained to the La Grange Road train station, President Asperger relayed information provided by Metra regarding the structural analysis; construction repairs; and safety measures being taken for commuters. President Asperger also provided Metra's website for additional information and updates.

As a majority of residents voted in favor of a referendum for electric aggregation, President Asperger noted that this evening the Village Board would be considering the selection of a consultant to assist with the technical aspects of the program. President Asperger added that the Village will then hold public hearings on January 28 and February 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Auditorium, just prior to the regularly scheduled Village Board meeting. After input is received at the public hearings, a Plan of

Operation and Governance will be finalized. President Asperger reminded residents that the Village has not authorized any retail electric supplier as yet and encouraged residents to visit the Village's website for detailed information.

President Asperger advised the audience of an upcoming public meeting regarding the intersection of 47th Street and East Avenue. The public meeting is to be conducted by the Illinois Department of Transportation and held in the Village Hall auditorium on Thursday, January 31, 2013 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Lastly, President Asperger announced that the Capital Projects Workshop is also scheduled to be held on Monday, January 28. Explaining that this is the beginning of the budget planning process, the workshop is an opportunity for the Board and public to discuss proposed and ongoing Capital Projects.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Rose Naseef, 911 S. Stone Avenue noted her support for "greener – cleaner" energy as it relates to the electric aggregation program. Ms. Naseef detailed the environmental and health hazards that may be caused by the utilization of coal burning plants to generate electricity and the possible hazardous with the utilization of nuclear energy. Providing information and dates for upcoming presentations regarding municipal aggregation to be held at the La Grange Public Library, Ms. Naseef is hopeful that the Board will pursue alternative resources for cleaner renewable energy. President Asperger thanked Ms. Naseef for the information and her thoughtful comments.

Orlando Coryell, 115 S. Spring expressed concerns regarding the selection process of an electric aggregation consultant. Mr. Coryell does not feel enough public notice has been provided for thoughtful discussion of the electric aggregation program. Mr. Coryell hopes that guarantees are in place so that the rate charged to residents is less than what Com Ed would charge at that time. President Asperger responded that the Village would stipulate such rate guarantees.

George Rotter, 1015 Arlington indicated that when he logged onto the Village website, a browser add-on identified the Village's website in an unfavorable manner. Mr. Rotter also feels the Village should use the experience from other municipalities and refrain from hiring an electric aggregation consultant. President Asperger thanked Mr. Rotter for providing his comments and explained that the Village Board had previously disused options and determined it best to hire a consultant due to the complexity of the technical aspects of the electric aggregation process.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, December 10, 2012

B. Consolidated Voucher 121224 – (\$514,427.25)

C. Consolidated Voucher 130114 – (\$1,291,407.18)

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Resolution (#R-13-01) Stone Avenue Train Station Renovation Project – Cancellation of Invitation to Bid and Direction to Staff to Reject All Bids: Referred to Trustee Holder

Trustee Holder provided information on available federal and grant funding for the renovation of the Stone Avenue train station. Trustee Holder explained that staff working with Legat Architects and Metra finalized the necessary documents which were approved by the Village Board in September of 2011. Metra gave notice to proceed in January 2012 whereby project plans, specifications and contract documents were prepared and approved by Metra in November 2012. Trustee Holder added that six bids were received and opened in December 2012.

As all bids were significantly higher than the architect's estimate and thus exceeded the project budget, Trustee Holder noted that federal procurement regulations would only allow the Village to accept the lowest bid or cancel the bidding process and reject all bids. Staff and Metra concur that it is in the Village's best interest to reject all of the bids.

It was moved by Trustee Holder to approve the Resolution providing for notice of the cancellation of the invitation to bid and directing staff to reject all bids, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Kuchler inquired if more details could be provided related to the bids. Assistant Village Manager Andri Peterson responded affirmatively and that staff will complete an analysis of the bids, however the bids must first be officially rejected.

Trustee Kuchler asked if some items could be separated out and Village Attorney Burkland responded that the difficulty is in administering the project, however yes, the Village could structure the next set of bidding documents.

Trustee Langan inquired about feedback form the contractors and Ms. Peterson responded that the Village is not allowed to speak to the contractors until the Village officially rejects all of the bids. Attorney Burkland added that staff will then perform a reanalysis.

Trustee Palermo asked if staff could confer and follow-up with bidders after officially cancelling the invitation to bid and the rejection of all bids. Attorney Burkland responded affirmatively.

Trustee Horvath noted his favor of rejecting all bids and inquired if there would be an additional cost for rebidding the project. Ms. Peterson responded no that it was part of the original agreement with Legat.

Trustee Palermo inquired about the length of time involved. Ms. Peterson responded that after the official rejection of bids, staff will meet with bidders to see what information can be obtained in order to prepare revised plans and specification. As Metra needs to review the revised plans and specification, the time schedule would be dependent on them.

Trustee Palermo requested the Board be given the opportunity to reexamine the scope of the project.

Taking a step by step approach, President Asperger believes rejecting the bids to allow staff the opportunity to confer with the bidders is the first step.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Nowak

B. Resolution (#R-13-02) Authorizing an Agreement with the Illinois Community Choice Aggregation Network for Electricity Aggregation Program Consulting Services: Referred to Trustee Palermo

Trustee Palermo provided background information regarding the process taken whereby voters approved a referendum providing authorization for the Village to develop an electric aggregation program. Adding that concurrence by the Board to seek expert assistance with the technical aspects of the electricity aggregation program, Trustee Palermo explained the qualifications and requirements mandated for a consultant. Staff solicited a request for qualifications and received proposals from four consultants.

Trustee Palermo added that after thorough review staff is recommending approval of an agreement with the Illinois Community Choice Aggregation Network (ICCAN). Providing detailed information about the qualifications and experience

of ICCAN, Trustee Palermo noted that their consulting service is a flat fee of \$10,500 which would be paid by the electricity supplier chosen by the Village after finalization of the contract.

Trustee Palermo stated that Mr. Mark Pruitt of ICCAN is in attendance to answer any question the Board may have.

It was moved by Trustee Palermo to approve the Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Illinois Community Choice Aggregation Network (ICCAN) for consulting services regarding the aggregation of an electricity program, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Addressing Mr. Coryell's concerns, Trustee Palermo requested information related to the remaining three firms that submitted proposals. Ms. Peterson responded that although all of the firms were qualified and experienced in municipal aggregation, the critical component is technical expertise. Ms. Peterson noted review of the proposals was focused on the technical expertise of the consultant to be certain the Village receives the best contract terms for properly managing the program. Ms. Peterson added that differences in pricing structure were also taken into consideration and the flat fee was more cost effective than per kilowatt hour. In addition, Ms. Peterson noted that the recommended consultant does not maintain any compensation-based relationship with any electricity supplier.

Trustee Palermo inquired if there were differences in the speed at which consultants were able to implement comparable programs. Ms. Peterson believes all of the consultants would be able to implement the program in a timely fashion, adding that there did not seem to be any correlation between fees and delivery time.

Trustee Palermo asked if there was discussion regarding options that rates would not exceed those offered by ComEd and Ms. Peterson responded that it is understood to be standard language for the program.

Trustee Palermo inquired if the frequently asked questions could be posted to the Village website and Ms. Peterson responded that they were posted at the beginning of the Village Board Town Meetings in September 2012 and have been updated regularly.

Trustee Langan requested Mr. Pruitt to provide information related to the use of green resources as noted by Ms. Naseef. Mr. Pruitt representative from ICCAN noted his former background with the Illinois Power Agency and presented his thoughts related to renewable energy. Choices in achieving the best price in purchasing energy credits versus renewable energy are options to be considered.

Trustee Langan inquired about the cost. Mr. Pruitt provided variable costs for solar, coal burning, and renewable energy. Mr. Pruitt noted responsibility for

seeking a balance between value and price. Adding that most municipal agreements are for one to three years, Mr. Pruitt explained that renewable energy requires a twenty year commitment. Mr. Pruitt noted recommendation for his clients on behalf of their residents is not to sacrifice price. In addition, residents would be allowed to opt in or out of the program without fees thus providing consumer protection.

In response to Mr. Coryell's comments, Trustee Horvath inquired if the upcoming public hearings are designed to act as a process. Mr. Pruitt responded that public hearings are designed for public comments therefore to clarify process Mr. Pruitt noted his next step would be to prepare a Plan of Governance. As staff has already prepared the draft much of his work has already been completed. Upon approval of ICCAN as consultant, the Plan of Governance will be reviewed by him as soon as possible and relayed to the public for information prior to the upcoming public hearings.

Mr. Pruitt provided details of what would be included in the Plan of Governance which would act as the operating manual. Mr. Pruitt suggested simultaneous solicitation for electricity suppliers and the Plan of Governance discussion and public input at the public hearings. Upon agreement with the electricity supplier and the municipality, Mr. Pruitt noted next steps would be to move into the enrollment process through notification to residents; to ComEd; and possible delivery in March, 2013.

Upon finalization of the Plan of Governance, Trustee Horvath asked if Mr. Pruitt would be in attendance for both public hearings and Mr. Pruitt responded affirmatively.

As auction on electric suppliers bidding prices are only available during business hours, Trustee Palermo inquired about notification to the Board for their approvals. Mr. Pruitt noted that the Village Board would empower staff to approve.

President Asperger thanked Mr. Pruitt for providing thorough and informative information on the process. President Asperger noted the reduction in consulting fees due to staff preparedness.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Nowak

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

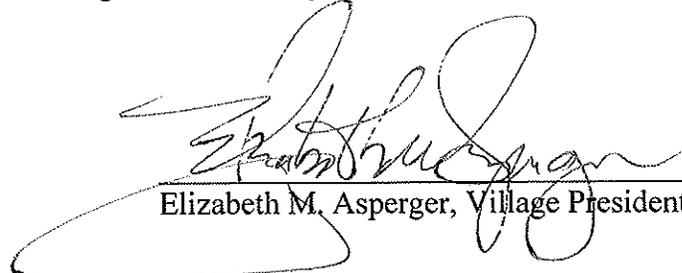
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 p.m. Trustee Langan moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Approved by voice vote.



Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:



Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date: January 28, 2013