

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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

Monday, January 28, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange public hearing and regular meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Thomas Morsch, the following were:

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

ABSENT: None

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

President Asperger explained that there would be a public hearing prior to the regular Village Board meeting this evening.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – Draft Plan of Operation and Governance for Electric Aggregation Program Pursuant to Public Act 96-0176: Referred to President Asperger

President Asperger provided the series of dates and process proceeding this public hearing beginning with voter approval of a referendum question asking whether the Village should seek to create an electricity aggregation program; adoption by the Village Board of an ordinance authorizing an opt-out electricity aggregation program; and entering into a contract with the Illinois Community Choice Aggregation Network for electric aggregation consulting services.

President Asperger indicated that two public hearings are required for public input on a Plan of Operation and Governance for a Municipal Electric Aggregation Program. Notice of this Public Hearing and the upcoming one to be held on February 11, 2013 have been posted and published according to State Statute.

Explaining that the working draft Plan of Operation and Governance describes how the program will operate; qualifications for potential electricity suppliers; pricing methodology; enrollment; options to withdraw; options related to energy supply mix; contract terms; and possible fees, President Asperger noted that staff has proceeded in the most cost effective manner as understood by the Board's direction.

President Asperger invited the Village's consultant Mr. Mark Pruitt of the Illinois Community Choice Aggregation Network to review the program in greater detail after which the floor would be open for public comment.

Mr. Pruitt provided background information and annotated a PowerPoint presentation regarding electricity aggregation. Mr. Pruitt explained that when finalized, the Plan of Operation and Governance will act as the rules of the road for the Village's electric aggregation program. Referencing that all of the information is available on the Village website and staff's advance preparation, Mr. Pruitt detailed the steps to be taken along with numerous options for the Village Board to consider.

Providing a visual sample of a ComEd bill, Mr. Pruitt noted where the change would occur on the electricity supply services line item. Adding that the primary objective of the program is to offer residents the best possible price for the supply of electricity and rates not to exceed those offered by ComEd.

As the Village's consultant for the electricity aggregation program, Mr. Pruitt detailed the timeline; the Village's role; the suppliers' role; the consultant's role; supply types; consumer protections; management processes; confidentiality; communications; billing; and other various components. Mr. Pruitt concluded his presentation explaining that a Plan of Operation and Governance would need to be passed and approved by ordinance before an electricity supplier can be contracted. Thereafter, Mr. Pruitt suggested a two-step approach whereby the Village would request qualifications and pricing from electricity suppliers.

President Asperger thanked Mr. Pruitt for his presentation and opened the floor to anyone in the audience.

Harlan Hirt inquired about the ownership of ComEd power plants. Mr. Pruitt responded that ComEd previously owned the power plants. Providing detailed information on the divestures of assets, Mr. Pruitt noted that current assets for ComEd are as a wires company. Mr. Hirt inquired about the length of the contract for an electricity supplier. Mr. Pruitt responded that this would be determined by the Village Board, however it is suggested that a 12 month or 24 month contract is preferable.

Mary Klinowski inquired about the difference in pricing for a renewable energy plan. Mr. Pruitt noted there is a high level of interest in a sustainable energy plan however it is a costly option. Providing cost examples, Mr. Pruitt clarified that renewable energy credits are not the same as renewable energy.

Rose Naseef referenced her prior comments on the hazardous effects to the health and environment with the utilization of coal burning plants and nuclear energy. Given the

opportunity to make a change, Ms. Naseef urged the Village Board to fully purchase renewable energy credits.

Mike Shepherd asked what is the minimum renewable amount required by the State of Illinois. Mr. Pruitt noted the next level required by State Statute is 9% and incremental increases of 1% occur each year with the objective goal being to achieve 25% by the year 2025.

Bob Klinowski inquired about the imposition of fees. Mr. Pruitt referenced information provided in the draft that at the discretion of the Village Board, costs of the aggregation program development and administration may be paid by the supplier. Mr. Klinowski inquired about working with other municipalities in a consortium program. President Asperger indicated due to the complexities and upon the advice of the consultant, the Board determined the best route for the Village is to establish an electric aggregation program and revisit the option to work with other municipalities in the future. President Asperger added that other than the consultant fee, no other fees have been discussed. At this time, the Village Board has not discussed nor anticipates additional fees to the supply charge.

An unidentified male inquired how much savings would occur on his electric bill. Although rates change daily, Mr. Pruitt provided information on current ComEd rates and a fair estimate on possible savings.

An unidentified female referenced information which indicated her ineligibility to participate because her condominium residence is all electric. Mr. Pruitt explained that as she is already receiving a lower electrical rate it may not be cost effective for her to enter into the Village's electrical aggregation program. Mr. Pruitt added that rates will depend on the supplier and residents will be further advised.

President Asperger asked if anyone in the audience had any additional oral or written comments or questions on the issue of electric aggregation. There being none, President Asperger encouraged everyone to provide additional comments to Andri Peterson, Assistant Village Manager via phone, e-mail, or in writing so they can be written into the record at the next public hearing on February 11, 2013.

At 8:28 p.m. with no additional oral or written comments President Asperger closed the public hearing.

At 8:29 p.m. the regular Village Board meeting was convened, with the same Village Officials as the Public Hearing being in attendance.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger announced that the Village is hosting a public meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday, January 31, 2013 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The open house public meeting is being conducted by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the purpose of soliciting public input on the potential impacts of the Phase I study for the intersection improvements at 47th Street and East Avenue.

President Asperger added that at the conclusion of this regular Village Board meeting, there would be a Capital Projects Workshop. Inviting all to attend, President Asperger noted this workshop is the beginning of the Village's budget planning process and provides an opportunity for discussion on proposed and ongoing infrastructure as well as future capital projects.

Thanking former La Grange Business Association President Ryan Williamson for his years of service, President Asperger identified his many achievements during his tenure. President Asperger extended a welcome to the new La Grange Business Association President Steve Jasinski.

A. Appointment – Environmental Quality Control Commission (EQCC)

President Asperger announced that a vacancy has existed on the Environmental Quality Control Commission. President Asperger requested approval to appoint Ms. Rebecca Davies as a member of the Environmental Quality Control Commission for a term to expire in 2014. Approved by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Phil Fornaro noted his attendance for any questions in reference to the agenda item regarding a zoning text amendment for building and lot coverage for in-ground swimming pools.

Mr. Larry Davis, Chief Executive Officer at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital noted his attendance for any questions in reference to the agenda item regarding the expansion of the Wound Care Center at the hospital.

5. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Ordinance (#O-13-01) – Amendment to Planned Development Final Plans – Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital – Wound Care Center Addition, 5101 S. Willow Springs Road

B. Consolidated Voucher 130128

C. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, January 14, 2013

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

6. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance (#O-13-02) – Zoning Text Amendment – Amending Subsections 16-102 B & I, Definitions of Building Coverage and Impervious Surface, and Subsections 3-110G10 & 4-110H17 to include in-ground swimming pools in determining lot coverage, and excluding from building coverage: Referred to Trustee Nowak

Trustee Nowak detailed the unique circumstances of events which preceded the requested Zoning Text Amendment. Explaining that in July 2012, the Zoning Board of Appeals did not vote in favor of a variation from building coverage to construct an in-ground swimming pool at 850 S. 10th Avenue as was filed by the petitioner. The matter was then presented to the Village Board in September, 2012 and after much discussion, the Village Board voted to table the variation.

Trustee Nowak added that it was suggested to include in-ground swimming pools when determining lot coverage, and exclude them from building coverage. The Plan Commission found it appropriate to change the way swimming pools have been regulated and suggested it may be more appropriate to adhere to a text amendment. Providing specific information on the interpretation of code and after extensive analysis, the most appropriate way to amend the Code would be to revise the definition of building coverage so that in-ground swimming pools are excluded.

Trustee Nowak indicated that with the proposed zoning text amendment the construction of the in-ground swimming pool at 850 S. 10th Avenue would be permitted. As a result of this recommendation, the property owner has submitted an application for a text amendment to the Zoning Code.

After a Public Hearing was held in December, 2012 the Plan Commissioners voted unanimously to recommend the text amendments to the Zoning Code. Trustee Nowak moved to approve an Ordinance Amending the text of the La Grange Zoning Code related to building coverage and lot coverage, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Horvath expressed his favor of the item, however inquired about limitations on the size of swimming pools. Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin responded that this was not discussed by the Plan Commissioners, however explained that the new lot coverage (impervious surface) provision added to the Zoning Code in 2007 is in place and would be a more appropriate standard for regulating the size of swimming pools.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

None

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

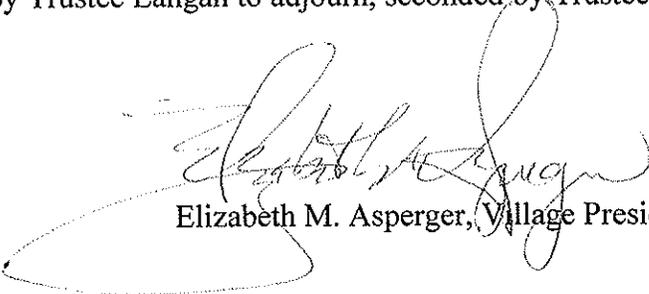
10. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Horvath added his thanks and appreciation for the work accomplished by former La Grange Business Association President Ryan Williamson.

Trustee Langan acknowledged the thoughtful deliberation of the Plan Commission related to the Zoning Text Amendment.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:48 p.m. it moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Approved by voice vote.



Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:



Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date: February 11, 2013