

## **Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**

Date: Monday, August 24, 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, August 24, 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 Manager Robert Pilipiszyn, the following were present:

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

ABSENT: Village Clerk Milne

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn  
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson  
Village Attorney Mark Burkland  
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin  
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham

### 2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger reported that La Grange was featured on WGN – TV as the Village with the best suburban downtown.

President Asperger noted that the Illinois Department of Transportation has reduced the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph on 47th Street from Gilbert Avenue to East Avenue. President Asperger expressed gratitude to State Representatives Jim Durkin and Michael Zalewski for their assistance in achieving improvements for traffic and pedestrian safety. President Asperger indicated that the Village continues to engage professional services for traffic studies to ensure safety improvements through the entire Village.

Lastly, President Asperger encouraged residents to join in the upcoming September festivities which include the West End Art Festival and the Diversity Rally.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

### 4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Ordinance (#O-09-23) – Creating an Additional Class C-1 Liquor License – Nicksons Eatery, 30 S. La Grange Road

B. Ordinance (#O-09-24) – Design Review Permit (DRP) #75, 88 South La Grange Road, First Floor Portion South of the La Grange Theater John Rot, 80 South La Grange

C. Engineering Services Agreement – Speed Study of Ogden Avenue and La Grange Road Corridors (KLOA, Inc. \$11,500)

D. For-Profit Solicitation – Ryan Renovations, Inc. & Edward Jones

E. Consolidated Voucher 090824 (\$597,083.60)

F. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, August 10, 2009

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

Trustee Palermo inquired about the follow-up process for design review permits that are approved by ordinance. Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin noted that approval of the ordinance granting a design review permit ensures compliance with the permit, however, does not obligate the petitioner to begin. Village Attorney Mark Burkland confirmed that an approved ordinance granting a design review permit gives the petitioner the authorization to begin, but does not mandate the petitioner to begin.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### 5. CURRENT BUSINESS

## 6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn announced that Village offices would be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of the Labor Day holiday, however a full compliment of public safety personnel would be available in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Pilipiszyn added that due to the Labor Day holiday, the next free monthly brush pickup would begin the week of Tuesday, September 8.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Derrick Knudsen, residing at 640 S. La Grange Road noted that new speed limit signs are posted on 47th Street, however there are no red flags to inform motorists that the speed has been reduced. Mr. Knudsen also asked for clarification about redundancy with the previously approved KLOA speed study on 47th Street.

President Asperger thanked Mr. Knudsen for his observations and explained that the Illinois Department of Transportation conducted their own speed study on 47th Street and determined that a reduction was appropriate. The Village will continue with its study to determine if any additional changes should be made.

Katie Justak, 121 S. Spring Avenue introduced herself as the new chairwoman for the Citizen's Council and invited the audience to attend their meeting on September 9.

Cheryl Ciecko, 1040 S. Edgewood, La Grange Highlands, commended the Village for its efforts regarding traffic safety and requested additional improvements be made at LTHS South Campus. Ms. Ciecko suggested that the portable pedestrian crossing signs be placed in the crosswalks along Willow Springs Road to calm traffic. President Asperger noted that the Village will consider her suggestion as it works with Western Springs on other pedestrian safety improvements to the corridor.

Steven Fink does not believe that there is enough traffic enforcement on 47th Street, including the pedestrian crossing at 9th Avenue. President Asperger noted that the Police Department continues to conduct traffic enforcement within the 47th Street corridor and throughout the entire Village.

## 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

### 9 TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Horvath noted his thanks for State Representatives assistance working with the Illinois Department of Transportation to achieve the speed reduction on 47th Street. He noted increased traffic enforcement in statistics he has seen.

Trustee Horvath believes that more work is needed to educate neighboring communities of the importance of pedestrian and traffic safety.

Trustee Kuchler concurred with Trustee Horvath and the suggestion for the pedestrian crossing bollards on Willow Springs Road. Trustee Kuchler referenced a monthly report from Police Chief Mike Holub recently provided to the Board and commented on the increased police activity that has been directed toward traffic enforcement.

Trustee Palermo concurred with sharing the information on increased traffic enforcement and believes communication and input from the community is important.

Trustee Palermo inquired if the upcoming Pension Fund Workshop would be televised. President Asperger responded affirmatively.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:03 p.m. it moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Horvath Motion carried by voice vote.

Approved: 09/14/09