

MINUTES

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

Monday, March 11, 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 7:30 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: Trustee Nowak (Present at 7:45 p.m.)

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Mark Burkland
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Assistant Community Development Director and Planner Angela Mesaros
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 reported that La Grange was featured in the latest issue of *West Suburban Living Magazine* and extended thanks to all who helped the Village achieve such recognition.

Noting that the Budget Workshop was held on Saturday, March 9, 2013, President Asperger encouraged residents to view the proposed budget specifically the Village Manager's message which is posted on the Village's website or a paper copy is available at the Village Hall and La Grange Public Library. Inviting resident attendance and participation, President Asperger indicated that a public hearing will be held prior to budget adoption on April 8, 2013 in the Village Hall Auditorium.

President Asperger provided information on a voluntary program related to Earth Hour 2013 on Saturday, March 23 by turning off non-essential lights for one hour. Adding that the La Grange Business Association would be planning ways to celebrate the event, President Asperger encouraged residents to participate.

President Asperger announced that the Village Board meeting scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2013 is being canceled and the next regular meeting would be April 8, 2013.

Lastly, President Asperger advised residents of the Village's annual Spring Clean Up Day which will be held the week of April 8, 2013 on residents regular refuse collection day.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Patrick Powers referenced item 5-A under Current Business on the agenda and expressed his thanks to the Plan Commission; Village Attorney; Village Planner; and Community Development Director for their assistance in moving forward with his requested application. Mr. Powers noted his presence along with counsel for any questions the Board may have.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

President Asperger noted that item 4-B of the Omnibus Agenda would be placed under Current Business for further discussion in order for Police Chief Holub to share information that was provided at the Budget Workshop.

- A. Ordinance (#O-13-05) – Variation – Maximum building Coverage and Maximum Lot Coverage / Mary Nicholas, 235 S. La Grange Road
- B. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion)
- C. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, February 25, 2013
- D. Consolidated Voucher 130311 – (\$781,850.93)

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Trustee Nowak arrived at 7:45 p.m.

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

President Asperger noted a change in the order of agenda items.

B. Contract – Group Health and Life Insurance Renewal: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan provided detailed information on the Village's group health insurance coverage under Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois and group life insurance under Fort Dearborn. Explaining the various plans, employee contributions, co-payments, while maintaining consistencies between unionized and non-union employees, Trustee Langan noted the Board's concern as this being a significant operating expenditure for the Village.

Elaborating on the Village's cost containment efforts, Trustee Langan referenced the pre-budget development workshop whereby health insurance trends for municipal employers were extensively discussed amongst themselves along with the Village's benefits consultant and determined not to make any additional changes at this time.

Trustee Langan noted the initial renewal proposal was for an 8.06% increase in employee health insurance premiums, however, the Village's consultant negotiated a reduction to 3.0% which results in a gross cost savings to the Village. Trustee Langan also noted that due to an advantageous claims history, the Village received a 24% decrease in premiums for group life insurance. Trustee Langan added that staff continues to explore opportunities and evaluate strategies to further contain health insurance expenses.

Trustee Langan moved to approve the contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for group health insurance and Fort Dearborn for group life insurance, effective May 1, 2013, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

A. Ordinance (#O-13-06 & #O-13-07) – (1) Vacation of Right of Way and (2) Special Use Permit, Planned Development Concept and Final Site Plans to Authorize a Multiple Family Residential Building, 1407 W. Cossitt Avenue, Big Tuna's, Inc.: Referred to Trustee Nowak

Trustee Nowak explained that Mr. Patrick Powers and Mr. Daniel Powers, owners of Big Tuna's Inc., recently purchased property at 1407 W. Cossitt Avenue and propose to construct a six-unit residential building. Trustee Nowak indicated the property is

located in an area which contains various land uses and zoning classifications, including multi-family owner-occupied; multi-family rental; single family residences; and an institutional building. Because the proposed development requires zoning relief the owners seek to develop the property as a small Planned Unit Development.

Trustee Nowak noted the positive features related to Planned Unit Developments and referenced that it is consistent with the Village's Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Nowak itemized the necessary changes in order to move forward with the Planned Unit Development. The Plan Commission conducted a public hearing over the course of two meetings to consider the application for a vacation of Village right-of-way; a special use permit; a planned development; and a site plan approval, all of which were unanimously recommended for approval with special conditions noted to the applicant.

Trustee Nowak added that there are two ordinances before the Board for consideration, those being an ordinance for the vacation of right-of-way and an ordinance for a special use. Prior to making a motion to approve the ordinances, Trustee Nowak took the opportunity to reiterate his belief that this is a good project for the enhancement of the Village for the following reasons: (1) the proposal is consistent with the objectives of the Village's Comprehensive Plan; (2) the zoning code was recently amended to recognize and encourage small in-fill development projects, and that this project was the first of its kind under these new regulations; (3) this project should serve as a guide for reinvestment not only within this neighborhood but also for other areas of the Village; (4) the project was thoroughly vetted by the Plan Commission; (5) the property owners complimented the Plan Commission and Village staff for how their application was handled. Trustee Nowak noted his gratitude to the Plan Commission and Messer's Patrick and Daniel Powers.

Trustee Nowak moved to approve an ordinance vacating a portion of public right-of-way located north of the property at 1407 W. Cossitt Avenue, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Langan concurs with Trustee Nowak that the collaboration and thoughtful approach sets the tone for other projects moving forward. Trustee Horvath agrees and is also in favor of this project.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Trustee Nowak moved to approve an ordinance for a special use permit, site plans and planned development concept and final plans for a multiple family residential project at 1407 W. Cossitt Avenue, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

President Asperger echoes previous comments and added her gratitude to the Plan Commissioners; Village Trustee liaisons; staff; and the property owners for their desire to reinvest in the community.

- 4.-B Request to Purchase – Parking Citation Management Software (Removed from Omnibus for further discussion.)

President Asperger indicated that Trustee Kuchler would present this item.

Trustee Kuchler provided background information related to the Police Department's current parking ticket management program. Explaining the need for purchasing a replacement software system to better manage parking citations, Trustee Kuchler identified the advantages of software offered through Municipal Systems Inc. (MSI). Although the software package offered through MSI is intended to manage parking citations, Trustee Kuchler noted the various data collected will be useful in guiding future parking management policies.

Trustee Kuchler identified the three components of the software and service package and itemized cost. Although the purchase price of \$33,921 is not a budgeted item, Trustee Kuchler explained that this purchase is an eligible expense and sufficient funds are available out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund. Trustee Kuchler added that purchases for software and services are not governed by State or local bidding codes.

Trustee Kuchler moved to approve the three contracts with Municipal Systems, Inc. of Palos Heights, Illinois for the purchase of software and services, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Palermo requested Police Chief Holub provide a description of the enhancements provided by the software. Chief Holub responded, noting the flexibility to customize the system to adapt to the needs of the department. Chief Holub added that easy to use hand held ticket devices and printers will replace hand written notices for efficiency and provide the ability to download and store information. Trustee Palermo inquired if the devices would be utilized by all officers at all times not just parking enforcement officers. Chief Holub responded affirmatively.

Trustee Horvath inquired if the hand-held devices would be used in the manner suggested in the 2003 parking study from Rich and Associates. Chief Holub indicated that the requested software is primarily for enforcement and citation management. Chief Holub added that the new system will allow data to be stored for reference, but not to the extent discussed in the parking study. That type of system would be extremely costly.

Trustee Kuchler requested additional information regarding the eligible uses for Asset Forfeiture Funds. Chief Holub noted that these restricted funds may be utilized for a wide range of law enforcement purposes, including parking enforcement.

President Asperger requested Chief Holub to identify how Asset Forfeiture Funds are obtained. Chief Holub explained that when drug and other related arrests are made the offender(s) assets are seized and these monies are made available to law enforcement agencies.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

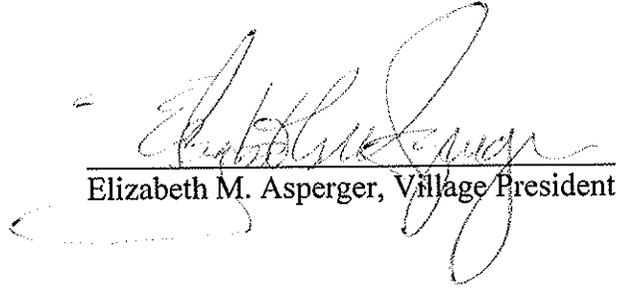
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Palermo thanked Floyd's Barber Shop and the La Grange Fire Department for their participation in St. Baldrick's day in support of children's cancer research.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m. Trustee Langan moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Approved by voice vote.



Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President

ATTEST:



Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date: April 8, 2013