

## MINUTES

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

Monday, April 22, 2013 - 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 7:32 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 commented on the recent tragedies in America and commended first responders for their bravery. Stating that we live in a country where so many take care of others, President Asperger requested Village Clerk Morsch lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognizing the recent rain storm, President Asperger requested Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn to comment. Mr. Pilipiszyn indicated the Village was notified that the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management would be collecting information related to flood damage and forms would be available on the Village's website.

### 2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Employee Recognition – Department of Public Works Foreman Russell Davenport –  
25 Years of Service

President Asperger recognized Public Works Foreman Russell Davenport on his achievements and dedicated service to the Village of LaGrange for the past 25 years. President Asperger invited Foreman Davenport forward to receive congratulations from the Village Board.

President Asperger explained this evening's meeting would consist of one business item and offered the audience an opportunity to comment on the item prior to Board discussion.

Harlan Hirt, 421 S. Spring Avenue presented a summary of his concerns related to the Park District and Gordon Park.

3. PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE: (1) ORDINANCE #O-13-10 – SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND SITE PLAN APPROVALS, (2) #O-13-11 ORDINANCE – PUBLIC UTILITY REASEMENTS, (3) RESOLUTION #R-13-08 – PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR HAZEL AVENUE PARKING AND RELATED USES; Gordon Park, 90 Locust Avenue: Referred to Trustee Nowak

Trustee Nowak explained that there are three different issues for discussion relevant to this business agenda item. Providing background information, Trustee Nowak noted that Public Hearings were conducted whereby the Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Park District's application for a special use permit and approval of the Park District's plan for renovation of Gordon Park. Trustee Nowak summarized the conditions agreed upon which included land donation for future intersection improvements; public utility easements; storm water management including approval from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District; and the demolition of a maintenance shed.

Trustee Nowak added that with the Park District's renovation project they are requesting a permanent easement from the Village for utilization as parking. Noting that staff recommends approval of the Park District's request for the Hazel Avenue parking area, Trustee Nowak provided staff's evaluation and the benefits to be derived. Trustee Nowak added that the Park District would bear all costs to create and maintain the Hazel Avenue parking area.

Trustee Nowak moved to approve a an Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit and Site Plan for Renovation of Gordon Park, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Palermo inquired on the timing involved for the Village to deliver the building permit. Village Attorney Burkland noted that the Village had received the revised set of engineering plans for review which is part of the building permit process. Trustee Palermo inquired on the timing involved for the Village to review the revised engineering plans. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham responded that a permit from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District needs to be obtained which may take a couple of weeks.

Trustee Holder inquired if Mr. Gillingham believes that the sewer easements are adequate. Mr. Gillingham responded affirmatively that they are within reason.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Trustee Nowak moved to approve an Ordinance vacating an existing utility easement, approving an easement agreement, and requesting the grant of utility easements from the Park District of La Grange, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Trustee Nowak moved to approve a Resolution approving an easement agreement and the grant of a permanent easement to the Park District of La Grange in a portion of the Hazel Avenue right-of-way, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Nowak expressed his thanks to the Park District for renovations to Gordon Park along with changes for improved drainage. As one of the Trustees assigned to the Plan Commission, Trustee Nowak noted extensive review and consideration for pedestrian safety and traffic management with this project was a priority. With the expected increase in pedestrian traffic, Trustee Nowak urged the Park District to communicate and educate residents on safety when accessing Gordon Park.

Trustee Palermo noted his favor of the collaboration between Village staff and the Park District as well as improved parking on the east side of Gordon Park.

Trustee Horvath concurred with Trustee Nowak's comments and encouraged pedestrian safety.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

#### 4. RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

In appreciation for the citizen volunteers who have rendered thoughtful and dedicated service to the Village by participating on various advisory boards and commissions over the past year, President Asperger stated that each Trustee along with Village staff would give a brief synopsis of the functions of each advisory board and commission, announce the names of the members along with their years of service.

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (3-year term, 3 members)

Police Chief Mike Holub stated that in accordance with State Statute, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners oversee certain personnel matters within the Fire and Police Departments. They are responsible for the initial appointment of all full-time firefighters/paramedics and police officers; they make promotional appointments; and administer disciplinary action. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners recently approved a comprehensive amendment to their Rules and regulations to reflect the Firefighters Hiring Act and other items. Members are: Paul Kerpan – recently appointed; Kathy Schwappach – 3 years of service; and Mark A. Lies, II, Chair – 14 years of service.

Community & Economic Development Commission (3-year term, 9 members)

Trustee Holder noted that this commission considers and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding economic development issues and matters related to the relationships between residential neighborhoods and commercial business districts. Members are: David Schwartz and Rebecca Wimbush – both serving for 2 years; Richard Holly – 4 years of service; Margaret Carlson, Mark Reich, Elizabeth Stiles and Lester Williams all serving for 6 years; and Steve Palmer 13 years of service.

Design Review Commission (3-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Kuchler explained that the Design Review Commission reviews matters related to the Central Business District Façade Renovation/Restoration Program. The commission also reviews and offers recommendations to the Village Board on design review applications within the Design Overlay District and reviews appeals regarding the denial of sign permits. Trustee Kuchler added that the commission's responsibilities have been expanded to include public art and the proposed establishment of a Public Art Commission.

Members are: Troy Pavelka – 3 years of service; Michael Thuma and Carol Vizek – both serving for 4 years; Tim Reardon – 6 years of service; Mark Ozer – 11 years of service; Andrea Barnish, Chair – 21 years of service; and Regina Mc Linton – 22 years of service.

Environmental Quality Control Commission – (2-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Horvath explained that this commission continues to evaluate environmental issues and “green” initiatives. The Commission has offered recommendations relating to the Emerald Ash Borer, Energy Star Benchmarking Program, quarry blasting, recycling and refuse disposal along with the energy efficiency grants which funded the HVAC improvement project.

Members are: Rebecca Davies – recently appointed; Linda Christianson – 4 years of service; F. Peter Gabrek – 14 years of service; Richard Battistoni – 23 years of service; Glenn Wentink, Chair – 25 years of service; Patty Weber – 33 years of service; and Harlan Hirt – 39 years of service.

Plan Commission – (3-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Langan explained that the Plan Commission reviews and recommends applications for special use permits, planned development approval, site plan approval, amendments to the Zoning Code and official map, vacation of public-rights-of-way, and subdivision plats.

Trustee Nowak introduced members: Jay Stewart – 2 years of service; Nancy Pierson – 3 years of service; Greg Paice – 5 years of service; Laura Weyrauch and Tom Williams both serving for 6 years; Jerry Reich – 13 years of service; and Wayne Kardatzke, Chair – 18 years of service.

Zoning Board of Appeals – (5-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Palermo stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals reviews applications for relief from one or more requirements of the Village’s Zoning Code, conducts public hearings and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding those applications for zoning variations. Trustee Palermo noted some typical requests discussed and reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals include front, side and rear yard setbacks for single-family homes; building coverage for single-family homes; building coverage and setbacks for the replacement of detached garages.

Members are: Michael Finder and Jeff Hoffenberg both serving for 3 years; Peter O’Connor – 4 years of service; Rosemary Naseef – 6 years of service; Ian Brenson – 7 years of service; Ellen Brewin Chair – 19 years of service; and Nat Pappalarado – 30 years of service.

President Asperger announced that the Village Board would also like to thank several citizen volunteers who hold appointed positions and requested members of staff to recognize these individuals.

Police Chief Holub, on behalf of the Village, expressed his gratitude to the Police Auxiliary Force and Jim Liotta who has served on the Auxiliary Police Force for over 30 years, the last 19 years as Director.

Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson expressed the Village's gratitude to Curtis Linder who has represented the Village of La Grange by serving as a Trustee on the West Suburban Mass Transit District. This organization provides financial assistance to member communities to implement commuter-related improvements. Mr. Linder has served on the Board since 2009.

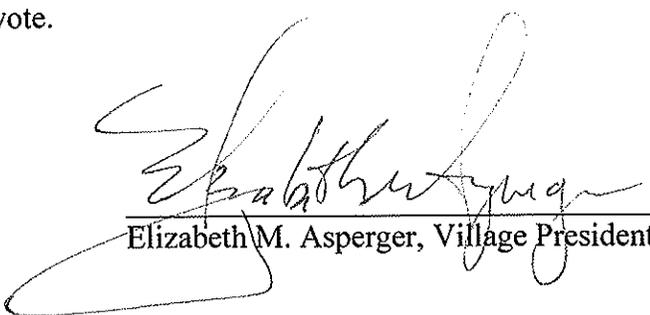
Fire Chief William Bryzgalski explained that the Firemen's Pension Board was created according to Illinois State Statute to review pension investment activity and evaluate disability claims, fitness for duty and other matters of an operational nature. Colin Robertson is the resident member who was appointed in 2011. Chief Bryzgalski added that in 2012, Mr. Robertson was also appointed to the Police Pension Board as the resident member.

President Asperger offered a public thank you to all and recognized former Trustees Richard Cremieux, Ken Eastman, Nancy Kenny, and Marti Tracey for their attendance.

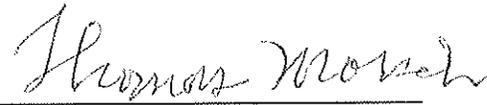
5. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:26 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion approved by voice vote.

ATTEST:



Elizabeth M. Asperger, Village President



Thomas Morsch, Village Clerk

Approved Date: May 13, 2013