

Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Date: Monday, August 10, 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 10, 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 7:34 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Robert Milne, the following were present:

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

ABSENT: Trustee Horvath

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Mark Burkland
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief David Fleege
Police Chief Mike Holub

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Proclamation – Community Diversity Group 18th Annual Race Unity Rally

President Asperger proclaimed Sunday, September 13, 2009 as Race Unity Day and indicated that the 18th Annual Rally would be held in the Village Hall Auditorium beginning at 3:00 p.m. President Asperger noted this as an annual event for all to gather and celebrate diversity in the community. Trustee Langan

moved to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Trustee Livingston. The motion was approved by voice vote.

President Asperger invited Linda Eastman of the Community Diversity Group to comment on the event. Ms. Eastman gave a brief explanation of the festivities and extended thanks to Trustee Palermo for his involvement.

B. Oath of Office – Firefighter / Paramedic Eric Jaeger

With the retirement of Fire Captain Greg Michalek in May 2009, a vacancy was created and the La Grange Board of Fire and Police Commissioners have appointed Eric Jaeger to the position of Firefighter / Paramedic effective August 3, 2009. President Asperger invited Mr. Jaeger forward and Village Clerk Milne administered the oath of office.

President Asperger reported that La Grange is listed as the “Best Downtown” in the August 2009 issue of Chicago Magazine and extended thanks to all who helped the Village achieve this honor.

President Asperger noted that earlier this evening a Liquor Commission meeting was held to consider the issuance of a liquor license for Nicksons Eatery to be located at 30 S. La Grange Road which will be recommended for Village Board approval at their next regular meeting.

President Asperger explained several items on the Omnibus agenda related to pedestrian safety and traffic management which would be considered for approval later this evening.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Thom Rae inquired about the minutes of the July 7, 2009 Special Village Board Meeting and was informed that only the public portion of the meeting is on the agenda for approval.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Ordinance (#O-09-20) – Creating an Additional Class B and Class G Liquor License – Q Barbeque, 70 S. La Grange Road

B. Engineering Services Agreement & Materials Purchase – Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing Design Within IDOT Corridors (KLOA, Inc. \$18,000; Traffic Control Corporation \$39,184; and KSA Lighting \$2,960)

C. Engineering Services Agreement – Speed Study of 47th Street Corridor (KLOA, Inc. \$15,000)

D. Engineering Services Agreement – Feasibility Study for Traffic Signalization at the Intersection of 47th Street & East Avenue (KLOA, Inc. \$8,000)

E. Engineering Services Agreement – 2009 Sewer Televising Program (Heuer & Associates \$17,379)

F. Award of Contract – 2009 Crack Sealing Program (North Suburban Asphalt Maintenance \$22,000)

G. Amendment to Fee Schedule – Water Meters

H. Consolidated Voucher 090727 (\$501,370.14)

I. Consolidated Voucher 090810 (\$845,376.05)

J. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Special Meeting Tuesday, July 7, 2009

K. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, July 13, 2009

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, and K of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee Holder. Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Horvath

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Ordinance – Variation – Maximum building Coverage / Lisa and Jon Froemel, 222 N. Catherine Avenue: Referred to Trustee Kuchler

President Asperger indicated that Lisa and Jon Froemel have requested their item be tabled for future consideration.

Trustee Kuchler moved to table this item, seconded by Trustee Langan. Approved by voice vote.

B. Ordinance (#O-09-21) – Zoning Code Amendments – R-6 Two Family Residential District: Referred to Trustee Kuchler

Trustee Kuchler gave detailed background information on the research; public meetings; and community participation for developing several amendments to the current R-6 District that address the appearance of two-family dwellings.

Trustee Kuchler added that the Plan Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendments in June 2009 and after substantial deliberation voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Trustees amend the R-6 District regulations related to new construction and conversion of two family dwellings.

Trustee Kuchler moved to approve the ordinance which provides that the amendments will apply only to new construction and conversion of single-family homes into, two-family dwellings throughout the R-6 Two Family Residential District and if enacted would become effective on a date determined by the Village Board with staff's recommendation of 60 days after the ordinance is enacted, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Village Attorney Mark Burkland noted that the Board would need to determine the effective date. Trustee Kuchler moved to amend the motion to include November 1, 2009 as the effective date, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Horvath

Trustee Langan commended Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros for the presentation made to the Plan Commission regarding this item.

President Asperger voiced her approval of the long, thoughtful, and deliberate process to achieve this zoning code amendment.

C. Ordinance (#O-09-22) – Comprehensive Update to the Village's Liquor Code:
Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan noted growing popularity of the downtown area as well as marketplace changes related to the sale and service of alcoholic liquor have created a need to update the Village's current liquor code. Trustee Langan referenced the initial draft amendments made to the Board in January 2008 which were tabled in order to further consider the availability of Bring-Your-Own.

After numerous meetings with current liquor license holders and local businesses the Liquor Commission reached a consensus on the proposed ordinance to update the liquor code.

Trustee Langan detailed the proposed amendments to the existing liquor code and explained briefly the new categories of licensing along with requirements and restrictions. Trustee Langan extended thanks to Assistant Village Manager

Andrianna Peterson and Village Attorney Mark Burkland for their time and efforts in drafting the amendments to the liquor code.

Trustee Langan moved to approve the ordinance amending the existing provisions of the Village Code governing the sales and service of alcoholic liquor, seconded by Trustee Livingston.

Trustee Holder questioned the limitations of servings per glass of wine at a food boutique and Attorney Burkland responded that categories have been created for different types of businesses and their individual needs.

Trustee Langan noted that other communities are offering bring your own and wine tasting events and believes the amendments are in line with current trends.

Trustee Palermo inquired about the previous ordinance relating to the serving of alcohol in the theater. Attorney Burkland noted that a specific category was created for this use, however, never materialized or was utilized.

Trustee Palermo requested clarification regarding a public or a private party and Attorney Burkland responded by giving examples of such events.

Trustee Palermo inquired about the restrictions placed on a Cabaret license and Attorney Burkland noted these are not recurring events.

Trustee Palermo inquired about enforcement of the percentage of sales of liquor and Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson responded they are performed annually.

President Asperger referenced sellers and servers training for a private club and Attorney Burkland noted that although it is not mandated it would be advisable to have such training. Trustee Kuchler and Trustee Palermo concurred that it would be a good idea for private clubs such as the Field House to have sellers and servers training, however it should not be mandated.

Trustee Langan believes the ordinance as written is fine but should be monitored as these new categories are implemented.

Trustee Holder requested clarification of storage for retail wine sales and Attorney Burkland responded.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Horvath

President Asperger commended Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson and Village Attorney Mark Burkland for their efforts in improving the liquor code and seeking community involvement.

D. Special Event – La Grange Business Association “West End Art Festival” and “The Big Picture – Art Under The Stars”: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan stated that the Village has received a request from the La Grange Business Association to conduct the 14th Annual “West End Art Festival” on Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13, 2009.

Trustee Langan noted that in addition to the traditional West End Art Festival, the La Grange Business Association will incorporate “The Big Picture – Art Under the Stars” easel auction.

Trustee Langan explained that it is necessary for the Village to formally approve the temporary closure of Burlington Avenue and portions of Stone and Waiola Avenues for the outdoor display and to waive restrictions for the outdoor display and sale of goods and services in the C-2 Zoning District.

It was moved by Trustee Langan that the Village Board authorize the La Grange Business Association to utilize Burlington Avenue from Waiola Avenue to Brainard Avenue for the “West End Art Festival” and “The Big Picture – Art Under The Stars” on September 12 and 13, 2009; that restrictions prohibiting outdoor display and sale of goods and services be waived in conjunction with this event; and that all conditions be satisfied, seconded by Trustee Holder. Approved by voice vote.

Trustee Langan expressed thanks to Andrea Barnish who has chaired this successful and rewarding event for numerous years.

6. MANAGER’S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn provided a detailed list of Back-to-School safety reminders for students, parents and motorists alike. All motorists were encouraged to drive safely through La Grange.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Countryside resident, Matt Cook commented that he expected to hear more detailed information on the agenda items related to traffic management and pedestrian safety. Mr. Cook inquired as to the Village’s efforts to educate school children about pedestrian safety and Village Manager Pilipiszyn responded that schools send out information to parents and work with the Police Department.

Mr. Cook commented as to the Village’s efforts to educate the public about a new state law prohibiting text messaging and cell phone usage while driving. Police

Chief Holub noted that schools provide driver education which includes information for the proper use of i-pods and cell phones. Village Manager Pilipiszyn added that a general reminder will be announced shortly before the January 1, 2010 effective date.

Mr. Cook inquired if there was any further consideration to forming a commission composed of citizen volunteers to improve public safety. President Asperger responded that the idea is still being developed and with a focus on education and awareness.

Mr. Cook does not feel that traffic enforcement on 47th Street is sufficient. President Asperger stressed the importance of public awareness and compliance with traffic laws and responded that the Police Department is extremely diligent in their duties to protect and enforce laws for the entire Village.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9 TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Livingston remarked on a recent visit to La Grange by Ray LaHood, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Trustee Livingston noted the importance of federal funding for transportation improvements.

Trustee Palermo concurred with Mr. Cook's remarks and believes there is a need for increased education and traffic enforcement.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m. it moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approved 08/24/09