

MINUTES

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

Monday, September 9, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.

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

In the absence of President Livingston, the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Village Clerk John Burns. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Burns, the following were present:

PRESENT: Trustees Holder, Kuchler, Langan, McCarty, Nowak and Palermo

Clerk Burns acknowledged that a quorum of the Board of Trustees is present and requested a motion to elect Trustee Langan as Chairperson Pro Tem to preside over the meeting. It was moved by Trustee Kuchler and seconded by Trustee Palermo to elect Trustee Mark Langan as Chairperson Pro Tem. Motion approved by voice vote.

ABSENT: President Livingston

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 Angela Mesaros
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief William Bryzgalski
Police Chief Michael Holub

Chairperson Pro Tem Langan requested the audience stand and Clerk Burns lead the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chairperson Pro Tem Langan announced that the recent La Grange Business Associations auction of artistic bag toss games was very successful with approximately \$10,000 raised for local charities.

Announcing that the Community Diversity Group's annual Race Unity Rally was well attended, Chairperson Pro Tem Langan noted special recognition to Shawana McGee as this year's recipient of the Community Diversity Group – Diversity Award.

Chairperson Pro Tem Langan made tribute to Patriot Day and those being remembered at the upcoming ceremony to be held at the Robert E. Coulter American Legion Post on September 11 at 8:00 a.m.

Lastly, Chairperson Pro Tem Langan provided the dates and details for the West End Art Festival and Evening of Art and Jazz sponsored by the La Grange Business Association and encouraged all to attend this annual event.

Chairperson Pro Tem Langan noted for the audience that the Ordinance granting the zoning variations in the agenda packet incorrectly identified the subject property in the title and first recital of the ordinance. Noting the correct address as 321 S. Stone Avenue, Chairperson Pro Tem Langan indicated that the Board has been informed of the typographical error.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

William and Kerrri Mahon noted their presence if the Board had any questions regarding their requested variation for reconstruction of the front porch on their home at 321 S. Stone Avenue.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Ordinance (#O-13-21) – Disposal of Surplus Property / Unclaimed Bicycles & Miscellaneous Personal Property
- B. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, August 26, 2013
- C. Consolidated Voucher 130909 – (\$783,862.01)

It was moved by Trustee Holder to approve items A, B, and C of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee ~~McCarty~~ Palermo.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Ordinance (#O-13-22) – Variation – Required Front Yard and Maximum Building Coverage / Kerri and William Mahon, 321 S. Stone Avenue: Referred to Trustee Holder

Trustee Holder noted that the owners of the property at 321 S. Stone Avenue have applied for variations from front yard and maximum building coverage requirements to rebuild a front porch on their house. Trustee Holder provided background information related to the house explaining that the proposed expansion would exceed the building coverage requirements therefore the request for a variation.

Trustee Holder indicated that a public hearing was conducted on August 15, 2013 and the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval of the application by a four to one vote with two Commissioners absent. The recommendation was conditional upon agreement that the front porch would not be enclosed.

Trustee Holder provided reasoning offered by the Commissioners in favor and against. Explaining that at least four aye votes are required to decide in favor of any application, Trustee Holder noted that the motion to recommend that the variation be granted as requested passed.

It was moved by Trustee Holder to approve an ordinance granting zoning variations for construction of a front porch and related improvements at 321 S. Stone Avenue, seconded by Trustee Nowak.

Trustee McCarty expressed his thanks to the petitioners for choosing to restore the historic house. Adding his thanks to Commissioner Brenson for his thoroughness, Trustee McCarty noted the challenges in reviewing this case. Trustee McCarty noted his support the variation.

Trustee Palermo will also support the variation, however expressed procedural concerns related to public posting signage for zoning variations. Village Attorney Burkland responded that signage is only required to be posted prior to the public hearing. Trustee Palermo requested verification that the adjacent property owners have been appropriately notified of the variation and Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin responded affirmatively.

Trustees Kuchler and Nowak both indicated that they are in favor of the variation.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Kuchler, Langan, McCarty, Palermo, Nowak, and Holder
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 Holder complimented the La Grange Business Association and Ms. Charlene Vickery for their efforts conducting the sidewalk art auction. Trustee Holder encouraged residents to participate and enjoy the upcoming West End Art Festival including the evening of Art and Jazz.

Trustee Palermo encouraged residents to participate and enjoy the upcoming 5th Annual Rocktoberfest at Gordon Park sponsored by the Community Nurse Association. Trustee Palermo added that this important event raises funds for various charities within the Village.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m. Trustee Nowak moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holder. Approved by voice vote.



Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:



John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: September 23, 2013 (as amended)