

## MINUTES

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

Monday, September 23, 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 Livingston. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk John Burns, the following were present:

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

ABSENT: Trustee Holder

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn  
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson  
Village Attorney Betsy Gates  
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone  
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin  
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham  
Fire Chief William Bryzgalski  
Police Chief Michael Holub

President Livingston requested Clerk Burns lead the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Encouraging residents to shop locally, President Livingston congratulated Eco-Maniacs who received certification from the Illinois Green Business Association for their recycled and eco-friendly products.

President Livingston provided information on the Police Department's upcoming auction for unclaimed bicycles and miscellaneous items. In addition, the Police Department will participate in the national pharmaceutical drop off event conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration as well as providing a permanent prescription drug disposal box at the Police station available at any time.

President Livingston provided information and invited the public to attend the Fire Department's Open House on October 5, 2013.

President Livingston extended thanks to all who participated in the Rocktoberfest event conducted by the Community Nurse Association as well as to those involved in the West Art Festival.

Announcing that the Village will begin to accept applications for various groups to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at upcoming Village Board meetings beginning on October 28, 2013, President Livingston noted that Village Clerk John Burns will be the coordinator and information will be posted on the Village's website.

Lastly, President Livingston recognized Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin and Executive Director of the La Grange Business Association Nancy Cummings for their informative presentation at the first meeting held by the La Grange 2020 Task Force.

A. Oath of Office – Police Officer Adam Coleman

With the recent retirement of one Police Officer and impending retirement of another the La Grange Police Department has been authorized to hire two Police Officers and the La Grange Board of Fire and Police Commissioners have appointed Adam Coleman to fill one of the positions of Police Officer effective September 23, 2013. Noting his education and experience, President Livingston requested he step forward and Village Clerk Burns to administer the oath.

B. Oath of Office – Police Officer Sabrina Irizarry

With the recent retirement of one Police Officer and impending retirement of another the La Grange Police Department has been authorized to hire two Police Officers and the La Grange board of Fire and Police Commissioners have appointed Sabrina Irizarry to fill one of the positions of Police Officer effective September 23, 2013. Noting her education and past experience, President Livingston requested she step forward and Village Clerk Burns administer the oath.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Ordinance (#O-13-23) – Creation of Student Loading Zone / 200 N. Catherine Avenue (Grace Lutheran Church)

B. Material Purchase / Public Works Rock Salt

C. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, September 9, 2013

D. Consolidated Voucher 130923 – (\$1,440,001.12)

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

Indicating a correction to the minutes of September 9, 2013, Trustee McCarty noted that it was Trustee Palermo who seconded the motion of the Omnibus Vote.

In reference to the creation of a student loading zone, Trustee McCarty would like to encourage more individuals to walk.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Kuchler, Langan, McCarty, Nowak and Palermo

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Holder

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Award of Contract – Stone Avenue Train Station Renovation Project: Referred to Trustee Nowak

Trustee Nowak noted previous Board approval of agreements with Metra and Legat regarding plans, specifications, bidding, and field work for the project. Trustee Nowak explained that the first two bidding attempts were rejected as not being within budget and/or did not meet compliance requirements. After additional adjustments were made, the project was bid for a third time and one bid was received from Boller Construction Company, Inc. Providing further details, Trustee Nowak indicated that in order to stay within budget, several project elements were removed from the base bid and included as alternates.

Trustee Nowak provided detailed information on funding which includes a Federal Transit Administration Grant and West Suburban Mass Transit District Grant. Trustee Nowak added that staff will continue to pursue grant funding through the Regional Transportation Authority and the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program for the alternates. Trustee Nowak described the alternates and emphasized the significance they have in relationship to completing the scope of the project work.

Trustee Nowak indicated the project schedule and staff's recommendation to approve a contract with Boller Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$919,000 for the Stone Avenue Train Station Renovation Project, conditioned upon submission of all required documentation. Trustee Nowak added authorization for staff to advise

Boller Construction Company, Inc. that alternates in the amounts of \$45,000 and \$29,000 may evolve dependent on the availability of additional funds.

It was moved by Trustee Nowak to approve the award of contract for the Stone Avenue Train Station renovation project to Boller Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$919,000, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Kuchler stated his favor with this project moving forward and inquired if the Village's Public Works Department could perform some of the alternate work. President Livingston requested Assistant Village Manager Andri Peterson to respond. Ms. Peterson noted that it is possible however there are some required environmental remediation concerns which a certified sub-contractor must perform. Ms. Peterson added that staff will consider all options for completing the project in the most cost effective manner.

Trustee Palermo inquired about possible delays in train schedules due to the use of flaggers. President Livingston requested Ms. Peterson respond. Ms. Peterson explained that for safety measures and as part of the projects specifications, all of the outside work will require a flagger, however delays should be minimal.

Trustee Nowak commended staff's diligence in obtaining grant funding for this renovation project thus enhancing a historic landmark without financial burden to tax payers.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Kuchler, McCarty, Palermo, Langan, and Nowak

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Holder

## 6. MANAGER'S REPORT

### A. Intersection Improvements – La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn began by explaining that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has identified the intersection at La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue for vehicular and pedestrian safety improvements. As this area is also under consideration for development, Mr. Pilipiszyn provided a syllabus regarding this mini-workshop whereby staff hopes to receive Village Board comments and general direction relevant to the proposed public improvements. Mr. Pilipiszyn requested Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham to present a graphic description detailing the proposed scope of work as noted by the preliminary plans from IDOT.

Mr. Gillingham annotated his graphic presentation by providing back ground information; explaining the proposed scope of work; explaining options for a right-turn lane (Westbound Ogden Avenue to Northbound La Grange Road); explaining

options for a right-turn lane (Southbound La Grange Road to Westbound Ogden Avenue); describing improvements for radius turning; describing traffic signal modifications; describing pedestrian safety improvements; describing proposed intersection improvements at Locust Avenue; describing improvements to street lighting; noting proposed storm water improvements; providing IDOT's proposed schedule; and listing staff recommendations.

Summarizing staff's recommendations, Mr. Gillingham indicated that staff proposes to continue to advocate with IDOT that various pedestrian and traffic safety improvements be incorporated into and funded through the State's plan for intersection improvements. Mr. Gillingham added the importance in coordination with any future planned improvements for the development of the property adjacent to the intersection.

Village Board discussion ensued over the proposed improvements to the intersection and funding those improvements. Among the concerns from the Village Board relevant to the proposed intersection improvements was to ensure safe pedestrian crossing; allow for traffic flow; access to Gordon Park; and the necessity to combine improved drainage for the area. The Board was in agreement to advise IDOT of their concerns, specifically noting that traffic signalization is critical to the area.

President Livingston noted that comments and information from this evening's workshop will be engaged with IDOT. Adding that the Village Board will continue to seek solutions in preparation for the upcoming Capital Projects Workshop, President Livingston thanked Mr. Gillingham for the presentation and acknowledged the importance of the Board's discussion this evening.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Acknowledging the excellent presentation, Trustee Langan noted the importance in relationship to the sewer system as well as future developers understanding that pedestrian and traffic safety are priorities.

Trustee Kuchler acknowledged the Police Department for their presence at the recent St. Francis home coming parade.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 p.m. Trustee Langan moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Approved by voice vote.



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Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:



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John Burns, Village Clerk

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Approved Date: October 14, 2013