

Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Date: Monday, June 22, 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, June 22, 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 7:30 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Clerk Robert Milne, the following were present:

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

ABSENT: Trustee Livingston

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

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Employee Recognition – Fire Lieutenant Bill Bryzgalski, 25 Years of Service

President Asperger elaborated on the vast amount of accomplishments and numerous certifications received by Fire Lieutenant Bryzgalski during his years of dedicated service to the Village of LaGrange. Congratulations were extended to Fire Lieutenant Bill Bryzgalski.

B. Employee Recognition – Police Department Unit Citation

President Asperger recognized the Police Department for their superior performance surrounding the apprehension and arrest of an offender related to a home invasion and sexual assault incident which occurred in February.

Police Chief Holub initiated Unit Citation certificates for Sergeant Tom Cimbalista; Squad Leader Miles Odom; Officer Julie Burrell; Officer Jerry Moncivais; Investigator Dave Rohlicek; Investigator Rob Wardlaw; Telecommunications Operator Patti Borowitz; Telecommunications Operator Tom Perfect; Part-time Officer Joe McGuire; Part-time Officer James King; and Auxiliary Officer Alex Avalos.

On behalf of the residents of La Grange, President Asperger, the Village Board of Trustees and the audience applauded all involved in this endeavor.

President Asperger commented on the success of the 63rd Annual La Grange Pet Parade and offered thanks to the Department of Public Works along with the La Grange Garden Club for their plantings and beautification efforts.

Congratulations were extended to all graduates.

President Asperger announced receipt of the \$3.2 million dollar federal grant for the parking structure and thanked Congressman Dan Lipinski for his efforts in seeking such funds.

President Asperger updated the audience on the comments and concerns presented by area residents at the neighborhood meeting related to traffic management and pedestrian safety on 47th Street. State Representatives Jim Durkin and Mike Zalewski along with representatives from Congressman Dan Lipinski's office have expressed their support in working with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to resolve concerns related to traffic control and pedestrian safety.

Meetings with traffic consultant KLOA and Village staff were held to format a base plan to present to IDOT. President Asperger relayed some of the highlights from the meetings with IDOT and gave details of short-term and long-term goals for the 47th Street corridor with progress for completion targeted prior to the beginning of the school year. President Asperger invited residents to provide feedback on the plan and ideas for best practices.

Lastly, President Asperger noted that numerous residents have expressed concerns related to the approval of a pawn shop to operate in the Central Commercial District. Explaining the outdated coding system used in the past, President Asperger noted that the Plan Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 29 to discuss proposed zoning text amendments to the C-1 Central Commercial District regarding possible changes to the list of permitted and special uses.

Based upon recommendations made by the Plan Commission, the Village Board will consider such amendments at their next regularly scheduled meeting on July 13.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Ordinance (#O-09-16) – Extension of Time Limitation for Planned Development – Village Bluffs, 400 East Elm Ave., Gallagher and Henry

B. Resolution (#R-09-11) – Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of La Grange and IAFF Local No. 2338 (Fire Fighters and Fire Lieutenants)

C. Award of Contract – 2009 & 2010 Tree Removal Program

D. Construction Contract, MFT Resolution & Engineering Services Agreement – Central Business District Street Resurfacing Project

E. Intergovernmental Agreement With The Village of Western Springs & MFT Resolution – Willow Springs Road Resurfacing Project

F. Engineering Services Agreement & MFT Resolution Neighborhood H Street Resurfacing Project

G. Ordinance (#O-09-17) – Prevailing Wages

H. Consolidated Voucher 090525 (\$424,864.18)

I. Consolidated Voucher 090608 (\$728,402.20)

J. Consolidated Voucher 090622 (\$665,959.15)

K. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion.)

L. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Special Meeting Monday, May 18, 2009

Trustee Palermo requested item 4-K be removed from the Omnibus Agenda and placed under Current Business for further discussion.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Livingston

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

4-K Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, May 11, 2009

Trustee Palermo requested an amendment to the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting from Monday, May 11, 2009 regarding his voice vote on the appointment of the advisory boards and commission. Trustee Palermo noted his voice vote was “present” and therefore requested the word unanimous be removed from the minutes.

Trustee Langan questioned this unusual voice vote response and Trustee Palermo explained that he would like to see the Village President actively seek more candidates for the various boards and commissions. Trustee Palermo believes that press releases; on-line applications; email blasts; and public announcements should be made when vacancies occur on advisory boards and commissions.

President Asperger indicated that a request had also been made by Joan Hoigard to amend her statement contained in the minutes of May 11, 2009 to clarify that she was concerned with the process in the selection of appointments to the advisory boards and commissions, not of the individuals appointed.

It was moved by Trustee Palermo to approve item K as amended, of the Omnibus, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by voice vote.

A. Special Event – La Grange Art & Craft Fair: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan noted that the Village has received a request from the La Grange Business Association to hold the annual art and craft fair on Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12, 2009. The location utilized for the past few years was found to be favorable and is being requested again this year, however it will again be necessary for the Board to approve various road closures.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve the closure of Harris Avenue west of La Grange Road to Ashland Avenue and Madison Avenue from Harris Avenue south to just north of the entrance to the parking lot located at Harris and Madison Avenues and the closure of Village Parking Lots 3 and 4 on July 11 and

12, 2009 for the 2009 La Grange Art and Craft Fair, seconded by Trustee Holder. Approved by voice vote. Trustee Horvath requested that clean up not be too early the day after the event.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn noted that the Department of Public Works would be removing storm debris throughout the community. The next free monthly brush pick-up will begin the week of Monday, July 6. Village offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day however a full compliment of emergency personnel will be available throughout the holiday weekend.

Mr. Pilipiszyn added that street resurfacing in the Central Business District will begin and anticipated to be completed prior to the start of the school year.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Shawn Temple, of Belcaster Realty noted the Village issued a business license to All Star Jewelry and Loan. Mr. Temple expressed his concerns for the proposed amendments to the zoning code. President Asperger suggested he present his views at the Plan Commission meeting.

Kathy Wolf spoke of community support to increase awareness for pedestrian safety in light of the recent fatality on 47th Street.

Kathy Deane 100 S. Ashland, inquired if the upcoming Plan Commission meeting to discuss zoning code amendments would be televised. President Asperger indicated that advisory board and commission meetings are not televised. Ms. Deane requested that the report be made available and was informed it would be posted on the Village website.

Randy Valenta 240 S. Park, wished to announce that the La Grange Little League would be competing in the Illinois State tournament on July 24 at Sedgwick Park.

Tim Trompeter requested notification of the upcoming Plan Commission meeting to discuss zoning code amendments be sent out via email.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9 TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Horvath thanked those in attendance relative to traffic and pedestrian safety matters on 47th Street. Trustee Horvath believes the community and local officials are working together to achieve short-term goals. Trustee Horvath also indicated that he was in favor of taping the upcoming Plan Commission meeting. Lastly, Trustee Horvath thanked the Department of Public Works for their efforts in the cleanup of debris after the weather related storm.

Trustee Kuchler commended staff on their consultation with traffic experts KLOA for guidance prior to the meetings with IDOT. Trustee Kuchler noted his belief that safe driving begins with education and is controlled with traffic enforcement. Trustee Kuchler extended congratulations to the La Grange Little League. Trustee Kuchler added his belief that landlords need to be good citizens and maintain and improve their property. Lastly, Trustee Kuchler commended the Department of Public Works.

Trustee Palermo expressed his belief that working together can and will increase public safety and encouraged individuals to communicate with the Village Board any areas of concern. Parents are also encouraged to educate their children about pedestrian safety. Trustee Palermo noted some inconsistencies regarding signage throughout the Village. Trustee Palermo also expressed his belief that the upcoming Plan Commission meeting should be taped and televised. Lastly, Trustee Palermo announced the outcome of the Relay for Life run for cancer research.

Trustee Kuchler suggested that the Village should consider limiting ice cream trucks, which cause unsafe conditions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m. it moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Approved 07/13/09