

Village of La Grange

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La Grange 2020 Task Force
Special Meeting

Village Hall Auditorium
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Wednesday – December 18, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.



AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — November 20, 2013
3. OPENING REMARKS
Diane Gormely-Barnes, Chairperson
4. VILLAGE FINANCES – PRESENTATION
Lou Cipparrone, Finance Director
5. DISCUSSION
6. ADJOURNMENT

(The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2014 – Infrastructure)

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
Administrative Offices

EXECUTIVE MEMO

TO: La Grange 2002 Task Force

FROM: Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

DATE: December 13, 2013

RE: **VILLAGE BOARD ACTION UPDATE**

I look forward to seeing those of you who can attend our December 18th La Grange 2020 meeting. Since you last met, the Village Board convened to set standard annual tax levies for Village and Library operations. This public process will culminate with the formation of and approval of the budget in the spring. Our Village budget begins May 1st of each year.

The subject of your next meeting is Village Finances. I am pleased to announce that the Government Finance Officers Association has just issued its 19th consecutive "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" to LaGrange. There are only 1,300 municipalities nationwide who have earned this honor. To put this into perspective there are 6,000 units of local government in Illinois alone. The meeting will demonstrate the choices we have as a community as we lead up to 2020 and what policies we have undertaken in recent years to manage our finances. We have tended to deploy a mix of cost containment and tax increases at the cost of living (CPI). By doing this, it appears we have avoided some of the "Springfield and Washington" problems. We do face many uncertainties such as healthcare costs, public safety requests, and infrastructure needs while at the same time shoring up our pensions and reserves. La Grange has an Aa2 credit rating — the best a non-home rule community can have. Your perspective ahead on the choices of reduced/enhanced services in certain areas alongside a menu of revenue sources including basic economic growth will be part of the discussion.

Looking ahead, we are on schedule as a task force and I will discuss the full support you will have in forming recommendations as part of your report back to the community. I believe we have a system in place to foster good synthesis of ideas as you have more time to deliberate during your 2014 meetings.

Finally, and most importantly Diane Gormely-Barnes and her family are moving from La Grange and so we will be looking for a new chairperson to be in place by the January meeting of the task force. We appreciate Diane's service and she will be chairing next week's meeting. I'll ask for any volunteers to call or email me outside of the upcoming meeting and all inquiries will be confidential.

Again, many thanks for your service and I'll see you at the Village Hall.

c: Village Board
Village Clerk

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From: Lou Cipparrone
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 8:52 AM
To: Robert Pilipiszyn
Subject: FW: Finance-Budget Links

Bob –

Here are the links to the Village website pertaining to the Village budget, audit and finance department information which might be helpful for the La Grange 2020 Task Force. I would recommend that the task force read the executive summary of the budget as contained in the “Village Manager’s Message”, which provides a summation of the Village budget for FY 2013-14, including the individual funds.

FY 2013-14 Budget: <http://www.villageoflagrange.com/index.aspx?nid=116>
FY 2012-13 Audit: <http://www.villageoflagrange.com/index.aspx?nid=117>
Finance Dept: <http://www.villageoflagrange.com/index.aspx?nid=24>

Please note, the budget and audit are large documents and may take several minutes to download.

MINUTES

LA GRANGE 2020 TASK FORCE

Village Hall Auditorium
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A meeting of the La Grange 2020 Task Force was held on November 20, 2013 in the Auditorium of the Village Hall at 53 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL, beginning at 7:08 p.m.

Present and Constituting a Quorum: Chairperson Diane Gormely-Barnes, Jim Arnold, Laura Blentlinger, David Bucaro, Michael Cameron, Margaret Carlson, Ken Eastman, Clayton Edwards, Michelle Halm, Elyse Hoffenberg, Jimmy Janevski, Bill Johnson, Katie Justak, Michael Kotynek, Meg LeFaivre, Bridget Lacey, Karrie Lange, John Lorenzen, Ellen MacEntee, Caitlin Malloy-Marcon, Suzie Mosher, Mark Nelson, Steve Palmer, John Pappas, Mark Reich, Russ Riberto, Sherry L. Robinson, Lisa Sagami, Elizabeth Stiles, Jeremy Strayer, Ray Swiatek, Glenn Wentink, David Wilkinson, Rebecca Wimbush.

Absent: John Boehms, Ellen Brewin, Julie Bunnell, Karen Deane, Richard Holly, Wayne Kardatzke, Anthony Lewandowski, Mark A. Lies II, Scott McPherson, David Schwartz, Laura Tussing, Lester Williams.

Also Present: Village Clerk John Burns, Trustee Bill Holder, Trustee Jim Palermo, Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn, Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, Finance Director Lou Cipparrone, Fire Chief Bill Bryzgalski, and Police Chief Mike Holub.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings on September 18, 2013 and October 16, 2013 were presented for approval. Michael Kotynek made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Stiles to accept the minutes as presented from September 18, 2013. Margaret Carlson made a motion which was seconded by Rebecca Wimbush to accept the minutes as presented from October 16, 2013.

III. OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson Diane Gormely-Barnes welcomed task force members and introduced the Fire Chief and Police Chief, both of which will be providing presentations on the topic of public safety. At the conclusion of the presentations, task force members will be asked to participate in a small group discussion.

IV. PUBLIC SAFETY - PRESENTATION

Fire Chief Bryzgalski provided an overview of the history, operations and equipment of the Fire Department. The Department averages 2,000 calls for service per year which includes fires and fire alarm responses; emergency medical calls / accidents; hazardous materials responses; technical rescue responses; gas leaks; storm related / power lines down; and patient assist / well-being checks.

The Fire Department has 19 total personnel which operate within three, twenty-four hour shifts consisting of six members each. The Fire Department has been operating with less personnel as a result of cost-containment measures.

Chief Bryzgalski explained how the Fire Department responds to a fire, which includes automatic aid from neighboring jurisdictions. For an extra alarm fire or other significant emergency, the Fire Department can request a "box alarm" which provides additional resources to the Village from other municipalities.

Police Chief Holub provided an overview of the operations of the Police Department which also includes emergency and non-emergency dispatching. The Police Department handles an average of 15,000 – 18,000 calls for service each year, with traffic control / accidents being the top activity.

The Department has twenty-eight authorized full time officer positions which operate over three shifts. The day and afternoon shifts operate with one supervisor, three officers and two dispatchers. The midnight shift operates with one supervisor, two officers and one dispatcher. Staffing is supplemented by five part-time officers. The Police Department also has ten auxiliary (non-sworn and unpaid) officers that are utilized for traffic control and other services. Two full-time parking enforcement officers are also employed as are thirteen crossing guards.

Chief Holub provided statistical information regarding the types of common Police Department activities and the average time that each call takes to perform. Chief Holub noted that while our responses to emergency calls are very good, some self-directed activities (such as issuing traffic citations) have declined as a result of less personnel availability due to cost-containment measures.

At the conclusion of the presentations, Task Force members asked several questions regarding 1) the standards used to compare La Grange to other communities; 2) mutual aid provisions in the Police Department; 3) crime trends; 4) auxiliary officer

tasks; 5) staffing needs, 6) traffic citation decreases; and 6) future trends. Village staff provided responses as appropriate.

Chief Bryzgalski provided a presentation regarding potential opportunities for future consolidation or shared services with adjacent municipalities. The Chief noted that the Villages of La Grange, La Grange Park and Western Springs have been studying the consolidation or sharing of public safety services. As a first phase in the study process, a compatibility study was performed which identified that the three communities had characteristics which could support consideration of a shared or consolidated services model, most notably with dispatching services.

The three communities agreed to study the consolidation of dispatching services as phase two of the process. The study, which is anticipated to be completed by year end, will provide a blueprint which will assist the Villages in planning for the potential consolidation of dispatch services. The study will also provide recommendations regarding anticipated new technologies and enhanced service opportunities.

V. DISCUSSION

Chairperson Gormely-Barnes referred to the handout which included questions for small group discussion. Each small group was asked to identify what they believe are the recurring and / or occasional public safety topics of interest (emergency and non-emergency) mentioned by their neighbors and informal networks; what additional public safety initiatives they would like to see implemented by the Village if there were no limiting financial considerations; whether or not they would be willing to support a tax / fee increase to fund additional services identified; and any concerns that they may have regarding the planning efforts to facilitate shared public safety services.

The results of these discussions are attached.

Chairperson Gormely-Barnes thanked the Task Force members for their input and indicated that the subject of the next meeting on December 18, 2013 will be Village Finances.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the La Grange 2020 Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Andrianna Peterson
Assistant Village Manager

Public Safety

Small Group Discussion

Table #1

Table Participants (please list):

Rebecca Wimbush

Mike Kotynek

Ken Eastman

Clayton Edwards

Bill Johnson

1. What are the recurring and/or occasional public safety topics of interest (emergency and/or non-emergency) mentioned by your neighbors? Within your informal networks?

- Pedestrian Train Crossing
- RR Transport of hazardous material
 - preparedness
- Transient Issues
- Expanding Role of Support Staff
 - Over reliance on support staff
- Personal Issues (hazardous)
- * Staff is currently under resourced
 - on police side particularly
- Traffic around schools
- Ability to have neighborhood watch programs

2. If you were not limited by financial considerations, what additional public safety initiatives would you like to see implemented by the Village? Prioritize them either as an ordinal ranking or by tiered ranking if that facilitates consensus-building.

Status Quo appears very good. Some assets (vehicles) are dated. Technology can always be enhanced. Additional Staffing.

more ~~pre~~ preventative measures around educating schools (children etc.

3. Would you be willing to support a tax/fee increase to fund these additional services? Provide a separate response to each of the initiatives you have listed above.

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4. Consolidation of public safety services is a current trend among local governments, beginning with the sharing of resources, followed by functional consolidations or complete mergers. Having heard the Chiefs' presentations regarding planning efforts to facilitate shared public safety services, what concerns would you have or envision if the Village moved in this direction?

Consolidation is ~~seen~~ viewed as favorable
Higher efficiency. Concerns is education
of public, reserve response time + service.

Ability to leverage spend power, resources, etc.

Creating efficiencies can add resources.

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Takes stress off the system.

TABLE #2

La Grange 2020 Task Force

Meeting #3, November 20, 2013

Public Safety

Small Group Discussion

Table Participants (please list):

#-in Arnold
Laura Blentlinger
David Bucaro
John Lotzen
John Pappas

1. What are the recurring and/or occasional public safety topics of interest (emergency and/or non-emergency) mentioned by your neighbors? Within your informal networks?

(A) Traffic police ^{presence} at Caden + La Grange Road
shared with La Grange Park

(B) 47th Pedestrian Safety - speed limits +
ie. Waiola + 9th crosswalks

(C) Stop + Go light @ East + 47th W/ FULL
SIDEWALKS

2. If you were not limited by financial considerations, what additional public safety initiatives would you like to see implemented by the Village? Prioritize them either as an ordinal ranking or by tiered ranking if that facilitates consensus-building.

(A) Traffic Citations and monitoring

(B) Stop sign consistency + designation

(C) Pedestrian tunnels under the tracks

3. Would you be willing to support a tax/fee increase to fund these additional services? Provide a separate response to each of the initiatives you have listed above.

YES see 1+2

can we be provided with financial data + breakdown of ticket revenue sharing between jurisdictions if that exists.

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4. Consolidation of public safety services is a current trend among local governments, beginning with the sharing of resources, followed by functional consolidations or complete mergers. Having heard the Chiefs' presentations regarding planning efforts to facilitate shared public safety services, what concerns would you have or envision if the Village moved in this direction?

None if La Grange Park + Western Springs
must be compatible geographically
and logistically

Small Group Discussion

Table Participants (please list):

Carlin Mulloy
Marcon
Betsy Stiles

Jimmy Janewski

Elyse Hoffenberg

SUZIE MOSHER

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1. What are the recurring and/or occasional public safety topics of interest (emergency and/or non-emergency) mentioned by your neighbors? Within your informal networks?

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2. If you were not limited by financial considerations, what additional public safety initiatives would you like to see implemented by the Village? Prioritize them either as an ordinal ranking or by tiered ranking if that facilitates consensus-building.

- Fire Chief would like 3 additional personnel.
 - Police Chief would like 1 additional personnel.
 - Consolidation could be more efficient and cost-effective.
 - Would be ideal to have more staffing at our schools. Training. Resource officers. Traffic Coordinators. Crossing Guards.
- Assuming no consolidation.*

3. Would you be willing to support a tax/fee increase to fund these additional services? Provide a separate response to each of the initiatives you have listed above.

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4. Consolidation of public safety services is a current trend among local governments, beginning with the sharing of resources, followed by functional consolidations or complete mergers. Having heard the Chiefs' presentations regarding planning efforts to facilitate shared public safety services, what concerns would you have or envision if the Village moved in this direction?

- We see consolidation as a good thing.
- Public concerns seem to be the response time and "watered-down" service / reduced quality of staff. Public need to see a plan, and what savings could be spent on instead. Would expect a certain level of standards / mission / values as we currently have in LaGrange.

Public Safety

Small Group Discussion

Table Participants (please list):

Mark Reich	Michael Cameron
Lisa Saganu	Jeremy Strayer
Betsy Carlson	Sherry Robinson

1. What are the recurring and/or occasional public safety topics of interest (emergency and/or non-emergency) mentioned by your neighbors? Within your informal networks?

- Rail ~~safety~~ safety
- underpass at Kensington for emergency vehicles
- solicitors
- brighter street lights
- abandoned homes / vehicles
- pedestrian traffic - not at crosswalks

2. If you were not limited by financial considerations, what additional public safety initiatives would you like to see implemented by the Village? Prioritize them either as an ordinal ranking or by tiered ranking if that facilitates consensus-building.

- Resources to provide ^{more} services like:
 - DARE program + other student education
 - community outreach - to educate residents on safety and crime prevention
 - more fire safety education

3. Would you be willing to support a tax/fee increase to fund these additional services? Provide a separate response to each of the initiatives you have listed above.

- ~~More resources~~ - ~~More responses~~ - ~~Yes~~ with
Caveats for performance measures

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4. Consolidation of public safety services is a current trend among local governments, beginning with the sharing of resources, followed by functional consolidations or complete mergers. Having heard the Chiefs' presentations regarding planning efforts to facilitate shared public safety services, what concerns would you have or envision if the Village moved in this direction?

- ~~Loss of personal touch~~
support it wholeheartedly

Public Safety

Small Group Discussion

Table #5

Table Participants (please list):

Steve Palmer
David Wilkinson
Glenn Wentink
Katie Justak
Ray Swiatek
Russ Riberto

1. What are the recurring and/or occasional public safety topics of interest (emergency and/or non-emergency) mentioned by your neighbors? Within your informal networks?

- School Safety
- Traffic / Pedestrian Traffic Safety

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2. If you were not limited by financial considerations, what additional public safety initiatives would you like to see implemented by the Village? Prioritize them either as an ordinal ranking or by tiered ranking if that facilitates consensus-building.

- Full Shifts
- Extra man power, better utilization of part-time officers
- ↳ Leading to an increase in community outreach, education + training

3. Would you be willing to support a tax/fee increase to fund these additional services? Provide a separate response to each of the initiatives you have listed above.

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4. Consolidation of public safety services is a current trend among local governments, beginning with the sharing of resources, followed by functional consolidations or complete mergers. Having heard the Chiefs' presentations regarding planning efforts to facilitate shared public safety services, what concerns would you have or envision if the Village moved in this direction?

Public Safety

Small Group Discussion

Table Participants (please list):

Karrie Lange
 Michelle Halm
 Ellen MacEntee
 Mark Nelson
 Meg LaFevre
 Bridget Lacey

1. What are the recurring and/or occasional public safety topics of interest (emergency and/or non-emergency) mentioned by your neighbors? Within your informal networks?

Pedestrian

- 4th/East
- Gordon Park
- school zones
- sidewalks

Business

- hanging out/loitering
(kids at the fountain + businesses)

2. If you were not limited by financial considerations, what additional public safety initiatives would you like to see implemented by the Village? Prioritize them either as an ordinal ranking or by tiered ranking if that facilitates consensus-building.

- sidewalks a community ^{en} (forced) standard by 2020
- education about vandalism on school, about mob behaviour, intimidation, language, bullying
- Place for teens to hang out i.e. extension of LT/Rec Center
- school zone safety - increase presence (volunteer or paid)

3. Would you be willing to support a tax/fee increase to fund these additional services? Provide a separate response to each of the initiatives you have listed above.

Yes^{perhaps} on all ~~3~~ ⁽⁴⁾ of item #2 +
encouraging volunteer activism
for community policing + clean-up
(consider non-fee/grant funding
approach)

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~~Sound good~~, Sounds good,
~~but~~ but will model/staffing
(1) be consistent?
↳ with La Grange
(2) with a major event occurrence,
would it affect the response rate?