

MINUTES

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

Monday, February 10, 2014 - 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 Langan, Kuchler, McCarty, Nowak and Palermo

ABSENT: Trustee Holder

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Mark Burkland
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Assistant Community Development Director & Planner Angela Mesaros
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief William Bryzgalski
Police Chief Michael Holub

President Livingston requested Village Clerk John Burns announce who will be leading the pledge of allegiance this evening. Clerk Burns indicated that Den Leader Mr. Mike Butters is in attendance with Cub Scouts Tom Butters, Alex Buttin, Chris Carlson, Logan Gurney, Glenn Miller, Dean O'Bryan, Dillon Rickman, Jack Butters, George Carlson, and Lee O'Bryan from Pack 14 who will lead the audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Livingston thanked Cub Scouts from Pack 14 and parents for their participation this evening.

Announcing that the Village has received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant in the amount of \$385,100 for pedestrian improvements adjacent to the Stone Avenue Train Station, President Livingston added that the Regional Transportation Authority sponsored the grant application and has agreed to fund a grant match in the amount of

\$77,000. President Livingston acknowledged the management team for pursuing these grant funds.

President Livingston shared correspondence received from Cicero Mayor Larry Dominick thanking La Grange Firefighters for their mutual aid and assistance on January 21, 2014.

President Livingston provided information on the results of the enhanced trial parking enforcement program. President Livingston noted business owners would like the Village to expand daytime parking time limits to accommodate visitors and customers who wish to shop, dine, and linger throughout the Village. President Livingston remarked about the good line of communications which exist between the Village and the business community.

President Livingston noted his attendance at the recent legislative breakfast held by the West Central Municipal Conference. President Livingston will provide the Board with the legislative agenda.

President Livingston stated that the next La Grange 2020 Task Force meeting will be held on February 19 and will include a presentation regarding service based organizations. President Livingston indicated that the task force will begin to synthesize the information gathered thus far and prioritize action items over the next several months.

Acknowledging cooperation and diligence related to the conclusion of an on-going matter of drainage problems at 415 S. Park Road and adjacent properties, President Livingston added his thanks to property owner Mr. McKenna, the Village's management team, and the Village Attorney.

President Livingston announced that a final discussion regarding the Food and Beverage Tax would be included on the February 24 agenda.

Lastly President Livingston provided the dates for the annual Spring clean-up days in La Grange which are scheduled for the week of April 7.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Material Purchase – Spring Flower Planting Program

B. Ordinance (#O-14-04) – Disposal of Surplus Property

C. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, January 27, 2014

D. Consolidated Voucher 140210 – (\$947,105.26)

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

Trustee Palermo inquired if native grasses and or perennial plants were considered in order to be more cost effective. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham responded that due to the shallow planting beds, perennials may not survive, however both suggestions would be taken into consideration.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Approval of Purchase of Easement – Storm Water Drainage Facility 415 South Park Road: Referred to trustee McCarty

Trustee McCarty explained that the Board of Trustees recently approved a building coverage variation for the property at 415 South Park Road to allow for the construction of a two car garage to replace a dilapidated garage which was demolished. Adding that adverse storm water conditions on the property were a contributing factor to the deterioration of the demolished garage, Trustee McCarty indicated that the drainage issue involves several area properties. Trustee McCarty noted that the property owners are prepared to install a drainage system in order to reduce issues related to heavy rainfall.

Trustee McCarty stated that because several properties are involved it would be beneficial for the Village to participate in the mitigation effort. Of particular importance in granting an easement for the improvements, the Village would have the right to inspect the improvements; the right to require the property owner to keep the improvements operational and repaired as necessary; and the right to undertake any necessary repairs itself if the property owners fail to do so.

Trustee McCarty moved to approve an agreement for construction and maintenance of a storm water drainage facility and grant of related easements, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Absent: Trustee Holder

President Livingston thanked Mr. McKenna for his patience related to this on-going issue.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

President Livingston inquired if Village Manager Pilipiszyn had any other matters to report on that were not listed on the agenda and was informed no.

A. Pre-Budget Development Workshop -- Request for School Resource Officer by LTHS District 204

President Livingston advised that discussion of a public safety officer for Lyons Township North Campus was initiated by School Board President Mark Pera, School Board Member Tom Cushing, and School Superintendent Dr. Kilrea last Fall. President Livingston noted the need for the Village Board to have a general discussion on this topic in order to gain a better understanding of this matter. President Livingston requested Village Manager Pilipiszyn to provide an overview. Village Manager Pilipiszyn indicated that details of the staff analysis for a school resource officer would best be explained by Police Chief Mike Holub.

Chief Holub referenced information provided in this evening's agenda packet explaining that a school resource officer would be a full-time veteran police officer at the school. Chief Holub explained that the main purpose of a school resource officer is to build trust and positive relationships with students. The officer would also be in a position to secure and protect the campus. Chief Holub noted that currently an officer is assigned to the North Campus one day a week at no cost to the school. When school is on summer recess the officer would be assigned to patrol the Central Business District and augment shift strength as may be required. Chief Holub feels this is an excellent opportunity for intergovernmental cooperation and noted the school's willingness to share in the cost of this resource.

President Livingston opened the floor for Board discussion and questions.

Trustee Nowak stated that he would recuse himself from this item as his law firm represents Lyons Township High School in legal matters.

Trustee Langan noted the value in this opportunity to work with the school and inquired about experiences by other high school-police department partnerships. Chief Holub elaborated on both negative and positive experiences in other jurisdictions.

As there is currently a school resource officer for the Lyons Township High School South Campus located in Western Springs, Trustee Palermo inquired about the number of contacts with students at the South Campus located in Western Springs

compared to the North Campus located in La Grange. Chief Holub indicated he was not familiar with the number and type of contacts at the South Campus. However Chief Holub noted differences between the campuses such as campus size, traffic movements, age of students, and student privileges. Trustee Palermo inquired as to the difference between a sworn officer and a security officer. Chief Holub responded that a sworn officer would enforce any unlawful conduct not disciplinary conduct. Trustee Palermo restated his desire for more information regarding differences in contact between the two campuses.

Trustee Kuchler inquired about scheduled work hours and extra-curricular school activities. Chief Holub responded this position would necessitate a flexible work schedule. Trustee Kuchler inquired if Union regulations are a concern and Chief Holub responded that they would not; this is a highly-valued assignment by police officers. Trustee Kuchler inquired how success of the school resource officer program could be measured. Although difficult to predict, Chief Holub believes monitoring calls annually would provide pertinent data as well as achievement of goals mutually set between the Police Department and the high school.

Trustee McCarty noted differences between crime and security are not easily separated. Chief Holub stated that the school resource officer would deal with any unlawful activity. Trustee McCarty noted the importance of an established program and curriculum for the school resource officer. Chief Holub indicated the officer could also provide community benefits in addition to school safety.

Trustee Palermo inquired about cost sharing and proposed amounts. Mr. Pilipiszyn indicated that cost sharing plans have yet to be determined, Trustee Palermo expressed concerns related to incremental pension costs. Finance Director Lou Cipparrone indicated costs are in the preliminary stages for discussion purposes.

In order to collect direction from the Board, President Livingston requested that if the Village Board had any further questions or concerns, that they be provided to him.

Trustee Langan feels this is a positive opportunity however the investment should primarily be supported by the high school. Trustee Langan would support the program with a limited contribution from the Village.

Trustee Kuchler asked if the Village's budget allocation would be sufficient and President Livingston responded affirmatively.

Trustee McCarty also supports the concept but cautioned for the need for a carefully defined program.

Trustee Palermo would support the concept however differs from making a determination until additional information is provided for a better understanding of the number of crime calls in the course of the school year from both North and South campuses and costs to be incurred.

President Livingston feels there is consensus to advance to the next step of budget inclusion and directed staff to obtain information from Lyons Township High School as to statistics, workings and measures.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

None

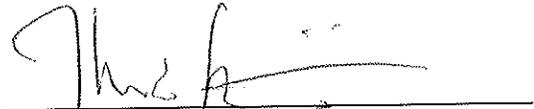
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee McCarty offered congratulations to the Davis Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church who recently celebrated their 119 years of service to the community.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m. Trustee Langan moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Approved by voice vote.


Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

ATTEST:


John Burns, Village Clerk

Approved Date: February 24, 2014