

## **Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**

Date: Monday, May 11, 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, May 11, 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 Langan, Livingston, Horvath, Kuchler, Palermo and Wolf

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn  
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson  
Village Attorney Paula Kirlin  
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. Oath of Office – Fire Captain Donald Gay**

With the retirement of Fire Captain Greg Michalek, the La Grange Board of Fire and Police Commissioners have promoted Fire Lieutenant Donald Gay to the rank of Fire Captain effective May 2, 2009. President Asperger enumerated on the vast amount of responsibilities and accomplishments Fire Captain Gay has achieved. Village Clerk Milne administered the oath of office.

#### B. Oath of Officer – Fire Lieutenant Brian Sible

With the promotion of Donald Gay to Fire Captain, the La Grange Board of Fire and Police Commissioners have promoted Firefighter / Paramedic Brian Sible to the rank of Fire Lieutenant effective May 2, 2009. President Asperger noted the list of credentials compiled by Fire Lieutenant Brian Sible. Village Clerk Milne administered the oath of office.

#### C. Oath of Office – Police Officer Alex Mac Dougall

In anticipation of a retirement within the Police Department, President Asperger noted that authorization to hire a Police Officer in advance of that retirement had been given by the Village Board. The La Grange Board of Fire and Police Commissioners recently appointed Alex Mac Dougall to this position. President Asperger welcomed Alex and Village Clerk Milne administered the oath of office.

#### D. Oath of Office – Police Lieutenant Renee Strasser

In anticipation of a retirement within the command rank of the La Grange Police Department, the La Grange Board of Fire and Police Commissioners promoted Police Sergeant Renee Strasser to the rank of Police Lieutenant effective May 1, 2009. President Asperger indicated the numerous awards and commendations received by Lieutenant Renee Strasser and Village Clerk Milne administered the oath of office.

#### E. Appointments and Re-appointments – Advisory Boards and Commissions

President Asperger recommended the appointments and re-appointments of the following: Wayne Vantluka who resides at 219 N. Stone to serve on the Board of Fire and Police Commission until 2012; Steve Palmer who resides at 1010 – 41st Street to serve on the Community and Economic Development Commission until 2012; Mark Reich who resides at 210 S. Park Road to serve on the Community and Economic Development Commission until 2012; Elizabeth Stiles who resides at 610 S. 6th Avenue to serve on the Community and Economic Development Commission until 2012; John Stewart who resides at 340 S. Blackstone to serve on the Community and Economic Development Commission until 2010; Richard Holly who resides at 30 N. Catherine to serve on the Community and Economic Development Commission until 2010; Mark Ozer who resides at 1011 S. Madison to serve on the Design Review Commission until 2012; William Holder who resides at 611 S. Waiola to serve on the Emergency Telephone System Board until 2010; Linda Christianson who resides at 131 S. Edgewood Ave. to serve on the Environmental Quality Control Commission until 2011; David Fleege to serve on the Firemen's Pension Board until 2012; Jeff Nowak who resides at 515 S. Waiola to serve on the Plan Commission until 2011; Laura Weyrauch who resides at 312 S. Madison to serve on the Plan Commission until 2012; Tom Williams who resides at 114 N. Catherine to serve on the Plan Commission until 2012; Stephen Randolph who resides at 206 Leitch Avenue to serve on the Plan Commission

until 2012; Lou Cipparrone to serve on the Police Pension Board until 2011; Rose Naseef who resides at 911 S. Stone Avenue to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals until 2014; and Peter O'Connor who resides at 534 Sunset to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals until 2014.

Trustee Langan moved to approve the appointments and re-appointments as noted, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by voice vote.

#### F. Trustee Assignments

President Asperger explained that in addition to their regular duties, Village Trustees are also assigned the responsibility for presenting items at Village Board meetings and serve as liaisons between the Village Board and its various advisory boards and commissions. Responsibility for Board Presentation as assigned by President Asperger are:

Community Relations - Trustee Palermo  
Economic Development - Trustee Langan  
Finance - Trustee Holder  
Intergovernmental Relations - Village President  
Planning and Zoning - Trustee Kuchler  
Public Safety - Trustee Livingston  
Public Works - Trustee Horvath

Liaison assignments as assigned by President Asperger are Community and Economic Development Commission, Trustee Kuchler; Design Review Commission, Trustee Livingston; Environmental Quality Control Commission, Trustee Horvath; Plan Commission, Trustee Langan and Holder; and Zoning Board of Appeals, Trustee Palermo.

President Asperger indicated that the Farmer's Market will resume on Thursday, May 14 in the parking lot adjacent to the Village Hall.

The La Grange Business Association will introduce its summer special event "The Big Picture" which will provide a display of artwork created by local artists.

Ahhh! La Grange Weekend will be celebrated with a carnival beginning on Friday, May 29 through Sunday, May 31. The 63rd Annual La Grange Pet Parade will be on Saturday, May 30.

The Southwest Suburban Center on Aging also know as the Senior Center has officially changed its name to Aging Care Connections.

President Asperger invited all to attend the next meeting of the Village Board which will be in a workshop format on Monday, May 18 to discuss preliminary aspects of establishing a business district.

Lastly, President Asperger expressed rebuttal comments in her Letter to the Editor of the Chicago Tribune relating to the May 3, 2009 article “Your Government In Secret” written by Tribune Reporter David Kidwell. President Asperger noted inaccuracies and misconceptions printed in the article.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Tim Kelsas, 67 N. Brainard welcomed those newly assigned to the Advisory Boards and Commissions. Mr. Kelsas also welcomed incoming elected officials and thanked outgoing Trustee Wolf for her service to the community

Joan Hoigard, 345 Sixth Avenue inquired about criteria for those newly appointed and President Asperger responded.

Kathy Deane, 100 S. Ashland thanked Trustee Wolf for her years of service to the community.

Bob O’Brien, 138 N. Madison noted his presence if the Board had any questions regarding his request for a variation.

Kate Brogan, 219 S. Madison also thanked Barb Wolf for her years of service as Village Trustee.

### 4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Ordinance (#O-09-13) – Variation – Structural Type & Maximum Gross Surface Area of Sign / 6th Avenue Development Group, 47 S. 6th Avenue

B. Retainer Agreements – To Fund Final TIF Operational Expenditures (Chicago Project Management, Western Springs, IL and Holland & Knight, LLP Chicago, IL)

C. Professional Services Agreement – Village Engineer (Heuer & Associates P.C.)

D. Professional Services Agreement – Village of La Grange Combined Sewer System Overflow Plan (Heuer and Associates)

E. Ordinance (#O-09-14) – Authorizing Acquisition of an Easement and Approving a License Agreement for Construction of Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Mains as Part of the Bluff Avenue Reconstruction Project

F. Intergovernmental Agreement & Award of Contract – Traffic Signal LED Retrofit Project (Brookfield and Western Springs; IDOT; and Lyons Pinner Electric)

G. Purchase – Public Works Department / Replacement of General Utility Pick-up Truck (Landmark Ford, Springfield, IL)

H. Map Amendment – Short Term Parking Space / Loading Zones Within the Central Business District – 300 Block W. Hillgrove Avenue

I. Resolution (#R-09-10) – Request to Close La Grange Road / Pet Parade

J. Consolidated Voucher 090427 (\$711,931.28)

K. Consolidated Voucher 090511 (\$786,195.43)

L. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Public Hearing and Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, April 13, 2009

M. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, April 27, 2009

Trustee Palermo inquired about the need to purchase a replacement general utility pick-up truck in the Public Works Department and Finance Director Lou Cipparrone clarified the purchase. Trustee Langan also noted that the previous vehicle was in need of costly repairs and maintenance.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

## 5. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Ordinance (#O-09-15) Variation – Side and Rear Setbacks for Accessory Structures and Maximum Building Coverage / Robert J. O'Brien, Jr., 138 N. Madison Avenue: Referred to Trustee Horvath

Trustee Horvath explained the unique circumstances relating to this request for a variation from setback requirements and maximum building coverage in order to replace a one-car detached garage with a new two-car detached garage in the same location. Trustee Horvath noted that the requested variation falls within the authorized limits of the Zoning Code and on April 16, 2009 the Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on this matter and recommend the variation be granted as requested by a five to one vote with one commissioner absent

It was moved by Trustee Horvath to approve the ordinance for a variation of side and rear setbacks for accessory structures and for maximum building coverage at 138 N. Madison Avenue, seconded by Trustee Palermo.

Trustee Palermo inquired why this item was not placed on the Omnibus agenda and President Asperger indicated the Zoning Board of Appeals did not have a unanimous vote, therefore it has been the Village's practice for the Village Board to consider the item under current business. Trustee Palermo also inquired why the set back and maximum building coverage were not voted on separately and Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros responded that the Zoning Board of Appeals felt the two items could be combined.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston Palermo, and Wolf  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

B. Special Event – La Grange business Association “Ahhh! La Grange Carnival”:  
Referred to Trustee Livingston

Trustee Livingston made known that the La Grange Business Association has requested the Board's permission to conduct the “Ahhh! La Grange Carnival” which would take place Friday, May 29 through Sunday May 31, with the Pet Parade being held on Saturday, May 30. Trustee Livingston explained the details of the event including a request to sell beer and wine during the operating hours. Trustee Livingston explained that the sale and service of liquor would be conducted by a licensed caterer and that the La Grange Business Association would monitor and control liquor management.

It was moved by Trustee Livingston to approve the “Ahhh! La Grange Carnival” subject to specific conditions; approve the temporary closure of Harris Avenue from La Grange Road to Ashland Avenue; waive restrictions which prohibit the consumption of alcohol on the public way; waive the restrictions for the outdoor display and sale of goods and services in the C-1 Zoning District; and approve carnival rides as a Temporary Use, seconded by Trustee Horvath.

Trustee Horvath indicated his interest in making certain that it be know that businesses within the carnival midway would be open during the event.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, Palermo, and Wolf  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

President Asperger opened the floor for public comments on items not on the agenda.

Rose Ashby, 121 S. Ashland, spokesperson for Kathy Deane, indicated the website where the Chicago Tribune article is posted.

Lisa Nelson, 44 S. Spring expressed concerns regarding lawn care services leaving pellets on public sidewalks where children and or pets may come in contact. President Asperger referred her matter to the Village Manager for follow-up.

Rose Naseef, 911 S. Stone noted her concerns with the chemicals and pollutants being released into the sewer system. Ms. Naseef also encouraged the use of rain barrels to help conserve water.

## 6. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING VILLAGE TRUSTEE

A. Resolution of Appreciation – Retiring Village Trustee Barbara Wolf  
President Asperger recognized outgoing Trustee Barbara Wolf for her contributions to the community as Village Trustee. President Asperger recited a Resolution of Appreciation for Trustee Wolf and on behalf of the entire Village Board extended deepest appreciation and warmest personal regards for her years of public service by presenting her with an engraved plaque.

## 7. FAREWELL BY OUTGOING VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Trustee Wolf expressed her thanks for the opportunity to serve the residents of La Grange. Trustee Wolf attributed achievements being accomplished through open debates and discussions.

Village President Asperger reiterated the honors to outgoing Trustee Wolf and the audience responded with a standing ovation. President Asperger stated there would be a short recess prior to the swearing in and seating of the re-elected and newly elected Village Officials.

Trustee Palermo expressed his appreciation for Trustee Wolf's genuine contribution and careful decision making as Village Trustee.

Trustee Horvath concurred with Trustee Palermo's comments.

Trustee Kuchler also echoed Trustee Wolf's outstanding service to the community.

Trustee Langan and Trustee Livingston expressed their thanks to Trustee Wolf for her years of service.

## 8. OATH OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Village President Asperger reconvened the meeting and stated that those elected at the April 7, 2009 consolidated election would receive the oath of office.

A. Oath of Office – Village Clerk, Robert Milne (re-elected)

President Asperger administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Village Clerk Robert Milne

B. Oath of Office – Village Trustees Bill Holder, Michael Horvath (re-elected), and Mark Langan (re-elected)

Village Clerk Milne administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Village Trustee Holder; re-elected Village Trustee Horvath; and re-elected Trustee Langan

C. Oath of Office – Village President, Elizabeth M. Asperger (re-elected)

Village Clerk Milne administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Village President Asperger

Trustee Kuchler expressed congratulations to the upcoming 2009 graduates. Trustee Kuchler commented on the Chicago Tribune article indicating that the Board strives for transparency in every matter.

President Asperger welcomed newly elected Trustee Holder to the Village Board

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 p.m. it moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approved as amended: June 22, 2009