

Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: Monday, April 27, 2009

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Village Hall Auditorium

Minutes of the Meeting

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

Monday, April 27, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn, the following were:

PRESENT: Trustees Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, Palermo and Wolf with President Asperger presiding.

ABSENT: Village Clerk Milne

OTHERS: Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin
Finance Director Lou Cipparrone
Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham
Fire Chief David Fleege
Police Chief Mike Holub

2. RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

President Asperger stated that the agenda for this evening's meeting would only consist of recognition to citizen volunteers who have rendered thoughtful and dedicated service to the Village by participating on various advisory boards and commissions over the past year. Sincere thanks are extended to those individuals who share their time, talent, ideas and feedback on numerous issues that come before Board.

President Asperger explained that each Trustee along with Village staff would give a brief synopsis of the functions of each advisory board and commission, announce the names of the members along with their years of service.

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (3-year term, 3 members)

Fire Chief David Fleege stated that in accordance with State Statute, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners oversee certain personnel matters within the Fire and Police Departments. They are responsible for the initial appointment of all full-time firefighters/paramedics and police officers; they make promotional appointments; and administer disciplinary action. Chief Fleege added that this past year the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners developed a new Fire Captain and Fire Lieutenant Promotional list.

Due to recent retirements the current eligibility list for Firefighter Paramedics has been exhausted. The process to establish a new list was conducted through the College of Du Page hiring consortium. Currently the Board of Fire and Police Commission is in the process of interviewing candidates.

As it relates to the Police Department, recent retirements and a resignation has afforded the Board of Fire and Police Commission the opportunity to promote a Police Officer who will hold the highest rank attained by a female in the history of the La Grange Police Department.

Members are: Mark A. Lies, II, Chairman – 10 years of service; Larry Gess – 6 years of service; and Wayne Vantluka 3 years of service.

Community & Economic Development Commission (3-year term, 9 members)

Trustee Langan noted that this relatively new re-organized commission advises the Village Board and staff on matters regarding economic development issues and matters related to the relationships between residential neighborhoods and commercial areas within the community. Trustee Langan explained that three members had previously served on the former Economic Development Commission.

Trustee Langan added that the commission considered and offered recommendations relating to business concerns; continued growth; and reinvestment in the West End corridor and the renovation of the La Grange Theater.

Members are: Taylor Jaeger, Chairwoman – 13 years of service; Roger Laven – 18 years of service; Steve Palmer 9 years of service; Jeff Nowak – 2 years of service; Peter O'Connor 2 years of service with Margaret Carlson; Mark Reich; Elizabeth Stiles and Lester Williams all serving for 1 1/2 years.

Design Review Commission (3-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Kuchler explained that the Design Review Commission reviews matters related to the Central Business District Façade Renovation / Restoration Program. The commission also reviews and offers recommendations to the Village Board on design review applications within the design overlay district and reviews appeals regarding the denial of sign permits.

Members are: Andrea Barnish, Chairwoman – 17 years of service; Edward Marcisz – 18 years of service; Regina Mc Linton – 18 years of service; Matthew Malec, III – 9 years of service; Mark Ozer – 7 years of service; Tim Reardon – 2 years of service; and Gary Young – 2 years of service.

Environmental Quality Control Commission – (2-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Palermo explained how this commission inventories sources of environmental pollution which may have a harmful effect upon the public health, safety and welfare of residents. They also review public notices from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Trustee Palermo noted that the commission has considered matters involving “green” initiatives, which includes heightened public awareness of natural resources.

Members are: Glenn Wentink, Chairman – 21 years of service; Harlan Hirt – 35 years of service; Patty Weber – 29 years of service; Richard Battistoni – 19 years of service; and F. Peter Gabrek – 10 years of service.

Parking Commission – (5-year term, 5 members)

Trustee Wolf indicated that the Parking Commission reviews and makes recommendations to the Village Board on various matters pertaining to issues impacting parking in residential neighborhoods.

Members are: Mary Nelson, Chairman – 30 years of service; Richard Mann – 20 years of service; and Jimmi Marshall – 12 years of service.

President Asperger noted the recent construction of the parking structure has alleviated parking overflow in the Central Business District, therefore, this commission will be idle at this time.

Plan Commission – (3-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Livingston explained that the Plan Commission reviews and recommends applications submitted for special use permits, planned development approval, site plan approval, amendments to the Zoning Code, vacation of public-rights-of-way, and subdivision plats. The Plan Commission recently conducted public hearings and considered issues related to business use of outdoor storage and amendments to code for variations for increased height of detached garages.

Future discussions include the next phase of Zoning Code amendments involving the residential zoning district.

Members are: Stephen Randolph, Chairman – 19 years of service; Wayne Kardatzke – 14 years of service; Jerry Reich 9 years of service; Tom Williams – 2 years of service; Laura Weyrauch – 2 years of service; William Holder – 2 years of service and newly appointed member Greg Paice 6 months.

Trustee Livingston recognized Roger Tyrell who stepped down after serving the Village for 20 years.

Zoning Board of Appeals – (5-year term, 7 members)

Trustee Horvath stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals reviews applications for relief from one or more requirements of the Village's Zoning Code, conducts public hearings and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding those applications for zoning variations. Trustee Horvath noted some typical requests discussed and reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals include front, side and rear yard setbacks, and garage size requirements.

Members are: Ellen Brewin, Chairwoman – 15 years of service; Nat Pappalarado – 26 years of service; Nancy Pierson – 3 years of service; Ian Brenson – 3 years of service; Kathy Schwappach – 3 years of service; and Rosemary Naseef 2 years of service.

President Asperger recognized Charles Benson, Jr. who stepped down after 19 years of service.

President Asperger announced that the Village Board would also like to thank several citizen volunteers who hold appointed positions and requested members of staff to recognize these individuals.

Police Chief Holub, on behalf of the Village, expressed his gratitude to the Police Auxiliary Force and Jim Liotta who has served on the Auxiliary Police Force for over 26 years, the last 15 years as Director. Chief Holub also recognized Auxiliary Police Officer John Hannon.

Village Manager Pilipiszyn expressed the Village's gratitude to Richard Holly who has represented the Village of La Grange by serving as a Trustee on the West Suburban Mass Transit District. This organization provides financial assistance to member communities to implement commuter-related improvements. Mr. Holly has served on the Board since 2002.

Finance Director Cipparrone expressed the Village's gratitude to former Village Trustee and for the past 9 years Village Comptroller Lawrence Kinports. As Village Comptroller, Mr. Kinports provides oversight to the Finance Department,

including review of the annual budget, audit and interim financial reports for the purpose of advising the Village Board on the financial position of the Village.

Before adjourning, Village President Asperger and the Village Board applauded the advisory boards and commissions and invited them to attend a reception at Francesca's whereby personal thanks could be conveyed.

3. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:54 p.m. the Village Board adjourned.

Approved: 05/11/09