

MINUTES

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

Monday, June 23, 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 Holder, Kuchler, Langan, McCarty, and Palermo with President Livingston presiding.

ABSENT: Trustee Nowak

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

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Flag Retirement Ceremony – Boy Scout Troop 66

President Livingston requested Village Clerk John Burns introduce members of Boy Scout Troop 66. Clerk Burns introduced Scoutmaster John Svoboda, Sr., Boy Scouts JJ Svoboda, PJ Kurtzner, Ryan Oeste, Peter Schwabe, Alex Majors, and Andy Schramka who will present the flags and lead the audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance. Adding that the Boy Scouts will then perform a flag retirement ceremony, Clerk Burns requested they come forward.

B. Appointments / Reappointments to Village Advisory Boards and Commissions

President Livingston requested Clerk Burns announce the names and term of office for members of advisory boards and commissions. President Livingston noted their willingness to serve and recommended the appointments and re-appointments to the various advisory boards and commissions be approved.

Trustee Langan moved to accept the appointments and re-appointments as announced, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Motion approved by voice vote

C. Trustee Assignments

President Livingston requested Clerk Burns read Village Trustee assignments for Board Report presentations along with Trustee liaison assignments. Clerk Burns complied and President Livingston noted these assignments would be effective at the conclusion of this evening's Village Board meeting.

D. Resolution of Appreciation – Retirement of Fire Chief William J. Bryzgalski

President Livingston recognized Fire Chief Bill Bryzgalski for his thirty years of dedicated service. Honoring his significant contributions to the Village of La Grange, President Livingston requested Board approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Retiring Fire Chief William J. Bryzgalski. Trustee Langan moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Trustee Holder. Approved by voice vote.

Trustee Langan expressed his gratitude to Chief Bryzgalski and his family for his service to La Grange.

Noting his leadership qualities, Trustee Holder thanked Chief Bryzgalski for his dedication.

Trustee Kuchler echoed the gratitude to the Fire Chief and his professionalism.

Adding his appreciation for Bill's dedication to public safety, Trustee Palermo acknowledged his local residency.

Trustee McCarty noted that La Grange is a safer community thanks to Fire Chief Bryzgalski.

Fire Chief Bryzgalski was presented with the resolution plaque and received a standing ovation.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

President Livingston noted that public comment regarding the IDOT presentation would be permitted at that time.

Nancy Cummings of the La Grange Business Association thanked the Board for their past support and noted her attendance for any questions related to the Art and Craft Fair.

Jim Today of the Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital also noted his attendance if the Board had questions related to the hospital's renovation.

4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

- A. Easement Agreement – School District 102 – Alley North of Ogden Avenue from Waiola Avenue to Brainard Avenue – Fiber Optic Cable
- B. Agreement (#O-14-22) – IDOT Jurisdictional Transfer – Willow Springs Road – 47th Street Southerly 3,390 Feet (52nd Place)
- C. Agreement – IDOT – Traffic Signal LED Upgrades
- D. Resolution (#R-14-08) – Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of La Grange and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 (Public Works General Utility Workers and Crew Leaders)
- E. Award of Contract – Leaf Hauling and Disposal
- F. Award of Contract – 2014 Crack Sealing Program
- G. Award of Contract – 2014 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program
- H. (Moved to Current Business for further discussion) - Purchase – Police Department / Replacement of Parking Enforcement Vehicle
- I. Ordinance (#O-14-23) – Prevailing Wage Rates for 2014
- J. Ordinance (#O-14-24) – Disposal of Surplus Property
- K. Ordinance (#O-14-25) – Disposal of Surplus Property
- L. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, May 12, 2014
- M. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, June 9, 2014

N. Consolidated Voucher 140526 (\$617,190.49)

O. Consolidated Voucher 140609 (\$883,806.54)

P. Consolidated Voucher 140623 (\$543,538.60)

Trustee Palermo requested item 4-H 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, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, and P of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Trustee Holder inquired if a resident could pay the full amount of a sidewalk replacement if they prefer not to be placed on a waiting list for the 50/50 sidewalk replacement program and then be reimbursed. Director of Public Works Ryan Gillingham responded that due to numerous requests it may not be budgetary possible. Trustee McCarty noted that residents are able to receive sidewalk replacement at discounted cost.

Approved by a 5 to 0 roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Kuchler, McCarty, Palermo, Holder and Langan

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Nowak

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Special Event – 40th Annual Downtown La Grange Art and Craft Fair: Referred to Trustee Kuchler

Trustee Kuchler 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 12 and 13, 2014. 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 Kuchler to approve the closure of Harris Avenue west of La Grange Road to Ashland Avenue and Madison Avenue from Harris south to just north of the Madison Avenue entrance to the parking lot 8 located at Harris and Madison Avenues and the closure of Village Parking Lots 3 and 4 on each side of the Senior Center on July 12 and 13, 2014 for the La Grange Art and Craft Fair, seconded by Trustee McCarty. Motion approved by voice vote

- B. Ordinance (#O-14-26) – Design Review Permit (DRP) #85, 9 South La Grange Road, Kama Indian Bistro: Referred to Trustee Palermo

Trustee Palermo explained that the owners of Kama Indian Bistro have been unanimously approved by the Design Review Commission for renovations and enhancements to their restaurant. Trustee Palermo moved to approve the ordinance granting a design review permit for 9 S. La Grange Road, seconded by Trustee McCarty.

Trustee McCarty noted this as a perfect example of local business expanding in La Grange.

Approved by a 5 to 0 roll call vote.

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

- C. Ordinance (#O-14-27) Special Use / Site Plan Approval & Design Review to Allow Outdoor Seating / Kama Indian Bistro in the C-1 Central Commercial District, 9 S. La Grange Road: Referred to Trustee Holder

Trustee Holder explained that owners of Kama Indian Bistro are requesting a special use and site plan approval to erect an outdoor dining area in the back of their restaurant at 9 S. La Grange Road.

Trustee Holder presented background information relative to the request. Trustee Holder added that the Plan Commission conducted a public hearing on June 10, 2014 to consider the application presented by Kama Indian Bistro and unanimously recommended that the special use permit, site plans and design review permit be granted for approval with special conditions noted to the applicant.

Trustee Holder moved to approve the ordinance granting special use permit, site plan, and design review approvals to authorize outdoor seating at 9 S. La Grange Road, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Langan thanked the applicants for their reinvestment in La Grange.

Approved by a 5 to 0 roll call vote.

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

D. Ordinance (#O-14-28) Amendment to Planned Development Final Plans – Adventist Emergency Room Expansion, 5010 S. Willow Springs Road: Referred to Trustee Holder

Trustee Holder provided background on the original and first amendments to the Planned Development for the hospital. Indicating that the hospital is now proposing to reconfigure the existing parking lot; expand the emergency room; and add a new main entrance to the emergency department, Trustee Holder noted that pursuant to the Zoning Code, the request would be within the purview of the Village Board and a hearing before the Plan Commission was not necessary.

Trustee Holder explained that major adjustments to a planned development must be in “substantial conformity” with the original Final Plan approved by the Village Board. Detailing the standards and revised plans of the hospital’s application, Trustee Holder noted staff’s acceptance. Trustee Holder provided information in recognition of the hospital’s outstanding service and patient care.

Trustee Holder moved to approve an ordinance for a second amendment to the Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital Planned Development for an Emergency Department Expansion, seconded by Trustee Langan.

Trustee McCarty expressed his thanks to the hospital for their excellent patient care and suggested they devise a master plan for its long range future vision.

Trustee Kuchler added his thanks for the hospital’s investment in the community however expressed his concerns that the Plan Commission was not required to review the expansion.

President Livingston noted this point of reference for possible Zoning Code amendments.

Trustee Holder feels this change to be more effective and improve traffic flow.

Trustee Kuchler would have preferred that the Plan Commission review the expansion thus allowing area residents an opportunity to comment.

Approved by a 5 to 0 roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees McCarty, Palermo, Kuchler, Langan and Holder

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Nowak

E. Ordinance (#O-14-29) Police Department Restructuring Plan / Creating the Position of Deputy Chief of Police: Referred to Trustee Langan

Trustee Langan explained that after a workshop discussion in May, it was the consensus of the Village Board to proceed with implementing the proposed restructuring of the La Grange Police Department to create the position of Deputy Chief of Police. Trustee Langan identified the next step would be to approve an ordinance amending sections of Village Code to create and define the administration of the new position.

Trustee Langan moved to approve an ordinance amending various provisions of the La Grange Code of Ordinances regarding the position of Deputy Chief of Police, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Trustee Kuchler does not believe there is a need for a Deputy Police Chief and will not support the ordinance. Trustee Kuchler believes the Board of Fire and Police Commission should be involved in the authorization of this position.

Trustee Langan noted his favor and feels policing is changing and it is important to move forward.

Trustee Kuchler feels consistency is important siting that the Fire Department does not require a Deputy Fire Chief.

President Livingston requested Chief Holub to define State Statute. Chief Holub noted that according to State Statute the Board of Fire and Police Commission does not appoint the position of Deputy Police Chief and added that the proposed restructuring will work to provide a unified command structure and enhance operations.

Trustee Palermo expressed similar concerns as Trustee Kuchler and believes the new position would not enhance employee morale.

President Livingston duly noted concerns and advised that the restructuring would be closely monitored.

Approved by a 4 to 2 roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees McCarty, Langan, Holder and President Livingston
Nays: Trustees Kuchler and Palermo
Absent: Trustee Nowak

- F. Ordinance (#O-14-30) Acquisition of Easements for Storm Water Facility Inspections and Maintenance – 43 & 45 Poplar Place and 38 Edgewood Avenue: Referred to Trustee McCarty

Trustee McCarty noted that storm water management is critical in the Village. Explaining that engineering plans and specifications for storm water management systems must meet code requirements, Trustee McCarty detailed the specific

elements. Adding that neighboring homeowners are dependent on the proper maintenance and operation of the storm water facilities, Trustee McCarty noted that easement agreements are being granted to the Village for the areas of 43 and 45 Poplar and 38 Edgewood Avenue.

Trustee McCarty moved to approve the ordinance approving easement agreements and acquisition of easements for storm water facilities over 43 and 45 Poplar Place and 38 Edgewood Avenue, seconded by Trustee Holder.

Trustee Palermo inquired about a previous collapsed sewer on Mason Drive. Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham responded that the situation on Mason Drive involved an inferior public sewer. As this development involves private property it is necessary for the Village to ensure proper maintenance.

Trustee Kuchler noted his thanks to legal counsel on this complicated matter.

Trustee McCarty inquired about property owner's negligence to comply and cost to the Village. Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin responded that the easement agreements would be recorded with Cook County so any change in ownership would be advised. Attorney Burkland added that any cost incurred by the Village would be referred back to the property owner.

Approved by a 5 to 0 roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Langan, Palermo, Kuchler, McCarty and Holder

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Nowak

4. H. Purchase – Police Department/Replacement of Parking Enforcement Vehicle
(Removed from Omnibus for further discussion.)

Trustee Palermo explained that one of the two parking enforcement vehicles (Smart Cars) which were purchased in 2011 has sustained mechanical failure which is no longer under warranty. Due to the extent of the mechanical failure, Trustee Palermo noted that it is not cost effective to repair. Providing details on the urgency to replace the parking enforcement vehicle, Trustee Palermo noted that the only dealership having the necessary vehicle in stock is Mercedes Benz of Orland Park.

For discussion purposes, Trustee Palermo moved to waive the formal competitive bidding process and authorize staff to purchase a 2014 Smart Car from Mercedes Benz of Orland Park and sell the 2011 Smart Car on eBay in an amount not to exceed \$15,062, second by Trustee Langan.

Trustee Palermo expressed concerns with problematic Smart Cars and inquired as to what other type of vehicles may be appropriate. Chief Holub responded that other parking enforcement vehicles may take several weeks to order.

Trustee Kuchler concurred with Trustee Palermo's concerns adding his disappointment on the performance and lack of alternative solutions.

Trustee Holder inquired as to the performance of the second car purchased in 2011 and Chief Holub responded it has and continues to perform satisfactorily.

President Livingston noted that staff would continue to monitor the vehicles performance.

Approved by a 4 to 1 roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Langan, Kuchler, McCarty and Holder
Nays: Trustee Palermo
Absent: Trustee Nowak

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. IDOT Presentation – 47th Street and East Avenue Intersection Improvements

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn explained that last year, IDOT initiated a Phase I study to improve the intersection of 47th Street and East Avenue. Adding that resident and citizen advisory groups expressed concerns with alternatives which provided for a grade separation, Mr. Pilipiszyn stated that the Village Board passed a resolution requesting IDOT discontinue grade separation alternatives. Mr. Pilipiszyn indicated that IDOT representatives will present a summary of the public meetings and discuss the preliminary findings and alternatives. Mr. Pilipiszyn introduced Ms. Kimberly Murphy of IDOT's Consulting Unit to commence with the presentation.

Ms. Murphy introduced members of the team and provided a Power Point presentation to the Village Board and audience. Ms. Murphy provided detailed information on the history, goals, alternatives, evaluation and objectives moving forward. Summarizing her presentation, Ms. Murphy added the timeline schedule of Phases as next steps.

President Livingston thanked District One for their presentation and announced it would be available on the Village and IDOT website. Adding that any public comments should be forwarded to the Village, President Livingston opened the floor.

Trustee comments, concerns and discussion ensued related to pedestrian safety, traffic management, trains, congestion, efficiencies, sidewalk relocation, quadrant gates, and signalization at the intersection.

Sean Graham-White, 844 S. 8th Avenue expressed concerns regarding the possibility of traffic deterring into residential areas.

Ann Bennett, 644 S. Stone expressed concerns related to drainage improvements to avoid flooding at the intersection.

Don Johnston, 240 S. La Grange Road does not feel that IDOT's proposed improvements to the intersection are beneficial to La Grange residents.

Village Trustees added their concerns related to improvements to increase traffic flow. Trustees prefer to reduce the volume of traffic and speed in order to adhere to public safety.

President Livingston valued the discussion and comments addressed to IDOT representation for traffic calming. Adding that further evaluation and public discussion are evident, President Livingston advised residents to continue to provide input.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

James Bergschneider, 920 S. Spring expressed his view that the Village provided inaccurate information related to the quarry blast which was in fact an earthquake. President Livingston noted that the Village errs on the side of safety until all facts are collected.

Steve Palmer thanked retiring Fire Chief Bill Bryzgalski for his years of public service. Mr. Palmer added his thanks to all involved in making the La Grange Pet Parade successful and announced next year's parade would be held on May 30, 2015.

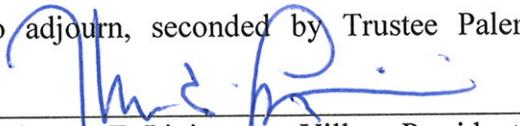
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 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: July 14, 2014