

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE
Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7 P.M.
3110 RFD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:00 P.M. President Rodriguez called the January 11, 2011 Village Board Meeting to Order.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Village President: Rodriguez
Trustees: Acuna, Barry (7:05 PM), Marshall, Schmitt, Wachs, Weber
Village Clerk: Schultheis
Also Present: Village Manager Lothspeich, Village Planner Hogue, Village Counsels Filippini and Gates

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was started with Village President Rodriguez noting concern over events in Arizona and concern for those in public office. – **No action was taken.**

Homeowner Associations:

Oak Island – Susanne Maier. – HOA President Susan Maier was present. She said that her subdivision did not have any issues to address – **No action was taken.**

Salem On The Lake – Susan Klein. – **No one was present. No action was taken.**

Sherman's Pine Valley – Bill Glickauf – **No one was present. No action was taken.**

Item: Visitors' Business - Raffle License Application & Waiver Of The Bond Requirement.

Long Grove Business & Community Partners. The LGBCP submitted the enclosed Raffle License Application for a raffle as part of the "Share Your Opinions About Long Grove" survey that includes automatic entry into a Sweepstakes for a \$100 gift certificate. - **Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve the Application by the Long Grove Business & Community Partners (LGBCP) for a raffle license and waiving the Bond requirements to conduct a raffle; seconded by Trustee Weber.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – not present; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber – aye (Motion carried 5 – 0; one absent)

Item: Visitors' Business - Special Event Application.

Sunset Foods submitted the enclosed "Grand Opening" special event application. Representatives from Sunset Foods were present. President Rodriguez said that January 26 will be opening day. – **Trustee Wachs moved to Approve the Sunset Foods "Grand Opening" special events; seconded by Trustee Marshall.**

VOICE VOTE:

All nays, no Nays (Motion carried 5 – 0; Trustee Barry was not present).

THERE WERE NO ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

At 7:05 PM Trustee Barry entered the Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1: Public Hearing Re: Ordinance Proposing Establishment Of SSA For Heron's Landing.

During the January 12, 2010 meeting, the Village Board approved Resolution 2010-R-01 "A Resolution Expressing Village Of Long Grove Support Of Lake County Public Works Department's Delivery Of Water Service To Heron's Landing Subdivision Via The Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency Water System." The Herons Landing HOA has since circulated a petition to their residents requesting that the Village establish a Special Service Area (SSA) for the purpose of paying for the connection to the existing Lake County owned and operated Lake Michigan Water Supply (Vernon Hills). During the

November 23, 2010 Meeting, the Village Board approved Ordinance 2010-O-34 “*An Ordinance Proposing The Establishment Of A Village Of Long Grove Special Service Area For Developing A Water Supply System To Serve Various Properties Located Within the Heron’s Landing Subdivision.*” With the approval of the Proposing Ordinance, the public hearing process was initiated and the required notice was published and mailed to the affected property owners for the Village Board to hold a public hearing. The Village Board will next consider an ordinance establishing the SSA no sooner than sixty (60) days after the close of the public hearing (March 22, 2011 Board Meeting). – **At 7:05 P.M., Trustee Schmitt moved to open the Public Hearing regarding An Ordinance Approving The Establishment of a Village of Long Grove Special Service Area for Developing a Water Supply System to Serve Various Properties located within the Herons Landing Subdivision; seconded by Trustee Weber.**

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6 – 0).

Village President Rodriguez noted that the Village did not make any revenue from the potential implementation of this water system. Lake County Public Works Director Peter Kolb was in the audience to answer questions. Herons Landing opposition to the project came from resident Mr. Johnson, who said that the residents of the subdivision had not been given proper notice time from their subdivision for their own meeting. President Rodriguez said that there had been proper notification for the public hearing, and that there was still a subsequent timeframe of 60 days to discuss and debate the issue.

There was discussion that some residents in the area had already invested thousands of dollars to rid the water of the smell. Village Counsel Filippini reminded the residents the Board can render an independent judgment on the water system. He said that the residents had the right to put the kibosh on the system, but only the Village could approve it. HOA President David Wolfe said that 70% of residents had approved the water system. He said that in 2010, 88 of the 110 homes were in favor of pursuing Lake Michigan water.

Village President Rodriguez noted that there would be a meeting on January 13, 2011 to discuss the issue further with the residents.

Lake County Public Works Director Peter Kolb discussed the logistics as to how the Lake Michigan water would be provided via Vernon Hills. He said that this was a short window of opportunity to receive access to Lake Michigan water, and that the time limit ended in 2014.

Village Counsel Filippini said that while Village-wide residents had voted down Lake Michigan water because it was cost-prohibitive; there were certain communities such as Herons Landing where the opportunity to connect was more affordable as there was proximity to an existing water system.

Trustees Schmitt and Acuna noted that deep wells were not replenishing as well as they once had.

Herons Landing resident Greenberg said that home values would rise if the subdivision had Lake Michigan water.

There was a question as to whether or not residents in the subdivision would be able to use both Lake Michigan water and well water (to water lawns). Although the County had said they would allow it, there were questions regarding policing the backflow system. It was noted that the Village would be in charge of having a plumber inspect any system that used both the private well and Lake Michigan water. That inspection would be yearly. Village Counsel Filippini stated that other entities would also have to give their approval – such as the Lake County Health Department.

Resident Bill Mass said that these were large lots and that the dual system would be needed.

Village Manager Lothspeich said that this would be the first subdivision in the Village with Lake Michigan water and that while there were no codes, the Village could enforce some restrictions.

Resident Johnson stated that this was a pioneering effort, and he wondered about the consequences.

Village President Rodriguez said that there would be four more meetings before any voting took place, and that there was plenty of time for more discussion.

At 8:22 P.M., Trustee Barry moved to close the Public Hearing for An Ordinance Approving The Establishment of a Village of Long Grove Special Service Area for Developing a Water Supply System to Serve Various Properties located within the Herons Landing Subdivision; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6 – 0).

Item #2: December 20, 2010 Architectural Commission Meeting. – Village Planner Hogue discussed the items brought before the Architectural Commission.

Status: The Architectural Commission (AC) considered the following requests during their December 20, 2010 Meeting (*please refer to the enclosed Village Planner Report for details*):

- A.** Sign Replacement For *The Long Grove Community Church*, North Shore Signs. **Approved.**

- B. Replacement Subdivision Identification Signage For The *Brookstone Subdivision*, James A. Cox, President, Brookstone H.O.A. *Continued.*
- C. Signage On “Building E” Within The Sunset Grove Development, For *Sportclips*, Larry Schumacher. *Approved.*
- D. Modification Of Plans For *Chase Bank*, 4196 Route 83 And Within The Sunset Grove Development, Including The Site Plan, Signage, Elevations, Landscaping Plans And Zoned HR-1 PUD District, Meseck, TAP Ltd. *Approved.*
- E. Building Lighting On The Exterior Of The *CVS Building* (“Building D”) Within The Sunset Grove Development And Zoned HR-1 PUD District, Lakewood Real Estate Solutions LLC. *Denied.*

Item #3A: Ordinance Approving Rezoning For Archer Road Subdivision.

As directed during the December 14, 2010 Board Meeting, Village Counsel prepared a draft ordinance approving the recommendations by Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals to reclassify the Archer Lots from R-2 Residential to B-1 Historic Business District for commercial redevelopment of the new lots. **Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve an Ordinance Approving the Reclassification of the Archer Lots from R-2 Residential to B-1 Historical Business District; seconded by Trustee Wachs.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber – aye.

(Motion carried 6 – 0)

Item #3B: Ordinance Approving Rezoning And Preliminary Plat For Archer Road Subdivision.

As directed during the December 14, 2010 Board Meeting, Village Counsel prepared a draft ordinance approving the recommendations by Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals to approve the Preliminary Plat for the Archer Road Subdivision for commercial redevelopment of the new lots.

Regarding the preliminary plat, the Plan Commission suggested that the preliminary plat be updated to better conform with the requirements of the subdivision regulations relating to preliminary plats.

However, the preliminary plat approval ordinance includes the following provision approving the plat “notwithstanding any variances from the technical requirements of the Village's subdivision regulations for preliminary plats.”

Trustee Wachs moved to Approve an Ordinance Approving the Preliminary Plat of Subdivision for the Archer Road Subdivision; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber – aye.

(Motion carried 6 – 0)

Item #4: Village President Rodriguez.

Strategic Planning Meeting. – Village President Rodriguez said that new February dates were needed for the Strategic Planning Meeting. The use of facilitators was also discussed to maintain the flow and focus of the meeting. It was also decided to ask resident Angie Underwood to join the event as she is running for Trustee. – **No action was taken.**

Item #5: Village Trustee Acuna.

A. Treasurer Report For December 31, 2010. Trustee Acuna moved to Approve the Treasurer’s Report for December 31, 2010; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber – aye.

(Motion carried 6 – 0)

B. Actual and Budget Comparisons For Period Ending December 31, 2010. For informational purposes only, no motion required.

C. 2010/11 Village Budget – 6 Month Year To Date Update. An update will be provided during the upcoming Board meeting.

D. Fiscal Year 2011/12 Budget Hearing Schedule. In order to incorporate the YTD expenditures through January, the following budget hearing schedule is being followed: (1) **December 14, 2010 Board Meeting.** Call for committee Budgets (submit no later than January 11, 2011). **January 25, 2011 Board Meeting.** Initial review Draft Budget for Public Hearing/Comment during first board meeting in February - Budget Posted at the Village Hall and on the Village Web Site; (2) **February 8, 2011 Board Meeting** – Public Hearing of Budget; and (3) **February 22, 2011 Board Meeting** – Approval of Budget. – Trustee Acuna asked Board members to forward any Budget item suggestions along. – **No action was taken.**

E. Lake Michigan Water Allocation Status & North-west Lake Michigan Water Planning Group. Staff represented the Village of Long Grove during the December 23, 2010 Northwest Lake Michigan Water Planning Group meeting. All of the Water Planning Group communities that filed applications for Lake Michigan Water Allocation received notice from the IDNR of its intent to take action that there is sufficient allocation to serve the Village of Long Grove. – **No action as taken.**

Item #6: Village Trustee Barry.

Pathways – Trustee Barry said that there will be a meeting in January. – **No action was taken.**

ConnectCTY – Trustee Barry said that the system was used to alert residents about a ruse burglary. It was noted that most residents wanted to receive the alert through email only, and only 51 through texting. It was decided that *The Bridge* should relist options for receiving alerts. – **No action was taken.**

Item #7: Village Trustee Marshall.

LGBCP – Trustee Marshall said that the LGBCP has been making impressive progress in focusing upon a direction in which the downtown should be heading. He said that there will be a meeting on January 17, 2011 to meet the new owners of the Hilligoss Gallery. It was also noted that Christmas went fairly well for most of the merchants. – **No action was taken.**

Item #8: Trustee Schmitt.

A. *Old Hicks Athletic Fields Construction Status - Completion.* The final payment was made to Pease Construction. The contract amount for the projects was \$352,647.10 and the project final cost is 341,716.50, \$10,930.60 below budget. – Trustee Schmitt said that the Village is in discussion with Soccer organizations – **No action was taken.**

B. *Electronics Recycling - SWALCO Intergovernmental Agreement.* The Solid Waste Agency Of Lake County (SWALCO) requests that members wanting to host waste collection events approve an intergovernmental agreement. In order for the Village of Long Grove to host an electronics recycling event this Spring it will be necessary for the Village to formally approve an agreement. – Wording in the contract needed to be amended - **CONTINUED**

C. *Stempel Parking Lot – Proposed Vernon Area Library District Drop Box.* The Village has been working with the Vernon Area Library District to have drop box installed in the downtown. The most recent location that appears to meet the needs of the District and Village is on the portion of Stempel Parking Lot owned by the Village. – Trustee Schmitt said that the formerly proposed site was deemed too close to festivals.- **Trustee Schmitt moved to Direct Village Counsel to review and prepare the necessary easement and other documents necessary for the installation of the Vernon Area Library District drop box in the Stempel Parking Lot; seconded by Trustee Marshall.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber – aye.

(Motion carried 6 – 0)

D. *Briarcrest Fish kill* – Trustee Schmitt reported that Park Commissioner Bassett had looked into the fish die-off and preliminary testing showed that the water did not lack oxygen. It is believed that there was some septic leakage or road salt. Lake County will be asked to investigate further – **No action was taken.**

SWALCO – Trustee Schmitt said that Long Grove is the only municipality that has an agreement to buy the recyclable carts. – **No action was taken.**

Item #9: Village Trustee Wachs.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #10: Village Trustee Weber.

Bridge – Trustee Weber said that the *Bridge* would go to the printer on Monday, January 17, 2011. –

No action was taken.

Historical Society – Trustee Weber said that there was a Book Club discussion on Victoria Woodhull (the first woman to run for president) – February meeting – **No action was taken.**

Item #11: Village Clerk Schultheis.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #12: Village Manager Lothspeich.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #13: Village Planner Hogue.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #14: Village Attorney Filippini.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

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Item #15: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

December 14, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes. -Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve the December 14, 2010 Board Minutes, as amended; seconded by Trustee Barry.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes; no nays. (Motion carried 6 – 0)

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Item: Executive Session.

At 9:05 P.M., Trustee Marshall moved to go into Executive Session to discuss (1) Executive Session Minutes; (2) Investments; (3) Litigation; (4) Personnel Matters; and (4) Acquisition and Disposition of Property; seconded by Trustee Wachs.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber – aye

Motion carried 6 – 0.

Item: Other Business.

December 14, 2010 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve the December 14, 2010 Executive Session Minutes, as amended, but not for public release; seconded by Trustee Barry.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes; no nays. (Motion carried 6 – 0)

Two Water Systems at Herons Landing – There was further discussion as to the feasibility of a dual water system, and the possibility that other government entities might not approve it. There was also discussion of insurance cost savings with Lake Michigan water. Further discussion followed on Backflow certification and possible inspections. – **No action was taken.**

Item: Adjournment.

AT 10:56 P.M.; Trustee Barry moved to Adjourn; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes; no nays. (Motion carried 6 – 0)