

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7 P.M.

3110 RFD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:00 P.M., Village Clerk Schultheis called to order the January 26, 2010 Village Board Meeting.

President Pro Tem: Village Clerk Schultheis asked for a motion to assign Acting President for the January 26, 2010 Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Acuna moved to Appoint Trustee Schmitt as the Acting Village President for the January 26, 2010 Village Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Weber.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion Carried 5 – 0; Trustee Barry absent)

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Acting Village President:	Schmitt
Trustees:	Acuna, Marshall, Schmitt, Wachs, Weber
Absent:	President Rodriguez, Trustee Barry
Village Clerk:	Schultheis
Also Present:	Village Manager Lothspeich, Village Counsel Filippini, Village Planner Hogue and Superintendent Block

Item: Homeowner Associations:

Edgewood Pond – John Spina. – **Present.** – Edgewood Pond HOA President Spina said that there had been some trees in the subdivision that had been obstructing the road that were cleared. – **No action was taken.**

Oak Hills/Oakwood Creek – Ken Krebs. – **No one was present. No action was taken.**

Oak Hills/Rosos Parkway – Al Spinoso. – **No one was present. No action was taken.**

Present in the Audience: Acting President Schmitt announced that there was an Eagle Scout present in the Audience. He is a student at St. Mary's and was working on a merit badge – **No action was taken.**

Items From the Audience:

Downtown Long Grove Business Issues: Tobin Fraley said that he had emailed Village Staff and Officials about the crisis in the Downtown Business District. Tobin Fraley said that creative thinking was needed to stave off business failures and revitalize the image of Downtown Long Grove. It was noted that many businesses in Long Grove have gone through a 20% downturn in business between 2009-2010. When asked by Trustees about possible strategies, one that was suggested was a 20/20 Program – whereby residents would volunteer to spend \$20 per week for 20 weeks in Long Grove shops. Acting President Schmitt said that the Village would broker a Think Tank to look into opportunities and ideas – this Think Tank would include a Trustee, a merchant and a property owner. Trustee Marshall was appointed as the Representative from the Village. Trustee Acuna suggested that a possible avenue to generate interest and storefront appeal in Downtown Long Grove might be to have Sunset Foods sell prepared meals as a way to utilize the storefront space that is vacant, and advertise their presence in Long Grove. Trustees thought it might be an interesting idea. Other suggestions included putting historical graphics in the empty storefronts, so at least there would be some appeal to the buildings – **No action was taken.**

Item: Congregation Beth Judea License To Conduct Raffle.

Congregation Beth Judea applied for approval of a raffle license and requested waiver of the \$25 application fee and waiver of the bonding requirements for their fundraiser. Village Board approval is required for the waivers of the fee and bond requirements. Please note that last year Beth Judea had raffle, gaming tables, poker tournament and bingo as part of this event, but confirmed that they are not having any other gaming for prizes or money this year. – **Trustee Acuna moved to Approve the License to Conduct Raffle and Waiver of the \$25 Application Fee and Bond Requirements for the Congregation Beth Judea Fundraiser; seconded by Trustee Wachs.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – absent; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber – aye (Motion carried 5 – 0; one absent)

ACTIONS ITEMS:**Item #1: Resolution Authorizing A New Banking Account With Baxter Credit Union (BCU).**

The Village currently has its checking accounts with National City Bank and has been incurring approximately \$5,700 in annual fees while earning roughly \$1,700 in interest, net negative (-\$4,000). The Village maintains an average checking balance near the current FDIC limits. Accordingly, Village Trustee Acuna and Staff have been shopping its checking account with various banks (Citibank; American Chartered Bank) and Baxter Credit Union (BCU) primarily in an effort to reduce costs and maximize interest while not increasing risk within the limitations of the Village's Investment Policy. BCU has provided the strongest proposal with approximately \$700 annual charges/fees while earning roughly \$5,700 in interest, net positive \$5,000 (A net positive change from National City of more than \$9,000 annually). As a credit union, BCU provides insurance under the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) which provides comparable protections to FDIC with identical limits. Staff has reviewed the account information from BCU with Village Attorney Filippini, Village Accountant Seidler, Village Auditor Radar and all are comfortable with the proposal from financial security and operational standpoints. In the interest of full-disclosure, Village Manager Lothspeich is a long-time member of BCU and is not gaining in any way if the Village chooses to use BCU for banking purposes. BCU offers membership to all Lake County Residents and their families and businesses and recently amended their by-laws to extend eligibility to municipalities. While BCU has business accounts with a vast number of Lake County businesses, if approved, the Village of Long Grove would be BCU's first municipal client. – Trustees noted that there were great savings for the Village by switching over to Baxter Credit Union. Village Counsel Filippini noted that the Village would receive the same insurance coverage with the credit union as with a bank. Trustee Wachs said that the Village might also look into a NOW account, as the FDIC coverage was unlimited – **Trustee Acuna moved to Approve a Resolution Authorizing a New Banking Account with Baxter Credit Union; seconded by Trustee Marshall.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – absent; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber – aye
(Motion carried 5 – 0; one absent)

Item #2: Discussion Of Draft FY 2010/11 Village Budgets.

The draft budgets do not include: the Optional (wish list) Budget Items; Salary Adjustments or changes to the 50K funding levels for the LGBCP and Long Grove Park District. The draft budget public hearing notice is required to be posted a minimum of 30 days prior to the public hearing. If, during the upcoming January 26, 2010 Board Meeting, the Village Board determines that the draft budget and tentative schedule is acceptable the, following will occur:

- January 27, 2010. The enclosed draft public notice for the public hearing will be sent to the *Daily Herald* for publication (setting the public hearing for the March 9, 2010 Board Meeting);
- February 9 and February 23, 2010 Board Meetings. The Village Board will have the option to further review the draft budget during one or both of these meetings if so desired. If possible, Staff recommends that the Village Board finalize the draft budget by the February 9, 2009 meeting.
- February 24, 2010. The draft budgets will be made available for the public review and comment (required to be available no later than 10 days prior to the public hearing)
- March 9, 2010. Village Budget Public Hearing.
- March 23, 2010. Ordinance Approving Village Budgets.

Trustees engaged in discussion of budget items that could be reduced to lessen the deficit. There was discussion of grants and reducing costs by having an electronic newsletter. Trustee Acuna noted that there was a great deal of cost associated with paper purchases and paper supplies. The general consensus of the Trustees was that the Village and Staff were going to have to change how some things are done to lower costs. Right-of way maintenance, mosquito abatement, legal fees were among items considered for reducing. One item that was decided to maintain was Storm Water Community certification – Village Manager Lothspeich and Village Counsel Filippini said that decertifying might have a deleterious effect on storm water emergency response.

Trustees also wanted to review donations to the Park District and the LGBCP. Trustee Wachs would be at the next LGBCP meeting.

Trustees debated as to what amount should be shown in the budget for Road Paving. Consensus was reached for an amount – **No action was taken.**

Item #3: Village President Rodriguez.**Absent**

Board/Commission/Committee Appointments. Placeholder. In light of the recent correspondence from current PCZBA Commissioner Tobin Fraley indicating his desire to continue to serve on the PCZBA, further discussion under Executive Session – Personnel Matters is anticipated. – **Acting President**

Schmitt said that this would be discussed in Open Session.

Item #4: Village Trustee Acuna.

Lake Michigan Water Allocation Pre-hearing – January 14, 2009 Hearing. Village President Rodriguez, Village Superintendent Block, Village Attorney Filippini, Village Engineer Chiczewski and Staff participated in the IDNR Lake Michigan allocation pre-hearing on January 14, 2010. IDNR's questions regarding the Village's draft application focused on the practical likelihood of the entire Village being served by Lake Michigan Water within 4-5 years with their acceptance of the Village amending the application to include a more realistic schedule of providing Lake Michigan Water to limited areas of the Village (e.g. Heron's Landing) at the request of the individual communities on an "as-needed" basis.

- Village Counsel Filippini said that at the meeting all communities were asked what their timing and water demand would be. The priority of the IDNR is to complete all of the cost effective applications first. The Village was looking for the right to preserve an opportunity to connect to Lake Michigan water in the future, if needed. The IDNR said that the Village did not need to connect the entire community. The Board emphasized that the Village was not trying to connect to Lake Michigan water now, but reserving the right to do so in the future – **No action was taken.**

Item #5: Village Trustee Barry.

Waste Management Annual Rate Increase. As required by the Village's Single Residential Waste Franchise Contract, Waste Management provided the enclosed calculation and notice of a 2.03% rate increase. The Board should be aware that in accordance with the Contract, the Village provided Waste Management the Village's list of Residents names and addresses to audit their billing. - **Absent**

Item #6: Village Trustee Marshall.

Long Grove Business & Community Partners Board Meeting – January 19, 2009. Trustee Marshall and Staff represented the Village during the LGBCP Meeting. – Trustee Marshall said that the LGBCP had appointed their Board. **Nothing to report. No action was taken.**

Item #7: Trustee Schmitt.

Park District: Trustee Schmitt said that the Park District was pleased to receive former escrow money from Depository I from the settlement – **No action was taken.**

SWALCO – Trustee Schmitt said that she would be attending the January 28, 2010 meeting. She added that recycling rebates have begun again and that the Village would receive a payment of about \$1200. – **No action was taken.**

Electronic Recycling – Trustee Schmitt asked the Board if they wanted this event to be more than once a year. The consensus was that it should be held annually in September. – **NO action was taken.**

Item #8: Village Trustee Wachs.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #9: Village Trustee Weber.

The Bridge: Trustee Weber asked that the Trustees choose a format for the emailing of *The Bridge*. The consensus was for a 3-column format. – **No action was taken.**

Employee Handbook – Trustee Weber said that in Fall, 2009, the format of the *Employee Handbook* was reviewed, but that it was still a work-in-progress. – **No action was taken.**

Item #10: Village Clerk Schultheis.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #11: Village Manager Lothspeich.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #12: Village Superintendent Block.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #13: Village Planner Hogue.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #14: Village Attorney Filippini.

Possible Consideration Of Resolution Re: Executive House (Glazer) Property Development. This item was added to the Board Agenda as a placeholder to provide the Village Board with the ability to take action on

a possible resolution regarding the potential development of the Executive House (Glazer) Property. –
Executive Session Item.

Item #15: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

January 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes. – Trustee Wachs moved to Approve the January 12, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 4 -0; Trustee Barry Absent; Trustee Acuna Abstained)

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Item: Executive Session.

At 9:10 P.M.; Trustee Acuna moved to go into Executive Session to Discuss (1) Executive Session Minutes; (2) Investments; (3) Litigation; (4) Personnel Matters; and (5) Acquisition and Disposition of Property; seconded by Trustee Weber.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – absent; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber – aye
(Motion carried 5 – 0; one absent)

Item: Other Business.

January 12, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes. - Trustee Weber moved to Approve the January 12, 2010 Executive Session Minutes as amended, but not for Public Release; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 4 -0; Trustee Barry Absent; Trustee Acuna Abstained)

Possible Consideration Of Resolution Re: Executive House (Glazer) Property Development. – Trustee Acuna moved to Approve a Resolution on the Executive House (Glazer) Property Development with two changes; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – absent; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber – aye
(Motion carried 5 – 0; one absent)

Item: Adjournment.

At 10:22 PM, Trustee Weber moved to Adjourn; seconded by Trustee Acuna.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 5 -0; Trustee Barry Absent)