

**VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE**  
**3110 RFD, ILLINOIS 60047-9613**  
**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE**  
**Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7 P.M.**  
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:02 P.M. President Rodriguez called the February 22, 2011 Village Board Meeting to Order.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Village President: Rodriguez  
 Trustees: Acuna, Barry, Marshall, Schmitt, Wachs, Weber  
 Village Clerk: Schultheis  
 Also Present: Village Manager Lothspeich

Boys Scouts – President Rodriguez acknowledged the eight Boy Scouts in the audience for touring and learning about how the Village of Long Grove government functions.. – **No action was taken.**

**Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Homeowner Associations:**

**Creekside** - Bobbie O'Reilly. – HOA President O'Reilly gave accolades to the Staff for snow removal. She added, however, that the truck that was removing snow was doing so very loudly by banging the blade against the pavement at 4AM. – **No action was taken.**

HOA President O'Reilly said that her neighborhood has some old trees that are falling. Some are in the right-of way. She said that the Village should not pay to have these landscaped. – **No action was taken.**

HOA President O'Reilly noted that the vacant homes in her area need to be watched. She said that there are 67 homes in Long Grove that are in foreclosure or vacant. – **No action was taken.**

HOA President O'Reilly said that Rte. 60 to Rte 83 the intersection turn lane has changed, and that cars \are cutting each other off during rush hour traffic. President Rodriguez requested that HOA President O'Reilly would write a letter to the Village so that it can be presented to the State Senator and Representative. – **No action was taken.**

**Eleanora Estates** – Richard Eterno. – **No one was present. No action was taken.**

**THERE WERE NO ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Item #1: Continued Discussion Re: Establishment Of LM Water SSA For Herons Landing.**

The enclosed Q&A Re: Herons Landing Lake Michigan Water SSA was emailed to the HOA and concerned residents on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and were mailed via regular mail to all Herons Landing Residents on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Village Trustee Acuna and Staff met with concerned residents (Bruce Johnson and Trond Odegaard) on February 14<sup>th</sup> to review the Q&A and various additional questions/clarifications. The Countryside Fire Protection District Chief Jeff Steingart provided a February 16<sup>th</sup> letter confirming that the Fire District did not object to the existing homes maintaining their connection to their existing fire suppression (sprinkler) systems. The HOA Informational Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Vernon Township Community Center (3050 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL) on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Since more than two (2) Village Trustees have indicated an interest in attending this meeting, the Village of Long Grove Board of Trustees Notice was published in order to avoid any potential violations of the Open Meetings Act. – President Rodriguez said that there was going to be a special meeting held on February 23, 2011. – **No action was taken**

**Item #2: Report Of The February 16, 2011 Conservancy Scenic Corridor Committee Mtg.**

The Conservancy Scenic Corridor Committee (CSCC) recommended approval of the following request during their February 16, 2011 meeting.

- CSCC #11-01. Conservancy District Plantings at 6573 Windham Ct., Stockbridge Farm Sub, Caldwell. – **Trustee**

**Schmitt moved to Approve the CSCC#11-01 as recommended by the CSCC for the planting of conservancy district plantings at 6573 Windham Court; seconded by Trustee Barry.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

**Item #3: Report Of The February 21, 2011 AC Meeting.**

The Architectural Commission will be considering the following items during their upcoming meeting.

- A. Signage For Exit Global Realty Pros, 238 Robert Parker Coffin Road, DiMaggio.
- B. Replacement Subdivision Identification (Entry) Signage For Brookstone Subdivision, Brookstone HOA.
- C. Window Treatment Signage For CVS Pharmacy, Sunset Grove, 4186 IL Route 83, Sure Light Signs. – Village Manager Lothspeich said that this was not approved, and that CVS is coming back with revisions. – **No action was taken.**

**Item #4: Ordinance Establishing The IL Route 83 Water Fund.**

The draft ordinance will establish a new enterprise fund for the revenues (water bills) and expenses (operational costs) related to the operation of the IL 83 water system. – **Trustee Marshall moved to Approve an Ordinance Amending the Village Code Establishing the Illinois 83 Special Service Area Fund Account; seconded by Trustee Wachs.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**(Motion carried 6 – 0)**

**Item #5: Village President Rodriguez.**

Canadian National Railroad (CNR) Mitigation Re: Indian Creek Club Revised Landscape Plans. On November 8, 2010 the Village Board approved the Indian Creek Club (ICC) Subdivision Landscape Plans For Grand Trunk Corporation (CN Railroad) Mitigation Funding. As part of this approval Indian Creek Club Subdivision is eligible for \$126,666.65 of the \$200,000 mitigation grant from CNR. CNR has since accepted the ICC landscaping plans and provided the full \$200,000 to the Village. ICC has since sought additional bids and was able to improve the approved plans by adding additional trees and improving the maintenance provisions. – Village Manager Lothspeich said that there have been revisions to get better prices including a maintenance plan. He added that CNR wanted to make certain that the Board would approve of the Railroad's maintenance plan. The consensus from the Board was that they approved. – **No action was taken.**

Lake County DOT Old McHenry Road & Intersection Improvements (Downtown) - Update.

Staff met with Lake County Division Of Transportation (LCDOT) Representatives Paula Trigg and staff on February 10, 2011. During this meeting LCDOT reported that they had selected their consulting engineer for the project and that they would be preparing plans for the reconstruction of Old McHenry Road from Kildeer School to just south of Archer Road. LCDOT stated that the project included pavement reconstruction, drainage improvements and intersection improvements (modern roundabout or stoplight signals) and coordination with Village: streetscape improvements; utility relocations; watermain, etc. The process would begin with a public meeting this summer, completion of plans within two years and construction planned within four to five years. Staff noted that the Village Board was not supportive of changing the intersection design or the existing stop signs and believed that the intersection changes would benefit what was primarily cut-through traffic during a couple of hours during the a.m. and p.m. rush hours at the expense of the Historic Downtown. LCDOT responded that they understood the Village's position but since the existing intersection design had failed maintaining the existing intersection and stop signs was not possible. It is important to keep in mind that as part of the permitting requirements for the construction of Archer Road LCDOT required that the Village pay the County the estimated construction cost of future turn lanes or bypass lanes at Archer Road when the County improved Old McHenry Road. If LCDOT does not include these improvements as part of their plans (which the Village Engineer does not believe are necessary), the Village should request credit of these monies toward other improvements (such as streetscape) as part of the reconstruction of Old McHenry Road. – President Rodriguez told the Board that LCDOT insisted that either a modern roundabout or light be installed. They did not consider a Stop Sign to be a viable option. The Board is hoping that after the County makes improvements, they will vacate the road and let the Village take over. – **Trustee Wachs moved to Direct Staff to Prepare a Resolution Supporting Maintaining the Existing Intersection Design and Traffic Control at Old McHenry Road and Robert Parker Coffin Road; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

**Item #6: Village Trustee Acuna.**

**A. Sales Tax Interruption Coverage.** Sales tax interruption coverage in the annual amount of \$8,439 for covering both Menards \$5,780) and Sunset Foods (\$2,659) (coverage is available for either store individually if desired). While not inexpensive, it would seem to be a necessary expense since the loss of either sales tax income could be devastating to the Village's finances. Total annual premium is \$8,439 excluding terrorism coverage. In order to include terrorism additional premium would be \$1,000 annually plus any additional taxes & fees. The Policy provides \$500,000 worth of coverage for Menards and \$230,000 for Sunset Foods with a \$5,000 deductible per occurrence and excludes coverage for the following types of losses:

*Earthquake; Earthquake Sprinkler Leakage; Flood; Terrorism (Unless you choose to include); Asbestos & Toxic Materials; Absolute Pollution; War and Military Action –*

Trustee Acuna asked the Trustees if they thought this insurance should be a Budget Item. Trustees noted that the insurance coverage was for specific events. Trustee Marshall noted that many businesses carry their own Business Interruption insurance, and that the Village might want to be considered as an additional insured on their policies. The consensus was not to put insurance as a Budget item. – **No action was taken.**

**B. Continued Discussion Re: Draft Village Budgets FY 2011/12.** The DRAFT Village Budget incorporates the changes suggested during the previous discussions. The public hearing notice for the Village Budget was posted at the Village Hall on February 8, 2011, posted on the Village Web Home Page and published in the *Daily Herald* on February 10, 2011 for the scheduled March 8, 2011 Budget Public Hearing. – Trustee Acuna noted that the Village would be receiving more money from the State of Illinois because our population had grown. Village Manager Lothspeich also said that there were 2-3 homes in the pipeline that would add approximately \$30,000 to revenue. Trustee Schmitt said that because of an increased foreign demand in recyclables, SWALCO would might be paying out as much as \$20 per ton for the Village recyclables. There was discussion regarding whether or not Staff should pay a portion of its healthcare. That discussion was to be continued in Executive Session.

There was discussion regarding Police coverage and eliminating the swing shift. Trustees noted that the County had done a great job policing the Village, but that Budget constraints meant that the Village might have to remove the swing shift (\$81,504) and overlapping coverage (about \$85,000). This would not affect emergency service which 24/7. President Rodriguez said that the Village needed to speak with the Sheriff to determine if coverage could be changed and what the unions could do.

There was discussion regarding mosquito abatement.

Emergency Communications System – Trustees were polled for their opinion of the \$5300 unlimited usage versus per call. Trustee Weber noted that most people have their own cell phones for instantaneous information and do not need extra warning. The consensus was to use as needed.

There was consensus to add \$4,000 to the Budget for pathways.

There was consensus to remove \$5,000 from the Budget regarding Rte 53 extension.

The majority was to contribute no dollars to the Park District. It was noted that the Park District would be able to sustain its operations without the Village contribution.

Three Trustees plus President Rodriguez said that \$20,000 should be allotted as a donation to the LGBCP. It was noted that without the donation to the LGBCP, it would fail.

By majority, it was decided that the Budget should show \$2,000 for Community Events.

There was discussion regarding capital outlay for issues such as water and Archer lots. – **No action was taken**

**Item #11: Village Trustee Weber.**

**Village Web Site Updates.** Trustee Weber has been working with Ms. Jenn Harrington of Creative Spectacles for possible updates to the Village's web site. – *Due to time constraints, it was decided to let the "Creative Spectacles" presentation take place at this point.* President Rodriguez said that the dramatic increase in FOIA requests and developing a better way to attract residents and visitors the Long Grove website were some of the reasons that the Village had begun to search to look at different search engine alternatives. Jenn Harrington presented ideas and options to the Board. – **No action was taken.**

**Item #7: Village Trustee Barry.**

**Pathways Committee Meeting – February 18, 2011.** Trustee Barry and Village Planner Hogue attended the Pathways Meeting and will provide a brief verbal report during the upcoming Village Board Meeting. – Trustee Barry said that the recommendation from Village Planner Hogue was for a ten-foot, multipurpose path along Rte. 22. Trustee Barry said that there would be another volunteer workday in April. There was a question as to whether or not golf carts could be used on the paths, and it was noted that they were not really built for that purpose. – **No action was taken.**

**Police and Fire:** Trustee Barry said that said that the Police were looking into vandalism incidents at Gridley Field – **No action was taken.**

**Item #8: Village Trustee Marshall.**

*Long Grove Business & Community Partners Board Meeting – February 15, 2011.* Trustee Marshall and Staff represented the Village during the LGBCP Meeting. Trustee Marshall will provide a brief verbal report during the upcoming Village Board Meeting. – Trustee Marshall said that Rachel Perkal had some great ideas, and that the LGBCP had good people in place. – **No action was taken.**

**Item #9: Village Trustee Schmitt.**

*Electronic Event* – Trustee Schmitt was looking into changing the event date to April 19<sup>th</sup> instead of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, as that was Spring Break. – **No action was taken.**

*Drop Box* – A new location in Stempel Lot was found – **No action was taken.**

*Alternative Energy* – Trustee Schmitt said that Elgin was hosting a Green Town event, and that the Village might want to look into alternative energy sources. Trustee Acuna said that wind turbine Company that he was working with might be willing to use the Village of Long Grove as a test site for free. – **No action was taken.**

**Item #10: Village Trustee Wachs.**

*IL 83 SSA Water System - Change Order #4 & #5.* The following three (3) change orders have been approved to date:

1. Change Order #1 totaling (\$95,880.00) approved June 22, 2010;
2. Change Order #2 totaling \$104,497.20 approved September 28, 2010, and
3. Change Order #3 totaling \$2,952.02 approved October 12, 2010.

Village Board approval is being requested for the following change orders (please refer to the enclosed project summary for details):

1. Change Order #4 totaling \$39,326.79
2. Change Order #5 totaling \$16,907.06

The approved contract project cost is \$2,874,200. If these change order items are approved, the project will be \$54,715.03 below the approved contract amount with no further significant increases expected. – **Trustee Acuna moved to Approve the Fourth and Fifth**

**Change orders totaling \$56,233.85 for the IL 83 Water SSA project; seconded by Trustee Wachs.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Acuna – aye; Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber – aye**  
(Motion carried 6 – 0).

It was noted that the Village would start billing for water within a month.

**Item #12: Village Clerk Schultheis.**

**Nothing to report. No action was taken..**

**Item #13: Village Manager Lothspeich.**

*Hérons Landing* – Village Manager Lothspeich noted objections that had been sent to the Village from residents of Herons Landing. – **No action was taken.**

*New website* – Discussion regarding getting more quotes to determine which company to choose, if a change in the website was the option the Board wanted. Village Manager Lothspeich said that he would send out emails to get more vendors. – **No action was taken.**

*Shallow wells* – Village Manager Lothspeich said that application for Lake Michigan water included a provision whereby the Village would be responsible for restrictions on water usage during droughts. He said that the water restrictions that would be required to be imposed would be similar to those of the County. – **No action was taken.**

**Item #14: Village Planner Hogue.**

**Absent**

**Item #15: Village Attorney Filippini.**

**Not Present at this portion of the meeting.**

**Item #16: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.**

*February 8, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes.* – **Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve the February 8, 2011 Board Minutes; seconded by Trustee Marshall.** –

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

*February 12, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes.* **Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve the February 12, 2011 Board Minutes as**

amended; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

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**Item: Executive Session.**

At 10:26 P.M.; Trustee Wachs moved to go into Closed Session to Discuss (1) Executive Session Minutes; (2) Investments; (3) Litigation; (4) Personnel Matters; and (5) Acquisition and Disposition of Property; seconded by Trustee Barry.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Acuna – aye; Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber – aye  
(Motion carried 6 – 0).

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**Item: Other Business.**

*February 8, 2011 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.* Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve the February 8, 2011 Executive Session Minutes, as amended, seconded by Trustee Barry.

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

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**Item: Adjournment.**

At 11:38 P.M., Trustee Wachs moved to Adjourn; seconded by Trustee Barry.

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

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