

VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7 P.M.

3110 RFD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:06 P.M. President Rodriguez called the March 13, 2012 Village Board Meeting to Order.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

President Rodriguez asked for a moment of silence in respect for the victims of the Afghanistan massacre.

**Call To Order: Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Item: Lake County Sheriff's Report. – Not present. No report.**

**Item: Homeowner Associations:**

**Cobblestone:** Michael Kiefer.  
**Indian Creek Estates:** Helen Dorn.  
**No one was present. No report.**

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Item #1: Report Of The March 6, 2012 Plan Commission & Zoning Board Of Appeals Meeting.**

The PCZBA considered the following items during their meeting.

- Request For Variations Of The Side Yard Set-Back Requirement (South Side) From The Required 40 Feet To 10 Feet And A Rear Yard Set-Back Requirement From The Required 40 Feet To 20 Feet For The Construction Of A Fire Pit And Three (3) Foot Seating Wall For Property Located At 2579 Lincoln Avenue, Morris.

**CONTINUED.**

**Item #2: Ordinance Vacating A Portion Of Arlington Heights Road.**

**Trustee Wachs moved to Approve an Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Arlington Heights Road; seconded by Trustee Underwood.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Underwood – aye; Wachs - aye; Weber – abstain  
(Motion carried 5 – 0; one abstention)**

**Item #3: Resolution Releasing the LOC For The Orchards Subdivision.**

In January 2006 the Village Board approved the reduction in The Orchards LOC from \$131,196.00 to \$33,517.60. The \$33,517.60 amount of the reduced LOC consists of the following two parts: (1) \$22,700.00 for remaining construction work, which included 110% of estimated construction costs and (2) the remaining \$10,817.60 represents 10% of the estimated amount for work to be completed. Village Engineer ESI reviewed and approved the Final As-Built and is recommending release of the LOC. – **Trustee Wachs moved to Approve a Resolution Reducing/Releasing the Current Performance Letter of Credit for the Orchards Subdivision from \$33,517.60 to \$0 (Zero), as amended to be contingent upon payment of all reimbursable expenses; seconded by Trustee Marshall.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Underwood – aye; Wachs - aye; Weber – aye**

**(Motion carried 6 – 0)**

**Item #4: Resolution Authorizing Purchasing Road Salt Not to Exceed \$79,200.00.**

The draft resolution authorizes the Village to participate in the State of Illinois purchase program for road salt. The Illinois purchase program requires that the participating municipalities commit to purchasing a minimum of 80% or maximum 120% of the amount ordered. The Joint Purchasing Requisition requires purchase of a minimum 800 tons and reserves a maximum of 1,320 tons of rock salt for a maximum of \$79,200.00 at an estimated maximum price of \$60.00 per ton.

**Trustee Barry moved to Approve a Resolution Approving the Purchase of Rock Salt through the State of Illinois in an Amount not to Exceed \$79, 200.00; seconded by Trustee Wachs.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Underwood – aye; Wachs - aye; Weber – aye**

**(Motion carried 6 – 0)**

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

**A.IL Route 53 Extension – Update.** Village President Rodriguez was unable to attend the planning workshop at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) headquarters on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, however, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission Executive Director Mike Warner and Staff attended the meeting in her absence. The Liberty Prairie Conservancy hosted a second walk/tour of the IL 53 ROW on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. For further information on the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council.

<http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/community-outreach/illinois-route-53-120-blue-ribbon-advisory-council> – President Rodriguez said that the numbers that are being discussed are exorbitant.

Initially, the goal was to build a world class extension, but the reality is that the expenses are too high. President Rodriguez said that there is the possibility that this could morph into a six-lane highway. She said that such a highway would be a deal breaker for Long Grove. She added that while the survey showed that residents were in favor of the extension, they needed to be updated as to how unwieldy the proposed expenses and scope of the extension had become. The tolls being proposed were over \$4, and there would be an impact on taxes. President Rodriguez said that the residents needed to hear the facts, and that even if the road construction was approved, no one would be able to drive on it until 2025. She suggested that the more prudent and viable alternative would be to repair the existing roads. – **No action was taken.**

**B.Town Hall Meeting – April.** – Trustee Weber suggested that there be a workshop to discuss and analyze the survey results before a Town Meeting was scheduled. It was decided that the Board would have a Special Meeting, open to the public, on March 17, 2012 at 8:30 AM.

Resident Carolyn Denaro thanked the Board for putting together the survey and reaching out to the residents for their opinions– **No action was taken.**

**C, Residential Electricity Aggregation Referendum – Update.** Staff attended the Buffalo Grove public meeting on February 29, 2012 and the Vernon Hills public meeting on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Each of the three public meetings (Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Vernon Hills) were attended by approximately fifty interested attendees. The majority of those in attendance applauded the efforts of the communities and encouraged the village’s to consider green alternative energy sources as much as possible. The consortium noted that if the referendum is approved, there would be an “opt-in” option for each resident to consider choosing a “green option”. There were several outspoken attendees that objected to the concept of “government” choosing for the residents (since it is an “out-out” program) and their concerns of possible negative impacts on the number of alternative energy providers. – Village Manager Lothspeich said that there was a good turnout for the meetings. He added that the Sierra Club had been at the meetings pushing for the priority to be “going green” over cheapest costs. Village Manager Lothspeich requested direction from the Board asking if the “cheapest” should be removed as a priority in favor of green energy.

Resident Ed Acuna said that natural gas prices were very cheap at the moment, but he wondered if the prices might fluctuate. Village Manager Lothepich replied that while the Village would be locked into a price for the length of the contract; the contract was short term.

The Consensus of the Board was to go with renewable green energy as long as the savings passed on to residents was not affected more than more than a few percentage points. It was noted that the Village has always promoted itself as a green community, and that the citizens could still have an opt-out option. The threshold as to whether the Village would accept the green alternative would only be 1-2 percent. – **No action was taken.**

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

**A.Treasurer Report For February 29, 2012.** – Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve the Treasurers Report for February 29, 2012; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Underwood – aye; Wachs - aye; Weber – aye**  
**(Motion carried 6 – 0)**

**B. Actual and Budget Comparisons For Period Ending February 29, 2012.** For informational purposes only, no motion required.

**C. Discussion Of The Draft Village Of Long Grove Fiscal Year 2012/13 Budgets.** The DRAFT budget is being revised to accommodate the requested changes/comments raised during the first review during the February 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Revisions made during the March 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting will be incorporated and this draft version of the Budget will be made available to the public on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Public Hearing is scheduled for the April 10, 2012 Village Board Meeting.

- Trustee Barry discussed the fact that even though the Board had removed the restriction for one year of reserves, the good news was that the reserve were almost at 9 months, and were improving.

It was noted that the Budget for 2012-13 was smaller than 2008. Certain funds were to be segregated so that they could be earmarked for certain expenses more clearly.

There was discussion about lowering monthly office supply costs.

There was discussion regarding the upcoming unfunded EPA mandates that would have a drastic effect on the Budget if they were implemented. Village Manager Lothspeich said that the IEPA had ordered the Village to do more testing, and that a plan would need to be in place by June, 2012. It was noted that this was statewide and not optional, as well as not being reimbursable. The gist of the program was to ensure identifying and correcting any type of pollution issues. The Decision was to put \$25,000 in EPA Compliance.

Certain litigation items that were no longer relevant were removed from the Budget.

It was decided to keep the Board Meeting Legal Costs at \$15,000 in the budget.

There was discussion regarding making reductions to engineering costs.

It was noted that \$400,000 would go into reserves after the sale of the Reed Turner Property to the Park District.

Long Grove Arts and Music Council Representative Bob Denaro, Rachel Perkel of the LGBCP and Ed Acuna from the LGBCP were in the audience. Trustee Weber suggested that there be an increase in the funds for the LGBCP to \$40,000.

She said that the funds could be used to help start up businesses, and she said that the funds could not be used for any project without approval of the Board. Trustee Underwood added that the survey had noted that residents wanted the Village to help the Downtown. It was suggested that a subcommittee might be created to look into how this might be accomplished.

Long Grove Arts and Music Representative Denaro said that the Council was setting up more family events. He also said that new sound equipment was needed, and that at a minimum, the cost would be \$25,000. Trustee Wachs suggested that he ask ABT Electronics for a possible donation. Mr Denaro also noted that the Council had achieved 501(c)(3) status.

Rachel Perkel of the LGBCP gave the Board a Review and Vision Sheet discussing goals and development of the Downtown. It was suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to look into helping the Downtown. Ms. Perkel noted that rents in the Downtown were comparable to those in other communities.

She suggested that there were ideas such as VIP parking during festivals (\$10) and donations for entering festivals.

The Consensus of the Board was as follows – Barry – give matching funds; Marshall – yes to increase of \$20,000; Schmitt – Yes, but wait until the Budget options are better known; Underwood – yes to increase; Wachs – matching funds; Weber – yes to increase.

Village Manager Lothspeich said that it would be added as an action item on the next agenda. – **No action was taken.**

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

**Monthly Building Department Report.** – Trustee Marshall said that Building permits brought in \$4910 in Revenue. – **No action was taken.**

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

**Library Drop Box** – Trustee Schmitt said that it was destroyed and cannot be repaired. She said that the cost of a new one was \$4500. Trustee Marshall said that he wanted to check to see if it could be repaired. Trustees discussed ways to make sure that the new drop box would be protected against drivers backing into it. – **No action was taken.**

**Buffalo Creek Watershed Meeting** – Trustee Schmitt said that a Buffalo Grove group wants to clean it but that money was needed. Trustee Schmitt was hoping that this grant could be obtained. – **No action was taken.**

**House Bill 3884** – Trustee Schmitt said that if it were approved, Utilities would have the right to clear growth up to 20 feet on each side of the power line. This could destroy the scenic corridor. – **No action was taken.**

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

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

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

**Roadway Analysis - Update.** As directed during the January 24, 2012 Board Meeting, Village Engineer ESI

Consultants provided the DRAFT Capital Improvements Program for the Village. – Trustee Wachs said that he would present costs to the Board in April – **No action was taken.**

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**Item #11: Village Trustee Weber.**  
**Nothing to report. No action was taken.**

**Item #12: Village Clerk Schultheis.**  
**Nothing to report. No action was taken.**

**Item #13: Village Manager Lothspeich.**  
**Nothing to report. No action was taken.**

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**Item #14: Village Planner Hogue.**  
**Not Present.**

**Item #15: Village Attorney Filippini.**  
**Nothing to report.**

**Item #16: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.**  
*February 28, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes.* Trustee Weber moved to approve the February 28, 2012 Board Minutes; seconded by Trustee Wachs.  
**VOICE VOTE:**  
All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6 – 0)

**Item: Executive Session.**  
At 10:16; Trustee Marshall moved to go into Executive Session to discuss (1) Executive Session Minutes; (2) Litigation; (3) Personnel Matters; and (4) Acquisition and Disposition of Property; seconded by Trustee Wachs.  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**  
Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Underwood – aye; Wachs - aye; Weber – aye  
(Motion carried 6 – 0)

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**Item: Other Business.**  
*February 28, 2012 Executive Session Board Meeting Minutes.* Trustee Weber moved to Approve the February 28, 2012 Executive Session Minutes, but not for Public Release; seconded by Trustee Barry.  
**VOICE VOTE:**  
All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6 – 0)

**Item: Adjournment.**  
At 10:28 PM; Trustee Barry moved to Adjourn; seconded by Trustee Weber.  
**VOICE VOTE:**  
All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6 – 0)