

**VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE  
SPECIAL WORKSHOP  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012 AT 8:30 A.M.  
3110 OLD MCHENRY ROAD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047**

**In Attendance:**

**President** Rodriguez  
**Trustees** Barry, Marshall, Schmitt, Underwood, Wachs, Weber  
**Village Clerk** Schultheis  
**Officials in Attendance** Village Manager Lothspeich

**Residents in Audience** Al Spinoso

**CALL TO ORDER:** At 8:37 AM, President Rodriguez called the March 17, 2012 Special Workshop Meeting to Order.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Review/Discussion of Village-wide Survey Results.
2. Review of Short & Long-Term Goals & Objectives.

President Rodriguez said that the objective of the meeting was to discuss, prioritize and come up with ideas as to how to address survey results in a series of three town hall meetings.

WEBSITE - Trustee Weber said that the survey turnout was good – with 20% of the residents replying. Among the items that she felt the Board could react to immediately was setting up contact info to reach Trustees by email. There was discussion regarding setting up email addresses on the website that would be forwarded to personal email address sites. Resident Al Spinoso suggested that there might be a way to put a tag on the emails so that Trustees would know which emails were coming from residents as opposed to being spam.

Trustee Weber also said that the survey mentioned getting rid of some aesthetically undesirable artwork in the Gallery, as well as replacing a sign on Chickamauga Lane. Trustee TRAFFIC - Weber discussed intermediate responses to the survey. She said that there were many comments regarding traffic issues. The traffic hotspots included Schaeffer Road, North Krueger Road, Checker Road, Cuba Road and the Oak Hill Subdivision. The Board recommended that the Sheriff be given this information so that more patrolling of those areas would reduce speeding.

Village Manager said that regarding state roads, the Village did not have much control. He said that Village had requested signals on Old 53 and Hicks, and that there had been a negative response from the State.

President Rodriguez suggested that the Board prioritize the areas of concern so that the Sheriff could concentrate on patrolling those areas. Robert Parker Coffin Road and Old McHenry Road – There was discussion as to whether or not there should be a traffic cop assigned to the intersection during morning rush hour. Village Manager Lothspeich said that as there was only one dedicated officer in Long Grove, this might tie up his time. It was noted that the time that the traffic officer would be needed would be from 7AM – 8:30 AM.

Village Manager Lothspeich mentioned the option of turn restrictions at the intersection to eliminate East/West traffic. Some Trustees thought that might present its own series of issues and confusion amongst residents. President Rodriguez suggested that the Lake County Sheriff's input would be crucial in deciding how best to handle the congestion at the intersection.

Resident Al Spinoso suggested that there might be a turn lane. Trustee Wachs replied that the a turn lane might only serve to increase cut through traffic.

COMMUNICATIONS - *The Bridge* and Communications – The Trustees discussed more frequent emails instead of more *Bridge* updates.

President Rodriguez said that future Manager's Reports should include how each item voted upon would be communicated to the residents. Trustee Weber said that the Village now has 861 email addresses and that this might be the best way to communicate news.

Trustee Underwood said that the survey showed that residents wanted to hear more about local residents in the *Bridge* and other publications. Trustee Underwood said that more frequent emails might contain bullet points about events and profiles of residents. Some suggestions included a format that would allow for bullets, but with a *Read More...* prompt to each article, so subscribers only had to read what was of interest.

Trustee Underwood wanted to know how residents were going to be informed about the town hall meetings. President Rodriguez said that the CTY system would be used.

There was discussion regarding updating the website. There was concern that the Long Grove website is cumbersome to navigate around.

Trustees also want less outside dependence in regards to updating the website.

**DOWNTOWN** – Trustee Weber said that many comments were made regarding the state of downtown Long Grove. She discussed the suggested \$20,000 requested to be donated to Long Grove Business Community Partners that would be under Board supervision to be used to promote the Downtown.

There was discussion regarding the use of grants to revitalize downtown. There was discussion regarding fixing the Long Grove Bridge.

Trustee Schmitt said that the Downtown used to be a destination location for antique shops but now needed to have more restaurants. Trustee Weber added that the LGBCP is trying to create a downtown dedicated more to the arts and music. She said that the LGBCP is sponsoring more family friendly events. She also said that the survey showed that the number request for the downtown was more restaurants. It was noted that Caribou Coffee has just requested a permit and will be on Rte 83.

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT** – It was stated that residents wanted a community place to mull around. Many even wanted to see Gridley’s Restaurant reopened.

Village Manager Lothspeich said that one of the deterrents of building in the downtown area was that the closing times were not conducive to restaurants.

President Rodriguez said that the Village needed to be more proactive in resolving issues between Gridley’s to consider offering incentives to both parties to reignite interest. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with the plan.

Trustees said that the downtown might need to develop a water line to attract developers. Village Manager Lothspeich noted that with the development of the Capital Fund and the infusion of money from the sale of the Reed Turner property, the money could be earmarked for water supply to developers who move into the downtown.

It was noted by all of the Trustees that capital projects needed to be identified and prioritized.

**TOWN HALL MEETINGS** – Trustees wanted to make certain that the agenda for a town meeting set the expectations of that particular meeting. Trustee Barry noted that many residents in the survey were not well informed regarding taxes and the Long Grove government; namely that Long Grove does not collect property taxes.

It was desired that the Town Meetings will be used to set up ad hoc committees with the residents welcomed as volunteers. There was an underlying theme amongst the Trustees and President that a more realistic picture of how the Long Grove government works and the reality regarding the financial status of the town be related to residents in the first meeting. It was noted that taxes, and the facts regarding the Village’s financial health were going to be the priority of the first Town Hall Meeting.

**PATHWAYS** – Trustee Barry said that the spine of the pathway system was Old McHenry Road. He mentioned other pathway connections and extensions. Trustee Underwood said that some of the paths were going to require easements from residents. There was discussion regarding saving money by foregoing engineering. Trustee Marshall said that the Village already had specs to engineer pathways. Village Manager Lothspeich said that paths are the equivalent of small roads, and so to have them constructed correctly, an engineer’s input was vital. As funds are limited, the Consensus amongst the Board Members was to expand the pathways to the best of the ability based upon specs, and then re-engineer them at a later date, if necessary.

**TOWN HALL MEETINGS** – There was discussion as to the content and agenda of the first and subsequent town hall meetings. It was decided that before dates were set for the meetings, an agenda needed to be coordinated. It was also decided that there would be name tags and sign-in sheets at the meeting.

Village Manager Lothsepich said that the next Board meeting would have a “Draft” for the three different meetings and their topics. The Theme that was discussed was - *THE NEXT 50 YEARS.*” President Rodriguez suggested that the meeting include zoning maps to show residents how the Village demographics have changed.

Village Manager Lothspeich summed up the contents of the survey by noting that none of the elements of the survey were a surprise to the Staff or the Board. He added that all of the topics were identified by the Board at previous workshops. He said that this showed that the Board and the residents were of the mindset as to the issues and opportunities for the Village.

**At 11:11 AM, Trustee Schmitt moved to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Wachs.  
All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6 – 0)**

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