

VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE  
**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE**  
**Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7 P.M.**  
**3110 RFD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:004 P.M. Village Clerk Schultheis called the March 23, 2010 Village Board Meeting to Order.

Selection of Village President Pro Tem for the March 23, 2010 Board Meeting: Village Clerk Schultheis asked for a motion to elect a temporary President for the March 23, 2010 Board Meeting.

**Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve Trustee Barry as the President Pro Tem for the March 23, 2010 Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Wachs.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Village President:	Rodriguez (entered meeting at 9:15 P.M.)
Village President Pro Tem:	Barry
Trustees:	Acuna, Barry, Marshall, Schmitt, Wachs, Weber
Village Clerk:	Schultheis
Also Present:	Village Manager Lothspeich, Village Counsel Filippini (entered meeting at 8:05 P.M.), and Village Superintendent Block

**Homeowner Associations:**

**Highland Pines – Brian Spencer. – No one was present. No action was taken.**

**Preserve At Long Grove – Marc Downs.- No one was present. No action was taken.**

**Item: Special Event Applications:**

The Long Grove Business and Community Partners (LGBCP) recommended approval of the following events during their March 16, 2010 meeting.

**Trustee Wachs moved to Approve the Long Grove Firefighters Association Annual Pancake Breakfast on April 10, 2010; the Chocolate Fest from April 30 thru May 2, 2010; the Strawberry Fest from June 25 thru June 27, 2010; the Apple Fest from October 1 thru October 3, 2010 and Beans and Leaves Live Music from April thru October, 2010; seconded by Trustee Acuna.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

**Item: Raffle License Applications & Waiver Of The \$25 Application Fee and Bond Requirement.**

Long Grove Firefighters Association - The Long Grove Firefighters Association filed a request for approval of a raffle license and waiver of the bond or fee requirements. Village Board approval is required for raffle licenses and for requests for waivers of fees. – **Trustee Wachs moved to Approve the Request by the Long Grove Firefighters Association for a raffle license and waiving the bond and \$25 Application Fee Requirements for April 10, 2010; seconded by Trustee Marshall.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Litter Ban – Trustee Schmitt asked if there was an update regarding litter fines and increased ticketing for litter violators. Village Manager Lothspeich said that he had spoken to the Lake County Sheriff. He said that the Day Shift Police patrol was aware of the desire to stop the littering, but that violators needed to be caught in the act. Village Manager Lothspeich also said that there would need to be more signage to make enforcement more effective. – **No action was taken.**

**ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

LGBCP Items: LGBCP President John Maguire told the Board that there would be a Farmer's Market in Long Grove. He also said that the festivals would be looking for more artisans and less outside resellers. He mentioned the Ice Melt Blues Events on the weekend, and the incentive to have residents patronize local shops.

Crosswalks: Trustee Wachs said that there needed to be enforcement of the state law for cars to stop at crosswalks. He said that the Police should be stopping any vehicle that goes through the crosswalk – **No action was taken.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Item #1: Report Of The March 15, 2010 Architectural Commission Meeting.**

The Architectural Commission (AC) granted approval of all the following items during their meeting.

- A. Elevations For Water System Improvements (Water Treatment Plant And Storage Reservoir Structure) To Service Sunset Grove And Downtown Business District On Property Located At 4180 Route 83, ESI Consultants LTD.
- B. Subdivision Identification Signs For Prairie Trails PUD/Subdivision Located On The West Side Of North Krueger Road, Steve Hanssen Of Brickman Landscaping, Prairie Trails HOA.
- C. Gazebo Structure And Signage To Be Placed On Archer Road, Adjacent To The Archer Parking Lot To Be Known As "The Long Grove Rotary Club Gazebo," John Maguire, LGBCP.
- D. Replacement Directional Signage Identifying The Historic Business District, John Maguire, LGBCP.

Village Manager Lothspeich noted that all items on the agenda were approved – **No action was taken.**

**Item #2: Referral To Plan Commission & Zoning Board Of Appeals.**

Regarding application material and the March 17, 2010 preliminary application review by Village Planner Hogue for details - **CONTINUED**

**Item #3: Resolution Re-Appointing Long Grove Arts Commissioners Fraley & Denaro.**

The draft resolution re-appoints Tobin Fraley as the Long Grove Arts Commissioner and creates the position of Deputy Arts Commissioner and appoints Bob Denaro for that position so that there is more than one individual to manage the events. The Village Board created the Arts Committee and appointed Tobin Fraley as the Arts Commissioner in order to extend the Village's liability insurance coverage to the planned events. – **Trustee Acuna moved to Approve a Resolution Re-Appointing Long Grove Arts Commissioner Tobin Fraley and Long Grove Arts Deputy Commissioner Bob Denaro; seconded by Trustee Marshall.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

Arts Commissioner Fraley said that the Arts Center project had limited resources and connections; and that in order to continue there would be a need for support and financial assistance.

President Pro-Tem Barry said that the sentiment of the Board was in favor of the Arts Center, but that monetary assistance from the Village would be difficult to obtain with the current financial constraints of the budget.

**Item #4: Annual Updates To Village Zoning Map.**

As required by the Village Code, the enclosed resolution approves the annual updates to the official Long Grove Zoning Map. The proposed updates are limited to minor corrections and do not reflect any change in zoning. – **Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve a Resolution Approving Annual Updates to the Village Zoning Map; seconded by Trustee Weber.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

**Item #5: Ordinance Approving Village Budgets FY 2010/11.**

The Current Fiscal Year (FY 2009/10) Year To Date (YTD) were updated to include revenues and expenditures as of February and the forecasts were updated to reflect these refined YTD figures. With the reduction in salt purchase by \$10,000, the net General Fund Income (balance) was \$67,950 when the public hearing was closed during the March 9, 2010 Board Meeting.

On March 10, 2010, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn presented the proposed budget that included a reduction in Income Tax receipts to municipalities that is estimated to reduce revenues by \$177,000. The Income Tax projections in the draft budget were already conservatively estimated at \$480,000 which was \$87,047 less than the actual Income Tax received of \$568,047 for FY 2008/09. As a result, despite the Village Board's hard work over the past two months to reduce expenditures to balance the budget, the \$67,950 surplus balance would be eliminated and become a \$19,097 deficit without further reducing expenditures.

Since the State's budget is not required to be approved until May 31, 2010, a month after the Village's budget must be approved (April 30), it is likely that the State's decision re: Income Tax Receipts will be decided after the Village's deadline for approval of the budget. Trustee Acuna, Village Superintendent Block and Staff met on Friday, March 12, 2010 to review the budget once again to make additional suggested cuts in an effort to balance the budget should the state's proposed income tax reductions be approved. If the final state's budget does not include these reductions, then the Village Board can consider an ordinance amending the Village's Budget to add back in any items that are reduced/eliminated.

President Pro Tem Barry said that Governor Quinn's proposed surprise reduction in the share of income tax from 10% to 7 % has had a dramatic effect on the Village Budget. In order to balance the budget, expenditures had to be taken out of the Long Grove Budget. If the Governor's reduction does not get approved, and the expenditures will be put back in the Long Grove Budget.

Trustee Wachs said that the largest single expense that the Village has is Police Coverage. Village Manager Lothspeich said that he had spoken with the Sheriff and that the Village's contract expires in August, 2011. The Sheriff is considering a revised cost. Trustee Wachs said that shift cuts might be necessary, and he emphasized that Long Grove should not eliminate Police coverage but only dedicated Police coverage. It was noted that any shift reductions would not affect medical emergencies. The consensus was to keep looking into the shift changes, but leave as is currently.

**Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve an Ordinance Approving the Village Budget, Motor Fuel Tax Budget, Open Space, and Streetscape Grants Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/11; seconded by Trustee Weber.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**Item #6: Village President Rodriguez.**

**Not Present.**

*Lake Michigan Allocation Public Hearing.* Village President Rodriguez, Village Superintendent Block, Village Attorney Filippini, Village Engineer Chiczewski and Staff represented the Village at the IDNR Lake Michigan allocation public hearing on March 12, 2010. – Village Manager Lothspeich said that the meeting had gone well and that the Village was able to show cost effectiveness. – **No action was taken.**

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

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

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

*Pathways Meeting:* Trustee/President Pro Tem Barry said that there was a meeting from 10:30 AM until Noon, but that budgetary concerns would effect any pathways decisions. – **No action was taken.**

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

*Long Grove Business & Community Partners Board Meeting – March 16, 2010.* Trustee Marshall represented the Village during the LGBCP Meeting. – Trustee Marshall said that LGBCP President Maguire had already provided updated information previously. – **No action was taken.**

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

*Commission Appointments:* Trustee Schmitt said that all of the appointments had been accepted by the Commission Chairs. Village Manager Lothspeich said that he had not heard back from all of the appointees as of yet. – **No action was taken.**

*Teasel Removal* – Trustee Schmitt said that since teasel removal was no longer in the budget, the Village would be looking for volunteers. – **No action was taken.**

*Soccer Fields* – Trustee Schmitt said that if the soccer fields were to viable, irrigation would have to be in this fiscal year's budget – **No action was taken.**

*Rain Gardens:* Trustee Schmitt said that within the next two weeks the rain gardens would get some maintenance. – **No action was taken.**

*Green Town Workshop* – Trustee Schmitt and Village Planner Hogue went to the workshop with ten other towns. She said that Long Grove was noted as one of the communities that banned phosphorous. Trustee Schmitt said that she hopes that Long Grove continues to make the effort to be seen as one of the County's green towns. – **No action was taken.**

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

Lake County Sheriff/CERT Meeting. Village Trustee Wachs, CERT Director Small and Staff met with Lake County Sheriff representatives on March 16, 2010. – Trustee Wachs said that there was the report by the Lake County Sheriff of a new drug that can be easily purchased legally, and then used illegally. While Trustees agreed that there should be a “safety” notification regarding the drug; the Village Board and the Lake County Sheriff did not want specifics of the drug publicized, as it might encourage copycat behavior. Trustee Wachs also said that the person responsible for auto break-in’s in Briarcrest and Oakwood was caught.

Trustee Wachs said that crime statistics were up this year from.

Village Manager Lothspeich also warned of a door-to-door scam in which someone would knock on the front door, pretend to be a salesman as someone would come through the back door. This scam has not occurred in Long Grove yet, but the home invasions have been nearby. - **No action was taken.**

**Item #12: Village Trustee Weber.**

**No action was taken.**

**Item #13: Village Clerk Schultheis.**

**No action was taken..**

**Item #14: Village Manager Lothspeich.**

**No action was taken.**

**Item #15: Village Superintendent Block.**

Stormwater: Superintendent Block said that ruptured farm tiles were found in Middlesax. He said that the tiles had been put in 40 years ago. - **No action was taken.**

Sunset Foods Permit: Superintendent Block said that Sunset Foods had been issued a permit to begin building. He also said that Zengler had put in the foundation. - **No action was taken.**

Incident Manager: Superintendent Block has become an official Incident Manager, and will be able to evaluate Village incidents. - **No action was taken.**

Certified Contractors for Lead Paint Removal – Superintendent Block said that a certified contractor will be needed to remove lead paint in homes and fixtures, and that the Village will be required to send an inspector to make certain that before issuing a permit, the house has been evaluated as lead-free. - **No action was taken.**

**Item #16: Village Planner Hogue.**

**Not Present**

**Item #17: Village Attorney Filippini.**

**No action was taken.**

**Item #18: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.**

March 9, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes. – Trustee Marshall moved to Approve the March 9, 2010 Village Board Minutes, as amended; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

**Item: Executive Session.**

**At 8:35 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 Marshall.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**Item: Other Business.**

March 9, 2010 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. – Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve the March 9, 2010 Executive Session Minutes; as amended, but not for public release; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

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**Item: Adjournment.**

At 9:47 P.M., Trustee Schmitt moved Adjourn; seconded by Trustee Wachs.

**VOICE VOTE:**

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