

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE

Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 7 P.M.

3110 RFD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613

CALL TO ORDER:

President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

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OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Illinois Municipal Review – President Rodriguez told the audience that the photo taken of the Village Officials prior to the meeting would be in the upcoming copy of the *Illinois Municipal Review* commemorating Long Grove as a “Fire Safe Community” – **No action was taken.**

Strawberry Festival – President Rodriguez said that festival was the upcoming weekend. – **No action was taken.**

Archer Parking Lot – Superintendent Block said that the binder was to be completed before June 25th; and that Phase I would be ready for Strawberry Fest. – **No action was taken.**

Holland and Knight Holocaust Remembrance Project – President Rodriguez said that she was proud to announce that Long Grove resident, Steven Heiss, was one of the ten finalists in the 2009 Holocaust Remembrance Project National Essay Contest. – **No action was taken.**

Item: Homeowner Association:

Fairfield Village – Athena Merageas – HOA President Merageas said that there had been a problem during the Chocolate Fest regarding patrons of the Fest urinating in the berm by the subdivision and placing garbage in the mailboxes. Village Manager Lothspeich said that the issue would be brought to the attention of the Police Department and the LGBCP.

HOA President Merageas said that the Fire Department’s burned-out, training cars and containers were not screened from families. These families were concerned about young children playing near them. Superintendent Block asked the HOA President if she would prefer a fence or a screen. It was noted that Village Planner Hogue had already spoken with the Fire Department about the issue.

HOA President Merageas said that she had not seen Clarke Mosquito Abatement spraying the subdivision. Village Manager Lothspeich said that they have been spraying, but that there was an (800) number to call if a breeding ground was identified and Clarke Mosquito Abatement would treat the area – **No action was taken.**

Lakes of Long Grove: - Jack Demes. – David Kugler of Lakes of Long Grove said that he had never seen Clarke Mosquito Abatement in the area.. Village Manager Lothspeich said that Clarke was contracted to treat any and all standing bodies of water in the Village. Trustee Barry described the process as larvacide; so that the mosquitoes were killed before they were able to leave the water to attack people. Trustee Barry said that this was a more effective way to kill mosquitoes than to try to kill adults with a spray.

Resident Kugler also discussed storm drains that were sending more water to the lakes in the subdivision. Village Manager Lothspeich said that the fact that the water was not draining quickly could mean that there was a blockage. Resident Barb Jonas said that there is water in certain areas that was never there in the past; and that the water was stagnant.

Village Manger Lothspeich said that IDOT would look at it. Superintendent Block noted that there was debris/tree limbs/leaves blocking the pipe. Village Manager said the problem was not with the amount of water coming in, but the fact that it was not escaping fast enough.

David Kugler also mentioned that there was a giant pothole on Rte 83 going south from Robert Parker Coffin Road. Superintendent Block said that IDOT had been contacted. – **No action was taken.**

Items from Audience:

NONE

ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1: Report of the June 15, 2009 Architectural Commission Meeting.

The AC considered the following item during their meeting:

- Replacement signage for The Waud Farm Phase I PUD for MAT Holdings Office, 6700 Wildlife Way – Village Planner Hogue said that the granite sign to be installed was a great improvement over the exiting sign – **No action was taken.**

Item #2: Resolution Rescinding Exclusive Developer Status For Archer Outlots.

Continued from the June 9, 2009 Board Meeting. – As directed by the Village Board during the June 9, 2009 Meeting, Staff informed RN Realty President Leigh Rabman of the Village Board's desire to have a formal developer agreement. – President Rodriguez said that RNR owes the Village a month by month report of any updates. RNR sent back a lengthy agreement that they wanted signed by the Village. Discussion followed regarding the Village Counsel's amendments and suggestions. Trustees decided that they needed time to review the amendments. – **CONTINUED.**

Item #3: Resolution Waiving Bids and Awarding Three (3) Year Extension Clarke Mosquito

President Rodriguez explained that Clarke would hold their price, if the Village would agree to extend the contract. – **Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve a Resolution Waiving Bids and Awarding a Three Year Contract to Clarke Mosquito Control for \$31,026.00 in 2009 (No Increase from 2008); 2% or CPI Increase, whichever is less, in 2010 and 3% or CPI Increase, whichever is less in 2011; seconded by Trustee Barry**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Item #4: Resolution Vacating Existing and Grant a Replacement 10’ Wide Utility Easement.

During the March 24, 2009 Meeting, the Village Board approved the dedication of a 10’ wide right of way easement along the Old McHenry Road frontage of the Archer Parking Lot as required by the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) for an access permit for Archer Parking Lot. LCDOT indicated that they cannot accept the dedicated right of way due to the existing Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) utility easement with a granting of a new 10’ wide utility easement running parallel to their existing easement. – **Trustee**

Barry moved to Approve consideration of a Resolution Vacating an Existing Ten Foot (10’) Wide Easement & Granting a Ten Foot Wide Easement to Commonwealth Edison along the Archer Municipal Parking Lot Frontage on Old McHenry Road; seconded by Trustee Acuna.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 5 – 0; Trustee Wachs absent)

Item #5: Ordinance Amending Liquor License Code RE: Places of Worship.

As directed by the Village Board during the June 9, 2009 Meeting, Village Counsel prepared a draft ordinance amending the Village Liquor Code to add a new category for “Places of Worship.” This annual license is in lieu of securing an individual special event license each time liquor might be served at a place of worship. –

Trustee Acuna noted that he was concerned about the frequency of events possible with the new liquor amendment. Village Manager Lothspeich noted that while the place of worship was required to give three-day notice to the Village; there were no limits to the amount of times the places of worship could ask for a liquor license. Trustees wanted to review the Ordinance again to determine wording to avoid high frequency of entertainment events with alcohol permits –
CONTINUED.

Item #6: Village President Rodriguez.

Barbara Turner Home Tour – President Rodriguez said that Barbara Turner has opened her home for a tour on Saturday, June 27. She has welcomed the Village Board to attend – **No action was taken.**

LGBCP – President Rodriguez said that there was some frustration among the Downtown Business

Community; and that Trustee Marshall had been appointed as the new liaison between the Village and the Business Partners. – **No action was taken.**

Drainage Concerns – President Rodriguez said that drain tiles are failing all around Lake County, because the demographics have changed since they were first installed. Residents are responsible for handling the drain tiles on their own property. As the Village does not have a property tax, there is no Public Works Department to handle any drain tile issues. Superintendent Block said that the entire Village is on the Indian Creek watershed. President Rodriguez also noted that the Village needs a written policy on how to handle these issues. She appointed Trustee Acuna as the Special Project leader to look into the drainage issue. President Rodriguez said that Trustee Schmitt was working on a communiqué on the history of the culvert. – **No action was taken.**

Item #7: Village Trustee Acuna.
Nothing to report.

Item #8: Village Trustee Barry.

Mosquito Abatement - Trustee Barry said that there needed to be a way to further highlight the Clarke Mosquito Control hotline phone number so that residents knew who to call when they needed an area sprayed. – **No action was taken.**

Swine Flu – Trustee Barry said that the swine flu has officially become a pandemic. He said that swine flu cases should decrease over the summer, but that there was a one-in-three chance that it would return in the Fall in a stronger form. – **No action was taken.**

Item #9: Village Trustee Marshall.

Variance Process for Floor Area Restrictions – Trustee Marshall said that the Village needed to look into giving people the ability to expand their homes; and that they needed to have a process to plead their case. President Rodriguez told Trustee Marshall that he should speak to Trustee Wachs, who is the Board liaison to the Plan Commission. – **No action was taken.**

Item #10: Trustee Schmitt.

HOA email – Trustee Schmitt said that the HOA's representatives were sent a letter about the new method of communicating via emails. She has heard back from 20 of the 55 HOA associations. Trustee Schmitt said that she is also working on getting in touch with representatives from subdivisions that do not have a HOA. – **No action was taken.**

Rain Garden – There is a Rain Garden installed at the Hotel Shop. Trustee Schmitt said that there are two more grants for Rain Gardens. President Rodriguez said that Tobin Fraley is working with property owners to set up gardens with themes – giving the downtown the feeling of a botanical garden. – **No action was taken.**

Rain Barrels – The Village sells the rain barrels for \$90 each. Trustee Schmitt suggested that since the rain barrels were available in Grayslake, they did not have to be stored in the Village. Village Manager Lothspeich and Village Planner Hogue said that they did not mind having them stored in the Village Hall, and that they did not mind loading them on to the vehicles of the residents who bought them. – **No action was taken.**

Item #11: Village Trustee Wachs.
Absent.

Item #12: Village Trustee Weber.
Nothing to report.

Item #13: Village Clerk Schultheis.

Photo Radar Starting July 1, 2009 – Village Clerk Schultheis mentioned the new restrictions and fines regarding the photo radar that will be operative beginning on Jul 1, 2009 on the Illinois Freeways. One mile per hour over the speed limit and the machine will issue the offender a \$375.00 ticket in the mail. The State of Illinois will begin using the speed cameras in areas designated as "Work Zones" on major freeways. Anyone caught by these devices will be mailed a \$375.00 ticket for the FIRST offense. The SECOND offense will cost \$1000.00 and comes with a 90-Day suspension. Drivers will also receive demerit points against their license, which allow insurance companies to raise Insurance rates. The State already has two camera vans on line issuing tickets 24/7 in work zones with speed limits lowered to 45 MPH. Photos of both the Driver's face and License

Plate are taken. – **No action was taken.**

Item #14: Village Manager Lothspeich.

Pathway: Village Manager Lothspeich said that within a couple of weeks, the impact of the construction on Schaeffer and Checker Roads will be finished. He said that the areas of the pathway where there was evidence of washout would be addressed. – **No action was taken.**

Long Grove Blackouts – Trustee Schmitt noted that there were several power outages during the week's storms. Village Manager Lothspeich said that the outages occurred in Long Grove, Buffalo Grove, Grayslake and Kildeer and were due to mechanical failure because of old transformers. He said that the transformers were being replaced. – **No action was taken.**

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Item #15: Village Superintendent Block.

Nothing to report.

Item #6: Village Planner Hogue.

Nothing to report.

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Item #17: Village Attorney Filippini.

Not present.

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Item #18: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

June 9, 2009 Board Minutes, as amended. – Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve the June 9, 2009 Board Minutes as amended; seconded by Trustee Barry

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 4 – 0; Trustee Acuna abstain, Trustee Wachs absent)

Item: Executive Session.

At 9:00 P.M., Trustee Barry 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 Acuna.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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Item: Other Business.

June 9, 2009 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. - Trustee Barry moved to Approve the June 9, 2009 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 Acuna abstain, Trustee Wachs absent)

Item: Adjournment.

At 9:35 P.M., Trustee Barry moved to Adjourn; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 5 – 0; Trustee Wachs absent).