

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE
Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 7 P.M.
3110 RFD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:03 P.M. President Rodriguez called the July 26, 2011 Village Board Meeting to Order.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Village President:	Rodriguez
Trustees:	Marshall, Schmitt, Underwood, Wachs, Weber
Trustees Absent:	Barry
Village Clerk:	Schultheis
Also Present:	Village Manager Lothspeich and CERT Chief Small

Call To Order: Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Various Village Events – President Rodriguez noted the Village’s tribute to Veterans, the pig roast and the Arts and Music Council concerts. – **No action was taken.**

Homeowner Associations:

Country Club Meadows – *Stephanie Hannon.*

Edgebrook Downs – *Lori Lyman.*

LeSavanne – *Georgette Carbajal.*

None of the HOA presidents were present. There was no follow up requested on any issues.

Items from the Audience: Resident Vernadine Martlock wanted to know if there was anything that could be done to clean the ditches. She said that the ditches were blocked with debris in Mardan Woods. President Rodriguez said that there should be something about it said in the *Bridge*. Resident Martlock asked if residents could be citing for failing to clean their ditches, and Village Manager Lothspeich said that they could be. – **No action was taken.**

ACTION ITEMS:**Item #1: Report Of The July 18, 2011 Architectural Commission Meeting.**

The Architectural Commission (AC) considered and *approved* the following items during their meeting.

A. Signage For “*The Pear Tree Shop*” At 210 Robert Parker Coffin Road, Nancy Fino.

B. Illumination Of An Existing Subdivision Identification Sign For The *Oak Hills Unit 1 Subdivision*, Joe Sazma.

– Village Manager Lothspeich gave a review of the items that were discussed in the Architectural Commission Meeting. **No action was taken.**

Item #2: Resolution Awarding The 2011/12 Road Maintenance Contract.

The approved Village Budget includes \$400,000 of funding for road projects (\$200,000 MFT and \$200,000 General Fund). The Village spends \$25,000 annually for misc. road, striping, misc. road repairs, signage, etc. leaving up to \$375,000 for major road reconstruction projects. – Village Manager Lothspeich noted that the Village Engineer has said that the bidder Schroeder Asphalt Services was IDOT-qualified. – **Trustee Schmitt moved to approve a Resolution Awarding the Fiscal Year 2011/12 Road Paving Contracts to the apparent lowest bidder Schroeder Asphalt Services in the amount of \$243, 463.79 subject to IDOT Confirmation of Prequalification; seconded by Trustee Marshall.**

Roll Call:

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

Item #3: Village President Rodriguez.

A. IL Route 53 Extension – Update. Village President Rodriguez, Trustee Barry and Staff attended the Tollway meeting re: IL Route 53 Extension on July 15, 2011. – President Rodriguez

said that there was worry about how the extension of 53 might impact the environment. The Board discussed the introduction of a Task Force with Resident Ted Lazakis as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee – the purpose of this committee was to make certain that the concerns of Long Grove residents was addressed. Resident Melanie Soos said that the extension of Route 53 would wind up on her property. She commented that the residents needed to have answers regarding how this extension would affect property values and water quality. President Rodriguez reminded the audience that the referendum asking “Do You Want 53 extended?” had gone in favor of those that do want it extended, but that the wording of the referendum had not explained any of the impact – she suggested an article in the *Bridge* to raise awareness. – **No action was taken.**

B. Old McHenry Road & Robert Parker Intersection Improvements – Update. Village President Maria Rodriguez and Staff met with Lake County Representatives Paula Trigg and Chuck Gleason and LCDOT consultant TranSystems along with LGBCP President Rachel Perkel and Director John Maguire on July 13, 2011. LCDOT introduced the project, their scheduled planning efforts and public input schedule and stressed their strong desire to work with the Village and the downtown representatives to develop a road improvement plan that was consistent with the Village’s vision for the downtown and would make every effort to minimize the impact of construction on the downtown. – President Rodriguez was encouraged by the extent to which

Lake County Representative Trigg was interested in speaking with merchants about what was needed. Construction would not begin until 2015. It was also noted that if a light were put in on the corner of Old McHenry and Robert Parker Coffin, the Village was told that there would not be a turn lane. She added that there would be an Open House in August to discuss options.

Trustee Wachs noted that the Village and the County might not have the same objectives, as the County was trying to increase traffic flow, while the Village wanted less congestion. He suggested that the Village should take control of the road so that consumer traffic would move through more easily, not commuter traffic. – **No action was taken**

C. Power Outage: It was noted that during the last power outage that affected the entire Village, the CERT team did an exceptional job. President Rodriguez said that a proclamation would be issued commemorating the effort of the Team. CERT Chief Small said that the CERT team was looking for more members. – **No action was taken.**

D. Municipal Aggregation Of Electric Power. Village President Rodriguez and Staff participated in the monthly Mayors Meeting on July 7, 2011. During this meeting, representatives from the Village of Grayslake (Village Manager Michael Ellis) presented information on their recent efforts to aggregate their residents to develop a village-wide electric rate that is lower (anticipated 10% plus reduction) than their current rates with Com Ed for all participants. – President Rodriguez said that this aggregation had nothing to do with infrastructure. Village Manager Lothspeich said that each resident would be able to opt in or opt out of the program. It was also stated that in an emergency, ComEd would be obligated to provide service even if the company that the Village was chosen to service the power to residents could not meet its obligations. Residents would still get a ComEd bill because ComEd is the utility owner. The direction of Board was to proceed with the concept of aggregation of electric power. On the next agenda there would be a motion to proceed toward a referendum, that would be worded so that residents could OPT OUT. – **No action was taken.**

Item #4: Village Trustee Barry.
Absent.

Item #5: Village Trustee Marshall.

T-Mobile Tower – Trustee Marshall said that he and Trustee Schmitt had met with residents and T-Mobile to discuss the situation, and that the meeting had been amicable. It was noted that there was going to be more discussion regarding pathways as part of the landscaping. Trustee Schmitt cited her concern that the area was filled with teasel. Village Manager Lothspeich suggested that there might need to be more education on the spread of that weed. – **No action was taken.**

Item #6: Village Trustee Schmitt.

Awards – Trustee Schmitt said that the last of the awards had been issued to the winners of the Recycling Event. They included a rain barrel and a compost bin. – **No action was taken.**

Recycling Rebate – Trustee Schmitt said that the second quarter, 2011 would yield \$36 per ton of recyclables. – **No action was taken.**

Item #7: Village Trustee Underwood.

Mosquito Abatement/West Nile Virus Update. – Trustee Underwood said that there was another

larvaciding yesterday, and that there was only one case of West Niles, but that August would probably see the number of cases rise. – **No action was taken.**

Item #8: Village Trustee Wachs.

Emergency Communications System – Blackboard Connect CTY. The Village greatly missed not having this service during the past two major power outages and this item has been included for discussion and direction. Other than fielding the many phone calls from residents, our ability to communicate with our residents was very limited. The 2,377 Long Grove Contacts (residents and businesses) that are currently in the system will be dumped by Connect CTY if the service is not renewed by Mid-August. Direction Requested -

- Trustee Wachs opened the discussion with a suggestion for a fully functional emergency contact system to reach residents with vital information during a crisis. He noted that residents would have multiple ways to be contacted, in the event of a power outage. Village Manager Lothspeich said that during the previous power outage, it would have been a great asset to the Village to have been able to alert residents to the nature of the outage, and have given parameters and instruction regarding the emergency. CERT Chief Marc Small also noted that such a system would be critical for road closures/flooding issues/ and identifying shelters. There was discussion amongst the Trustees as to expenditure of money for life saving requirements. Direction from the Board was that CTY was a solution to meet crisis notification needs. No vote could be taken until it was put on the agenda for the next meeting. – **No action was taken.**

Item #9: Village Trustee Weber.

Long Grove Business & Community Partners Board Meeting – July 19, 2011. Trustee Weber and Staff represented the Village during the LGBCP Meeting – Trustee Weber discussed positive action that the LGBCP is taking to promote shops in the Village. She mentioned signage needs, and bus tours that would bring tourists to the Village. She said that there would be an International Festival over Labor Day.

Trustee Weber introduced John Maguire and Rachel Perkel's list of priorities for the merchants, as well as their estimated costs. She asked the Board for direction as to items that the Village might consider funding in part or in full. The item that the Board felt was Village's responsibility was the Archer Road sign, which would come out of the MFT fund. Trustees, however, did express concern over non-emergency expenditures that were not in the budget. Village Manager Lothspeich would process the Archer sign order, as it did not require a Board vote.

*Regarding signage – it was noted by CERT Chief Small and Village Manager Lothspeich that an EPA mandated federal law was to go into effect that would create standards for reflectivity and letter-size that might effect all of the signs in the Village. Compliance would be required by 2015. – **No action was taken.**

Item #10: Village Clerk Schultheis.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #11: Village Manager Lothspeich.

August 9, 2011 Board Meeting – Village Manager Lothspeich said that there were no critical items scheduled for the August 9, 2011 meeting, and that there were some scheduling conflicts for some Trustees. The Board agreed to cancel the meeting – **No action was taken.**

Item #12: Village Planner Hogue.

Not Present.

Item #13: Village Attorney Filippini.

Not Present.

Item #14: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

July 12, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. – Trustee Schmitt moved to approve the July 12, 2011 Minutes as amended; seconded by Trustee Underwood.

VOICE VOTE:

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

Item: Executive Session.

At 9:08 PM, Trustee Marshall moved to go into Executive Session to discuss: (1) Executive Session Minutes; (2); Litigation; and (3) Acquisition & Disposition Of Property; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Item: Other Business – Approval Of Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

**July 12, 2011 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. – Trustee Schmitt moved to approve the
July 12, 2011 Executive Session Minutes as amended, but not for Public Release; seconded
by Trustee Marshall.**

VOICE VOTE:

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

Item: Adjournment.

At 10:12 PM, Trustee Underwood moved to Adjourn; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

VOICE VOTE:

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