



MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE
Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
3110 OLD MCHENRY ROAD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:02 P.M., Village President Underwood called the December 8, 2015 Village Board Meeting to Order.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Village President:	Underwood
Trustees Present:	Borys, Jacob (after 8:00 pm), Lyman (attending electronically), Marshall, Sarlitto, Yaeger
Trustees Absent:	Jacob (until 8:00 pm)
Village Manager:	Lothspeich
Village Clerk:	Locker-Scheer
Village Attorney:	Filippini
Village Planner:	Hogue
Village Engineer:	Not in attendance

Call To Order: Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Item #0: Village Trustee Lyman' Electronic Attendance Notice.

Village President Underwood notified the Village Clerk Locker-Scheer that she is unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a work conflict. She requested permission from the Board to attend the meeting electronically via speakerphone. Board in agreement to allow Trustee Lyman to attend electronically. Trustee Lyman was then called.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

Homeowner Associations:

The following homeowner associations were invited to the meeting but did not have a representative in attendance: **Deerwood Estates** and **Woodbine**.

Special Event Application

Downtown Carriage Rides

Discussion: None.

Trustee Marshall moved to approve the requests by The Long Grove Business & Community Partners for approval of downtown carriage rides as a special event and the waiver of the required \$100 annual Village permit fee; seconded by Trustee Sarlitto.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Yaeger – aye; Trustee Marshall – aye; Trustee Borys - aye; Trustee Lyman - aye;

Trustee Sarlitto - aye.
(Motion carried 5 – 0; 1 Trustee Jacob absent).

Lake County Sheriff's Report

Discussion: Be careful on the roads during this holiday season.

Item #1: Report of the December 1, 2015 Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA) Meeting.

Held until Trustee Jacob in attendance at 8:00 pm. See minutes later in meeting.

Item #2: Consideration of an Ordinance extending Video Gaming until February 2016. (Ord. #2015-O-35).

Held until Trustee Jacob in attendance at 8:00 pm. See minutes later in meeting.

Item #3: Consideration of a resolution authorizing the execution of a Client Authorization to bind coverage as proposed by Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. for Liability Insurance. (Res. #2015-R-39).

Discussion: General consensus that the increase is considered to be in line with current increases.

Trustee Sarlitto moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a client authorization to bind coverage and compensation agreement as proposed by Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services Inc. for liability insurance; seconded by Trustee Borys.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Yaeger – aye; Trustee Marshall – aye; Trustee Borys - aye; Trustee Lyman - aye;
Trustee Sarlitto - aye.
(Motion carried 5 – 0; 1 Trustee Jacob absent).

Item #4: Consideration of a resolution authorizing the continued selection of Blue Cross Blue Shield High Deductible Health Insurance Plan and Health Savings Account. (Res. #2015-R-40).

Discussion: BCBS has proposed a 10.8% increase in the annual premium for the coming year 2016. Discussion about the continued selection of BCBS and the Village's continued contribution toward the employees HSA accounts as last year.

Trustee Marshall moved to approve a resolution authorizing the renewal of Blue Cross Blue Shield High Deductible Health Insurance Plan & partial funding of Health Savings Accounts for full-time employees; seconded by Trustee Yaeger.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Yaeger – aye; Trustee Marshall – aye; Trustee Borys - aye; Trustee Lyman - aye;
Trustee Sarlitto - aye.
(Motion carried 5 – 0; 1 Trustee Jacob absent).

Item #5: Village President Underwood.

Administration & Legislation

Discussion: Yesterday, Governor Rauner signed SB 2039, which will trigger the release of revenues that State of Illinois owes to local governments, e.g., MFT and video gaming funds, held since July 2015.

Item #6: Village Trustee Borys.

Finance

- A. Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2015 as reported on December 8, 2015. Includes authorization of: (i) \$15,000 Village Grant (Downtown Improvements & Matching Grants) to the Long Grove Business & Community Partners (LGBCP) for Downtown Holiday Lighting & (ii) \$5,000 to the Long Grove Park District for Longview Meadow Stream Restoration (Long Grove Park District SMC Grant).

Trustee Borys moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2015 excluding the \$15,000 Village Budget Community Grant payment to the LGBCP for Downtown Holiday Lighting; seconded by Trustee Yaeger.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Yaeger – aye; Trustee Marshall – aye; Trustee Borys - aye; Trustee Lyman - aye; Trustee Sarlitto - aye.

(Motion carried 5 – 0; 1 Trustee Jacob absent).

- B. Actual & Budget Comparisons for the period ending November 30, 2015.

Discussion: Line items reviewed. Packet provided to Trustees.

- C. Transfer of \$213,000 from General Fund Reserves to Capital Infrastructure Fund for Shenandoah Storm Sewer.

Discussion: Significant discussion regarding the history of the Shenandoah development and flooding through the years. There is not a Home Owner Association in this area. Storm sewer Public comments regarding assistance in this area. Village Attorney Filippini shared concerns regarding Village liability.

Trustee Yaeger moved to approve the transfer of \$213,000 from General Fund Reserves to the Capital Improvement Fund for the replacement of the Shenandoah storm sewer; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Yaeger – aye; Trustee Marshall – aye; Trustee Borys - aye; Trustee Lyman - nay; Trustee Sarlitto - aye.

(Motion carried 4 – 1; 1 Trustee Jacob absent).

Item #7: Village Trustee Jacob.

Roads, Bridges & Pathways

2016/17 Village Road Maintenance Program.

Discussion: Old McHenry Road status – Lake County is working on a design plan that will be ready late winter. Discussions can start in the spring; RFP in late 2016; work in 2017 (if it moves quickly) or 2018 (if it moves slowly). Need right-of-way in some areas.

Item #8: Village Trustee Lyman.

Economic Development & Economic Concerns.

LGBCP Board & Downtown Board & Economic Development Committee Meetings

Discussion: No report.

Item #9: Village Trustee Marshall.

Building, Water & Sewer

Monthly Building Department Report – November 2015

Discussion: Poor month for building department revenue. Expects next month to be better with Harbor Chase permits coming. Long Grove Senior Care is ahead of Harbor Chase. Have 2 new single family homes coming in.

Item #10: Village Trustee Sarlitto.

Planning & Zoning

Comprehensive Plan Consultant Selection - Update.

Discussion: For those that are interested in the arts, planning to meet this Thursday at Village Hall to discuss. An Art Gallery is looking at coming into Long Grove. Very much encouraged by the movement. Village Planner Hogue shared that consultants have been doing review putting together background information. Polling and stakeholder meetings will be very important.

Route 53 Information Session: There are a number of events coming up in the future regarding Route 53, e.g., an open Tollway Board committee meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00 am that will be attended by Trustee Sarlitto. Recommends having information about these meetings made public to our residents. Also, wants to have a Q&A review from the first session on the website and keep in mind a second resident info session in 2016. Things coming up, things to be aware of. Trustee Sarlitto would volunteer to be a source for this information.

Item #11: Village Trustee Yaeger.

Security, Sustainability, & Communications

Online Civic Engagement - Open Town Hall, Peak Democracy, Inc.

Discussion: The Bridge newsletter will be having a holiday message coming out. Long Grove Living is coming out soon. Long Grove Feedback update: Village Manager Lothspeich shared that staff had their first training session. The vendor will assist with homepage modifications to accommodate this new functionality. To become a participant, residents will have to sign up. A postcard will be sent out when there is something to sign up for. Anticipate this being live in January.

Item #12: Village Clerk Locker-Scheer.

Discussion: No report.

Item #13: Village Manager Lothspeich.

Water System Operator contract modifications and extension

Discussion: Information distributed to Board regarding water system. Currently, any public water is supplied by Lake County. Contract expiring at the end of January. Village Manager Lothspeich asked to have permission to extend for 3 years with Swanson, our current provider. Rates are being held initially, and then there is a scheduled increase. Village has been very happy with Swanson's services. They had been selected through an RFQ at the time. This would come back to the Village Board in January for approval. Approval by Board to move forward.

Item #14: Village Planner Hogue.

Discussion: No report.

Item #15: Village Engineer Shrake.

Not in attendance

Item #16: Village Counsel Filippini.

Discussion: No report.

Item #17: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Trustee Marshall moved to approve the November 24, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes as amended; seconded by Trustee Yaeger.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 5 – 0; 1 Trustee Jacob absent)

Item #1 - Report of the December 1, 2015 Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA) Meeting

- A. Twenty foot (20') side yard setback variation from the required forty feet (40') for an addition to the existing residence, 7019 Meadow Lane.

Discussion: Village Planner Hogue shared the reasoning for this setback variance and fence. Village Attorney Filippini suggested adding requirement that fence be maintained. Resident making request in attendance and shared that aesthetics will be positive, not a flat roof.

Trustee Jacob moved to direct Village Counsel to prepare the necessary approval ordinance granting a 20' side yard setback variation for 7109 Meadow Lane as recommended by the PCZBA for consideration during the next Village Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee Jacob - aye; Trustee Yaeger – aye; Trustee Marshall – aye; Trustee Borys - aye; Trustee Lyman - aye; Trustee Sarlitto - aye.
(Motion carried 6 – 0).**

- B. Zoning Code Text Amendment(s) to allow Video Gaming on a permanent basis.

Discussion: Village Planner Hogue shared the discussions at the Planning meeting. There were several attendees at the meeting. There have not been any incidents since this was put in place. Concerns about branding of Long Grove. Survey results were not in favor. There were three ayes and two nays against video gaming. Planning Commission recommends denial of this.

Public comment

Mr. Spinosa: There are three businesses that are benefitting, which is a low number but they are important businesses, especially when we are trying to get additional restaurants in the area. Tourist buses were discontinued a while ago. Need to be open-minded about character and impact.

New owners of the Village Pizza: Attraction to the location was the gaming and independent business and lack of franchises. This is another form of entertainment. Would like to keep the attractions internal to the town. It has helped the businesses tremendously. Village President Underwood welcomed the couple to Long Grove.

Ryan Messner – If this is taken away from the businesses, and people are enjoying the activities downtown, it creates a vibrant downtown.

David Gayton – moved to Long Grove because it is family-oriented. Does not feel that it is a distraction. Doesn't see the people that are complaining as regulars to the businesses. Doesn't want to hurt the businesses that are here. Want people from Long Grove to support Long Grove.

Jennifer Mishow – Supports Long Grove and active downtown. Doesn't want to bring children into the restaurants with gaming. Concerns about brand for families.

Marian from Village Tavern – This was not meant to be a revenue base for the village. It was meant to assist the businesses. 40% of the residents responded to the survey; there were 70% that did not respond. Gaming is more of a social activity. Need to be competitive in business.

Long Grove Resident Marcia – Issue is that for as long as this has been discussed, Board had said that they would wait until the survey came through. Survey came through.

Long Grove Resident Pam – Survey emphasized that residents were very concerned about the

downtown and helping it. This was the number one priority. Gaming is not allowed to be advertised. People are coming from other towns once they know that it is available.

Long Grove Resident – Read her personal message to the Board. Included reference to the results from Bridget Lane. Concerns about brand and identity. Need to stay competitive and need to provide multiple avenues of entertainment. The survey was generic and didn't specifically ask about the setup of the existing gaming. Decision should be based on the facts

Sharon Fine – Has so many people stop at the Visitors Center to ask about the town and what has happened. Brand is strong. Have to have a strong downtown, which means a lot to resident property values.

Nick Michel – In the past election, two candidates that were not voted in were in favor of gaming.

Ryan Messner – Merchants are also property owners. Have made positive efforts, but this would impact. If restaurants go down, the Village will be vacant and all of our property values will go down. May not appease everyone but we have to do what we can to assist the businesses.

Justin Cats - Had initially worked at Village Tavern, moved away and now back. People know the image of Long Grove. When frequents the restaurants/bars, brings people to see the town. Need to keep these establishments alive. Uses the video gaming stations and great people that come to town to use the gaming machines. Will help buy time to move forward.

Long Grove Resident Steve – Opened the Chatterbox of Long Grove two years ago. Struggled at the beginning and through a harsh winter. Joined the Lions Club. Has a love affair with Long Grove. Bring in good people. Image of the town is the operators; work hard every day. Good for Ben Finch for bringing in the brewery.

Rick Stevens – Resident for 20 years. Proud to take children to the Chatterbox and Village Tavern and Broken Earth. To take this away would be a great hardship to businesses and residents. Great opportunity to compromise. Would recommend extending a year.

Long Grove Resident Mariann – Question if there is a limit to the number of establishments that have gaming.

Needs to be maintained as something special and most likely limited to the downtown village area.

Long Grove Resident – feels that the questionnaire was ambiguous and encourages the board to make their decision based on the facts as they have been in more of the meetings. Incumbent on everyone – need to not hurt the village and make sure that it grows. That was the most important thing to residents per the survey. Restaurants are the most important.

Board discussion:

Trustee Yaeger asked whether the Visitors Center has received any questions regarding the gaming.

Sharon Fine said that there have not been questions regarding video gaming. Has not brought in negative people. Mariann from Village Tavern shared that the funds received will go toward real estate tax, parking lot, maintenance of a 150-year-old business. Can commit to these projects because of the gaming. Involved in the survey at the final stages regarding the wording – thinks that it wasn't as neutral as it was meant to be. Questions whether or not it was worded appropriately. And, many residents aren't even aware that this has been piloted. Doesn't think that enough info was distributed to the community to make them aware. Likes idea of boundaries around gaming.

Trustee Jacob wants to support the residents. Concerns expressed about the questionnaire and the wording. Stands with the residents at this point.

Trustee Marshall shared that one of his first positions was as liaison between Board and the LGBCP. Sets our town apart from other local suburbs. Has spent a lot of time checking out the setups and has never felt that it was an atmosphere that wasn't a family atmosphere.

Trustee Lyman feels that there has been a financial benefit, all establishments have followed the required guidelines, and there have not been any instances. Doesn't require any financial expectations by the Village – so a no brainer. It is a legal activity; people have a choice.

Trustee Borys feels personal bias is limiting government. Not a gambler. Had a factor of four greater turnout in the last election because people were aware of the issues. Feels that the residents have

spoken.

Trustee Sarlitto wishes that more people had been at the Planning Commission. Discussed other high-end communities and they do not have video gaming. Pilot has been going on for 11 months (19 to date but there were delays in implementation). At first meeting after election, had to make the decision to delay for decision. Survey results said downtown was the most important, but not gaming.

Village President Underwood – Sees a split in the Board and has already voted on video gaming in the past and may have to do it again. Prior to the pilot trial, voted against this going in. Has set at the various properties and kept an open mind to see how this is affecting the community. Has talked with many residents. Opinion has evolved. May want to discuss a compromise – limiting number of establishments / allowing for those that have it now / set up as a special use.

Noting that the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (“PCZBA”) recommended not to amend the Zoning Ordinance to authorize video gaming anywhere in the Village, the vote was taken.

Trustee Borys moved to endorse the recommendation of the PCZBA with respect to video gaming uses and make no change to the Zoning Ordinance; seconded by Trustee Sarlitto.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Jacob - aye; Trustee Yaeger – nay; Trustee Marshall – nay; Trustee Borys - aye; Trustee Lyman - nay; Trustee Sarlitto – aye; Village President Underwood – nay (due to tie in Trustee voting).

(Motion failed 3 – 4).

Discussion: Special use – requires public hearing. Permitted use – OK to proceed. Could be regulated by the number of liquor licenses allowed. Businesses would still have to come before the board for requests. Any future businesses can come in to ask for a permitted use if they want gaming. This is providing guidance to our legal counsel when they write the video gaming ordinance.

Trustee Lyman moved to direct Village Counsel to: (i) prepare an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to make video gaming a permitted use in all districts within the Village, subject to issuance of an appropriate liquor license; and (ii) prepare an ordinance amending the Village liquor regulations to make the Class V license category a regular class of license rather than a provision class, subject to a limit of four licenses.; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Jacob - nay; Trustee Yaeger – aye; Trustee Marshall – aye; Trustee Borys - nay; Trustee Lyman - aye; Trustee Sarlitto – nay; Village President Underwood – aye (due to tie in Trustee voting).

(Motion carried 4 – 3).

C. An update and proposed amendments to the Village of Long Grove Comprehensive Plan submitted by the Village of Long Grove.

Discussion: Continued to next meeting.

Item #2 - Consideration of an Ordinance extending Video Gaming until February 2016. (Ord. #2015-O-35).

Discussion: Question is whether the Board wants to extend.

Trustee Lyman approving an ordinance temporarily amending Chapter 1, Title 10 of the

Long Grove Village Code to extend the duration of Class V liquor licenses for video gaming until February 29, 2016, with an allowance of four such licenses; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee Jacob - aye; Trustee Yaeger – aye; Trustee Marshall – aye; Trustee Borys - aye; Trustee Lyman - aye; Trustee Sarlitto – nay.
(Motion carried 5 – 1).**

Executive Session

At 9:49 PM., Trustee Marshall moved to go into Executive Session to discuss (1) Executive Session Meeting Minutes; (2) Acquisition and Disposition of Property; (3) Investments; and (4) Litigation; seconded by Trustee Jacob.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee Jacob - aye; Trustee Yaeger – aye; Trustee Marshall – aye; Trustee Borys – aye; Trustee Lyman; Trustee Sarlitto - aye.
(Motion carried 6 – 0).**

Approval of Executive Board Meeting Minutes.

November 24, 2015 Executive Meeting Minutes – No discussion.

Trustee Jacob moved to approve the November 24, 2015 Executive Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

VOICE VOTE:

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

Adjournment.

At 10:33 P.M., Trustee Jacob moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

VOICE VOTE:

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