



**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE  
Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 7 P.M.  
3110 RFD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:15 P.M. President Rodriguez called the August 14, 2012 Village Board Town Hall and Board Meeting to Order.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Village President: Rodriguez  
Trustees: Barry, Marshall, Schmitt, Underwood, Wachs, Weber  
Village Clerk: Schultheis  
Also Present: Village Manager Lothspeich, Village Counsels Gates and Filippini, and Village Planner Hogue

President Rodriguez introduced the Village Board members and volunteers.

**Call To Order: Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance – not recited**

**Item: Town Hall Meeting.**

President Rodriguez introduced the topics of the meeting regarding Village Finances, as well as a recap for the previous Town Hall Meeting.

Village Manager Lothspeich went over Village Finance details. He emphasized the sources of revenue, and that the Village maintains a balanced budget.

Trustee Wachs also spoke regarding Public and Private Roads. He noted that Village has been maintaining roads “based on what we have to spend, not on what we need to spend.”

It was noted that the Village will need to make choices as to how to continue to maintain infrastructure.

**Q&A:**

Resident Spinosa – Questioned why the Long Grove tax multiplier was so high?

Village Manager Lothspeich said that it is a complicated calculation, and that there were various taxing bodies, but since Long Grove does not have property taxes, it was not a factor that the Village could change,

Resident – Has the Village estimated what the increase in retail sales tax would be in the Downtown were at 100%?

Village Manager Lothspeich replied the sales tax rate has been in decline in the last 5-6 years. It was noted that in the heyday of the Downtown, the revenue was about \$150,000 per year. Based upon those figures the revenue would be about \$200,000 today. He added that with the Master Plan, there is more commercial development opportunities and therefore, more sales tax revenue opportunities.

Stonehaven Homeowners Rep Kluever – Has analysis been done for Menards outlets as to their potential revenue?

Village Manager Lothspeich said that there were too many variables.

Resident – Wanted to know why it is only costing Heron’s Landing residents \$2200 a piece for Lake

Michigan water when the referendum said that the cost would be \$6900 per resident? Why the disparity? Village President answered that the \$6900 referred to the entire Village where the houses are far apart and away from infrastructure to receive the water. Herons Landing offered an opportunity that was cheaper because it had connection to infrastructure to receive water and the houses are closer together. It was noted that Country Club Estates may be another opportunity for allocation.

Resident - asked about the Route 53 Extension.

President Rodriguez said that there is huge political will to extend Route 53. She said that Long Grove has maintained its concerns about environmental issues, especially south of Rte. 22. She said the water drainage was also an issue. There is concern about flooding. She said that there was hope that if the extension went through, consideration would be given to a meandering, environmentally cutting edge, boulevard; not a traditional highway.

Resident – wanted to know what the protocol would be for the Village to reject details that are not decided in the Extension’s construction?

Village President Rodriguez said that it makes sense for the Village to be heard. She said that Village needed to push for the best practices scenario.

Stonehaven Homeowners Rep Kluever – asked if there was specific wetlands mitigation.

Village President Rodriguez said that Lake County is putting a wetland mitigation bank west of Buffalo Creek. She said that the County is aiming for more efficient wetlands. She added that the Village has put together a Task Force with Lori Lyman as the Chair. She will be getting like communities together to discuss environmental issues.

Resident – It was noted the Federal government controls the wetlands.

Village President Rodriguez said that the Village is working with the federal government, and was seeking federal dollars.

Country Club Estates resident – Noted that 1/3 of the residents in the meeting were from Country Club Estates. Resident suggested that the “next fifty years cannot be like the past fifty years.” He wanted to see the Bridge torn down to save on maintenance. He made several suggestions, and showed a willingness to pay taxes for infrastructure. He also wanted to see a de-emphasis on the Downtown.

President Rodriguez said that there are many new shops downtown and that this area was, by design, volunteer-based and oriented to open space.

Trustee Wachs replied to the public versus private roads by alerting the Country Club Estate residents that there are stormwater drainage issues in the subdivision that could be upwards of \$1 million dollars.

Resident – what would be a reasonable obligation for a homeowner? He added that when he bought his home the Village was responsible for the roads, and he felt that there was an inherent contract when the home was purchased that the Village had the responsibility to maintain the roads?

Village President Rodriguez said that this was a Village-wide issue, and that there needed to be a healthy discussion in the Village as to the approach for the future.

Stonehaven Homeowners Rep Kluever – What is the timing of the widening of Route 22?

Village Manager Lothspeich said that it is part of the Five year plan for IDOT.

Stonehaven Homeowners Rep Kluever – said he believes that other communities have pressured Long Grove over Rte 53. He added that if our open space is paved over then it is gone forever. He said that the Village needed to seize the moment to make certain that we get something in return if we agree to allow the road to be extended.

Village President Rodriguez said that the Village is trying to do just that. She added that the Village is taking the situation seriously, but noted that the Village does not own the roads and therefore compromise might be needed.

Resident – when we bought there we thought that Long Grove would maintain the roads. Because the roads are neglected, it is not fair to have the residents be forced to maintain them. How would they be turned over – deteriorated? Repaired?

Village President Rodriguez said that that it was not likely that the roads would go back to the residents.

But road maintenance had been poor because each year maintenance is deferred because of lack of funds, It is the responsible approach to ask what can be done? If they are left to deteriorate it will cost even more to rebuild the roads.

Resident – Why weren't the roads maintained better when the economy was good? My road has not been done for 12 years.

Village President Rodriguez said that when the Village was begun there were few roads and they were easy to maintain, and so the Village elders agreed to maintain the roads. In 1978, there were 27 miles of road so the subdivisions were made private roads. The Village has made every attempt to maintain the roads, but it has now hit critical mass.

Stonehaven Homeowners Rep Kluever – We need creative solutions. As a private road we don't want to have to pay a tax to pay for public roads.

Village President Rodriguez answered that as we develop commercially, there will be some revenue relief in the long term. But, at this point, we have no way to predict the revenue stream.

Resident Spina – There are tough times ahead so we need to change. We need to take action to save our property values. We have to make decisions as a community. He said that there was a property abutting Fairfield that was empty.

President Rodriguez replied that one of the properties Mr. Spina had referenced was zoned for office use. She said that if the residents in the subdivision agreed the PUD could be changed.

Trustee Schmitt said that Rte 53 issues can be put in the website.

Resident – When Menards was built, weren't soccer fields put in?

Trustee Schmitt said that the Village is trying to get someone to rent or lease the fields. She added that the parking fields and gates are already in. She said that Buffalo Grove is aware of our sport field Availability but there has not been good, productive conversation

Resident – there are trucks on Old 53 that make loud noise. Can we lower the speed limit to increase noise control.

President Rodriguez said that the Village has been trying to get the speed limit lowered for years. She said that IDOT is not interested in lowering the limit. However, there will soon be a stoplight, and the Village will increase patrols for enforcement.

Tobin Fraley, Co-Commissioner of the Arts and Music Council told the audience that there are concerts every Sunday afternoon in the Village/

**At 8:53 PM, the Town Hall portion of the meeting ended.**

**At 9:30 PM, the Board Meeting continued.**

**Item: Visitors' Business: Homeowner Associations:**

**Burr Oak/Oak Hills – Cathleen Faerber.**

**Stonehaven – Brian Kluever.** – HOA Rep Kluever said that there were concerns about the widening of Route 53. He also said that subdivision residents were excited about the continuation of the pathways.

**Willowbrook Woods – Mark Challenger.**

**No action was taken.**

**Item: Visitors' Business: Special Event/Temporary Sign Applications:**

**WineSplash Grand Opening Signage, 132 Old McHenry Road.** WineSplash submitted an application requesting approval of additional temporary signage on the existing sign post located along Old McHenry Road. – **Trustee Weber moved to Approve the WineSplash the Temporary Signage for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

Red Oaks Going Out Of Business Signage, 340 Old McHenry Road. Red Oaks Owner Bob Stoll has been informed that the temporary signage advertising the store going out of business exceeds the maximum temporary signage allowable. Specifically, the signs located inside the windows ] appear to be in compliance with Village Code which allows up to 10% of windows to include signage but the numerous signs posted on the outside of the building are not allowed. In addition, the existing temporary banner sign appears to exceed the maximum allowable size of eighteen (18) sq. ft. Village Planner Hogue sent Bob Stoll the enforcement letter and Staff has explained to him that while the Village Board has expressed an interest in working with him to permit additional temporary signage as a special event, several Trustees and numerous merchants have expressed concerns over the extreme amount of total signage throughout the Village (and outside the Village). Bob Stoll has indicated that he removed four (4) of the temporary signs from the outside of the building and submitted the enclosed Special Event application for consideration. – **CONTINUED** Village Manager Lothspeich said that the applicant wants temporary signage until September. It was noted by members of the Board that various members had seen people on the corners with Going Out Of Business signs. Village Counsel Filippini said that they had First Amendment rights. There was confusion as to when they were actually closing and whether or not they had registered with the state to fulfill the regulations to go out of business. The Board felt there were too many unanswered questions about the applicants “going out of business” status.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Item: Visitors' Business: Raffle License Application & Waiver Of The Bond Requirement.**  
PADS Lake County, Inc. PADS Lake County submitted a Raffle License Application as part of the annual Heritage Run on September 8, 2012. – **Trustee Barry moved to Approve the Application by PADS Lake County, Inc. for a raffle license and waiving the bond requirements to conduct a raffle as part of the Heritage Run on September 8, 2012; seconded by Trustee Marshall.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**Item #1: Report Of The August 7, 2012 Plan Commission & Zoning Board Of Appeals Meeting.**

- **PUBLIC HEARING.** Amendment(s) To Title 5 Of The Village Code And The Zoning Map For The Village Of Long Grove Regarding Setbacks And Other Zoning Regulations Affecting Properties Located In The Subdivision Commonly Known As Country Club Estates, Currently Located In The R-2 Residential Zoning District.

Village Planner Hogue discussed setback issues in Country Club Estates. He said that it was noted at the Public Hearing that front yard setbacks are 50 feet, but that many were measured incorrectly from the center of the road and not from the right of way. Village Counsel Filippini said that the front yards might want to be left unchanged in the motion as there was no clear pattern. Some Trustees believed that there should be a 50 yard setback in the front. Country Club Estates resident Camy Gould said that there was no compelling reason to make changes to the setbacks, and that the “trend to be uniform is doing a disservice to the residents.”

Village Counsel Filippini recommended sending the direction for amendments to the Ordinance back to the Plan Commission. Discussion and debate follow.

**Trustee Schmitt moves to Refer the Request for Amendments to the Country Club Estates Yard Setbacks back to the Plan Commission, including the front yard setbacks; seconded by Trustee**

Weber.

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

**Item #2: Resolution Waiving Public Notice & 120 Day Waiting Period For Demolition 4507.**

The draft resolution waives the publication of the demolition public notice in the newspaper (public notice was posted on the property) and the 120-day waiting period. – Trustee Barry notes that the address in the body of the resolution needs to be corrected. – **Trustee Barry moved to Approve a Resolution Granting a waiver from the Public Notice Requirements & the 120 Day Waiting period for Issuance of a Demolition Permit for 4507 N Krueger Road, Bendler amended in the body of the resolution to show the correct address; seconded by Trustee Marshall.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

**Item #3: Resolution Approving & Awarding Village Web Site Design Agreement.**

As of Wednesday, August 8th the Village has received proposals from four (4) firms. The proposals will be opened after the submittal deadline of Thursday, August 9th and scanned and posted as part of the electronic board packets for review by the Village Board in advance of the upcoming board meeting. Staff will be meeting with Village Trustees Weber and Wachs on Tuesday, August 14th to review the proposals and develop a recommendation for consideration by the Village Board that evening. –

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Trustee Weber asked the Board if they were committed to choose a web designer from Illinois, or was the proposal open to all designers? The direction from the Board was to choose from Illinois, though it was not unanimous.

Trustee Weber said that there were six designers left in contention.

Trustee Weber suggested that the Village hire a consultant for \$440 to review the proposals. The Direction from the Board was to allow Village Manager Lothspeich to use funds under his control to hire a consultant to review the proposals for an amount not to exceed \$1000.

Trustee Weber said that the recommendation for a designer would be made at the September 11, 2012 Board Meeting.

**Item #4: Village President Rodriguez.**

No report.

**Item #5: Village Trustee Barry.**

**A. Treasurer Report For July 31, 2012.** Trustee Barry moved to Approve the July 31, 2012 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Trustee Wachs.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Underwood – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber - aye (Motion carried 6 – 0)

**B. Actual and Budget Comparisons For Period Ending July 31, 2012.** For informational purposes only, no motion required.

**Item #5: Village Trustee Marshall.**

**Monthly Building Department Report.** – Trustee Marshall said that there have been complaints regarding the length of time that it takes to return bonds on completed projects. Village Manager

Lothspeich said that unless the Board would like to change the process, the applicants have to wait until the Village releases the bonds, which is done on a monthly cycle. He also noted that the Board had recently lowered the bond costs for small projects. He said that he would speak with Building Commissioner Romanello. – **No action was taken.**

**Item #6: Village Trustee Schmitt.**

Bridge – Trustee Schmitt said that the *Bridge* would be sent out August 15, 2012.

Conserve Lake County – Trustee Schmitt said that a representative would be available to survey properties to make them green areas. President Rodriguez suggested that Trustee Schmitt get in touch with the park District to decide if this was a resource that was worth pursuing. –

**No action was taken**

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

Mosquito Abatement/West Nile Virus Update. – Trustee Underwood noted that there was a good article in the *Bridge* about West Niles disease. – **No action was taken.**

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

**No Report.**

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

LGBCP – Trustee Weber said that there will be a marketing piece issued by the LGBCP available at the September 11, 2012 Meeting – **No action was taken.**

**Item #10: Village Clerk Schultheis.**

**No Report.**

**Item #11: Village Manager Lothspeich.**

**No Report.**

**Item #12: Village Planner Hogue.**

**No Report.**

**Item #13: Village Attorney Filippini.**

**No Report.**

**Item #14: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.**

July 24, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. – Trustee Marshall Moved to Approve the July 24, 2012 Board Minutes; seconded by Trustee Wachs.

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

**Item: Executive Session.**

At 10:25 PM PM; 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 Underwood.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt –aye; Underwood – aye; Wachs – aye; Weber – aye

**(Motion carried 6 -0)**

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

*July 24, 2011 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.* - **CONTINUED**

*Next Meeting* – It was noted that the regularly scheduled Board Meeting for August 28, 2012 was cancelled.

**Item: Adjournment**

**At 10:39 PM, Trustee Weber moved to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Barry.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

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