



**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE
Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:05 P.M.
3110 OLD MCHENRY ROAD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613**

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:05 P.M., Village President Underwood called the February 25, 2014 Village Board Meeting to Order.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Village President:	Underwood
Trustees Present:	Barry, Borys, Lyman, Marshall, Wachs, Yaeger
Trustees Absent:	None
Village Manager:	Lothspeich
Village Clerk:	Locker-Scheer
Also Present:	Village Counsel Filippini

Call To Order: Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

Item: Homeowner Associations

Creekside - Bobbie O'Reilly. Discussion - Roads: Waiting anxiously to hear what will be done regarding roads and impact. Emphasized the importance of keeping everyone informed. Village President Underwood explained that the subdivisions will be hearing about actions from the Village after the referendum. A letter is coming out in the next week about the referendum as well as a link in the Village newsletter that came out today about the referendum.

Discussion - Snow removal has been "fabulous"

Discussion - Long Grove Business & Community Partners (LGBCP): Concern about properties not being informed about inspections that are beginning soon. LGBCP President responded that all but four parties were missing information and they are being informed.

Item: Lake County Sheriff's Report – Officer Kevin

No report.

Discussion - Carla Zvonek: Asked about possible plans for a walk/bike path along Cuba Road –Per Village President Underwood, there is a pathways committee that is always looking at possible improvements. Trustee Barry said that there is a meeting this upcoming Friday that public is invited to attend. Great demand for pathways and working hard to make it happen. For Cuba Road, the right-of-way is very small and would be difficult for a path. Forest Preserve talks of extending a path as land was bought by the Forest Preserve to have a path to Cuba Road from Park. Also

discussions of path from Old McHenry Road into Village. Language in a referendum is statutorily restricted. Per Village Manager Lothspeich, last year the Village allocated \$25,000 for pathways. This could be considered in the upcoming budget discussions.

Discussion – President of the Long Grove Business & Community Partners (LGBCP): Reminder that the “Ice Meltin’ Blues” event is being held this Saturday and Sunday, 3/1 and 3/2. Will have blues played at Long Grove Café and Village Tavern by well-regarded groups. Lots of fun for all. John Kopecky will dress up as Jake or Ellwood (Blues Brothers). On Saturday in Sunset Pavilion (1:30-3:30 p.m.), there will be a 600 pound slab of ice that will be sculpted into the Blues Brothers, complete with a model of Abraham Lincoln (as seen during the Super Bowl) in the ice block. This Lincoln model is traveling around the state and will be in the Long Grove ice sculpture this Saturday. Expecting to be in the news, so bring friends and family to join the fun!

Discussion – Arts and Music Council: Current Council location is not visible to the public. Considering moving to the Good Expressions location, which would involve rent. Would like to have a showcase for local artwork. Village President Underwood said that there is an area for Community Building Grants and requested that a proposal be put together.

ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1: Village President Underwood.

Administration & Legislation

Illinois Route 53 Extension - Discussion: The Finance Committee held their third meeting on February 13th, 2014 which was attended by Village Manager Lothspeich. There is a \$4.7B shortfall in covering the extension costs. Talk of TIF funding and other options along with review of Blue Ribbon guidelines. Finance and Land Use Committees – upcoming meetings on March 18th with reports at the next meeting.

Item #2: Village Trustee Barry.

Finance & Pathways

2014/2015 Draft Village Budgets - Discussion: Budget copies provided to the Board. Trustee Barry reviewed the Budget page by page with discussion. This is the second review of the draft budgets. A separate page was provided with “wish list” items. These were discussed to determine whether or not they would be moved to the required listing. The public hearing of the budget is planned for the April 25, 2014 Board meeting. March 11th is the third and final Budget review. March 22nd: Budget published for public / Residents can come into public meeting.
Downtown Streetscape: Board needs to develop a plan for how the downtown will be funded and what the Village can afford. LGBCP operates on a balanced budget and is looking for Village-area funding. Adding a new line item for “Downtown Improvements & Matching Grants”.
Discussion of Village Hall signage – replacement and lighting. The Village Hall sign budget has been cut to \$10,000. Project that there will be \$50,000 left for pathways.

Item #3: Village Trustee Borys.

Environmental and Communications

No report

Item #4: Village Trustee Lyman.

Economic Development

Discussion: Blues Festival this weekend. Inspections to begin this week. Board positions announced.

Item #5: Village Trustee Marshall.

Building, Planning and Zoning

Discussion: New document for Downtown Historic Preservation Task Force provided by Village Planner Hogue.

Item #6: Village Trustee Wachs.

Public Works

Covered Bridge - Discussion: The Phase I report is in. Village Manager Lothspeich plans to post it on-line. Have been working towards government buy-in. Inspectors feel that the structure was safe until it could be restored. Expect to have the costs to restore the bridge available shortly. Consensus that there is a historic nature to the bridge.

Item #7: Village Trustee Yaeger

Security and Sustainability

SWALCO: Discussion - There is a House Bill 5666 proposing to take away the local authority of having commercial franchises for waste management. As assistance to other members of SWALCO. SWALCO is asking to contact legislators and sign the position paper that was attached.

Spring electronics recycling event: Last year there was less participation than previous year. Discussions about how to proceed: May go to every other year. Could coordinate with Hawthorn Woods, at a minimum, and other neighboring towns. Vernon Township offers service all the time.

Item #8: Village Clerk Locker-Scheer

No report.

Item #9: Village Manager Lothspeich.

Electric Aggregation: Electricity Aggregation Consortium met with the Village. They are pushing for the group of Villages to join with them to get bids in March. One of our electric aggregation stipulations requires an amendment to the governance wording. An option is to not have aggregation and go back to ComEd. Bidding will know load usage of all of the communities and go to bid. Timing issue. No action this evening.

Item #10: Village Planner Hogue

Not in attendance.

Item #11: Village Attorney Filippini.

No report

Item #12: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

February 11, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes – Amendments provided by Trustee Barry and Village

President Underwood.

Trustee Marshall moved to approve the amended February 11, 2014 Board Minutes; seconded by Trustee Barry.

VOICE VOTE:

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

Item: Executive Session.

At 9:39 P.M., Trustee Marshall moved to go into Executive Session to discuss (1) Personnel Matters; (2) Disposition of Property and (3) Litigation; seconded by Trustee Wachs.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Yaeger – aye; Trustee Marshall – aye; Trustee Barry – aye; Trustee Wachs - aye; Trustee Lyman - aye; Trustee Borys- aye.

(Motion carried 6 – 0).

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Trustee Marshall moved to approve the amended February 11, 2014 Executive Board Minutes; seconded by Trustee Barry.

VOICE VOTE:

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

Item: Adjournment.

At 11:44 P.M., Trustee Borys moved to Adjourn; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6-0).