



**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE
Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 7 P.M.
3110 RFD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613**

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:04 P.M. Village President Underwood called the June 25, 2013 Village Board Meeting to Order.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Village President:	Underwood
Trustees Present:	Barry, Marshall, Borys, Wachs
Trustees Absent:	Lyman, Yeager
Village Manager:	Lothspeich
Village Clerk:	Locker-Scheer
Also Present:	Village Counsel Filippini

Call To Order: Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Oath of Office: Village President Underwood administered the oath of office to newly appointed Village Clerk Locker-Scheer.

Item: Visitors' Business: Homeowner Associations

Fairfield - Athena Merageas.

Lakes of Long Grove - Barb Jonas.

Festivals – Ms. Merageas reported that during the past weekend’s Strawberry Festival, there had been problems with security, garbage, public urination, diapers in mailboxes, trespassing, blockage to homes and more. Residents were forced to pay the \$5 entrance fee to get to their homes.

Barb Jonas said that the security guards from Star Events were harassing to some of the residents trying to get to their homes. She would like solutions before the next festival.

Long Grove Business & Community Partners (LGBCP) President Rachel Perkal was in attendance which represents the Merchants and is responsible for the festivals. The LGBCP hired and pays Star Event to manage the events and to provide security.

Recommendations for the future: barricades, availability of port-a-potty(s) down Old McHenry, dispersed garbage cans, resident passes for those that live in the area so that they can access their homes.

Trustee John Marshall suggested the possibility of discontinuing the parking on Robert Parker Coffin Road.

Long Grove Park District President Jane Wittig suggested possibly limiting parking to only one side of the road and not both.

President Underwood noted that the Village would work with the LGBCP to address these concerns and that she would set up a meeting between the LGBCP, the Village and the residents.

Item: Lake County Sheriff's Report – Lieutenant Officer Chris Thompson (Deputy Sheriff, shift patrol commander responsible for all of Lake County for afternoon shift) – Lieutenant Thompson introduced himself. Willing to help identify event security staff. Sargent Sarah Kates will be Village liaison. New squad car for Long Grove in a couple weeks.

ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1: Report Of The June 19, 2013 Conservancy Scenic Corridor Committee Meeting.
Trustee Wachs moved to approve; seconded by Trustee Barry.
(Motion carried 4-0).

Item #2: Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Amendments to the Village Code Re: Building Permit Fees and Security Deposits for B1 Zoning District (Ord. #2013-O-10).
Trustee Marshall moved to Approve Amendments to the Village Code; seconded by Trustee Wachs

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Marshall - Aye; Barry – Aye; Wachs – Aye; Borys – Aye.
(Motion carried 4-0).

Item #3: Village President Underwood.

Lake County DOT Old McHenry Road improvements.

Discussion: Elimination of on-street parking. County challenge – some of the buildings themselves are in the right-of-way. There is a safety concern; during some of the peak hours, pedestrians feel safer when there are cars dividing the road from the sidewalk. Felt to be critical to have the on-street parking.

Identify critical improvements of right-of-way.

Trustee Wachs: Merchants need parking very much. Elimination of parking should be short-term.

Trustee Borys: Number of parking spaces lost: estimated to be 10-12.

Trustee Marshall: Want to encourage people to come into the town and make it as easy as possible to park. Safer if you do slow down traffic.

Trustee Barry: Draws people. More like 'teaser parking', because there aren't that many spots.

President Underwood: Stakeholder meeting in August 2013. Possibility of having Bridgit Lane of Business Districts Inc (BDI) be an adviser to assist in the Village's discussions with the County.

Village Manager Lothspeich was directed to request a proposal from BDI to assist the Village's efforts.

Item #4: Village Trustee Barry.

Pathways Committee Meeting – June 21, 2013. Trustee Barry said that the Pathways meeting was on Friday. The Village Board already approved a pathway extension to (1) Skycrest and (2) Willowbrook to a certain point and that he would be presenting a request for an extension of these pathways to Willowbrook.

Item #5: Village Trustee Borys.

Environmental and Communications. Trustee Borys noted that the June issue of The Bridge Village Newsletter publication is out.

Item #6: Village Trustee Lyman.

Economic Development. **Not in attendance. No action taken.**

Discussion about limited to carnival event. Village Tavern will be providing additional information to go through the special event application process.

Gerald Forsyth purchased the Mill Pond properties.

Item #7: Village Trustee Marshall.

Building, Planning and Zoning.

Nothing to report. No action taken.

Item #8: Village Trustee Wachs.

Public Works. – Trustee Wachs said that The Fields of Long Grove wants advice/assistance with sewage disposal challenges. Through discussions with Lake County we have learned a lot and they may have found a solution that would not require that they connect to Lake County sewer or Lake Michigan water. Village Engineer Tony Malone and Village Counsel Vic Filippini will look at County and develop Village regulations based on their same standards for Lake Michigan Water.

Covered Bridge – Robert Parker Coffin Bridge Repair – Have estimates for replacing as two lane, replace as one lane, restoration/rehab and interim repairs. Can get Federal monies for interim repairs, not to replace the bridge, for the damage that was done during the flood. Estimates to be obtained from ESI and other engineering company(s). We will be going out to get proposals.

Funding of Roadway Maintenance:

Trustee Marshall said that people in the village do not pay a local property tax to maintain public roads. Include ‘Where do we go from here’ 3 options for a potential referendum by November for April 2014 ballot.

- (1) Road tax equal to roughly \$777/family/year to fund recommended maintenance off all public roads for maximum 10 years then sunset.
- (2) Same as above with stipulation that all non thoroughfare public roads be vacated (returned to private) after 10 years.
- (3) Vacate non thoroughfare roads now and establish a temporary (10 year) road tax equal to roughly \$557/family/year to fund recommended maintenance of remaining public roads.

Trustee Marshall: We need to understand that it is all roads throughout the village that need repair, regardless of public or private. Our revenue went backwards and roads deteriorated.

Trustee Barry: After 2008 economic crash, the Village revenues were significantly reduced because of building permits going down to almost nothing. Unless the Village successfully attracts larger, sales tax producing businesses like Menards, the Village will have an even bigger gap after 10 years. Due to budgetary constraints the Village already reduced expenditures significantly, including reducing police coverage.

President Underwood: If we have a referendum, we would at least have good roads after 10 years.

Presentation to HOA presidents: planning for September – a training meeting, ask to fill out questionnaire in October, have decision in November, no later than December (per Attorney Filippini), in order to make the April ballot.

Per Attorney Filippini: Would need a referendum to be able to issue bonds (a variation on the theme, not a different option)

Trustee Wachs: Will need a plan for the implementation of the road repairs.

Borys: Looking at year 10 becoming significantly larger.
\$766K in 2015 and it increases each year from there.

Options:

Do nothing due to lack of funds (NEW – to be added)

Do nothing (not considered acceptable by Board, but may be mandated if there is no referendum)

approved)

Further reduce other expenses (felt to be as low as possible)

Reduce the length of public roads by making them private and giving them back to subdivisions that they serve – this would reduce the gap

Alternative – upgrade all public roads

Make all roads public

Increase funding to cover current gap, reduced gap or increased gap

Marshall: this is not a choice

Write-up includes a comparison to other villages.

Will ask Associations about option that they would like, be it referendum. Will be asking the homeowners what the preferred choices are, so that when this does go to referendum it is the closest to being approved.

See: HOA Presidents Road Maintenance Presentation (handout during session)

Cost of road repair estimated at 10% inflation 2015-2024. Look at the average gap due to the increase in the cost of road repair. Positives: Revenues have increased as a result of Menards and Sunset Foods (long-term) and higher permit costs (short-term). The gap went from \$1.3M to \$1.9M annually even with the increased revenues.

Item #9: Village Trustee Yaeger

Security and Sustainability. Not in attendance. No action taken.

Item #10: Village Clerk Locker-Scheer.

Looking forward to working with the Board of Trustees.

Item #11: Village Manager Lothspeich.

Nothing to report. No action taken.

Item #12: Village Planner Hogue.

Not in attendance. No action taken.

Item #13: Village Attorney Filippini.

Village Counsel Filippini reminded all newly elected and appointed officials are required to go through the State Open Meetings Act Training within 90 days following their oath of office. Village Manager Lothspeich will provide the required training info via email.

Item #14: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

May 28, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes– Trustee Marshall moved to approve the May 28, 2013 Board Minutes; seconded by Trustee Borys.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 4 – 0)

Item: Executive Session.

At 8:52 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 Marshall.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Wachs- aye; Borys – aye
(Motion carried 4 – 0).

Item: Adjournment.

At 10:25 P.M., Trustee Marshall moved to Adjourn; seconded by Trustee Wachs.

VOICE VOTE:

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