



**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE
Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 7:09 P.M.
3110 RFD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613**

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:09 P.M., Village President Underwood called the October 22, 2013 Village Board Meeting to Order.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Village President:	Underwood
Trustees Present:	Barry (arrived at 7:42 p.m.), Borys, Lyman, Marshall, Wachs (joined telephonically), and Yaeger
Trustees Absent:	none
Village Manager:	Lothspeich
Village Clerk:	Locker-Scheer
Village Attorney:	Filippini

Call To Order: Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Homeowner Associations:

Bennington – Joanne Rosenberg and Rita Carner

Discussion: Requested that contact information be distributed between Association Presidents. In the past, lists of subdivisions and Association Presidents were shared. Per Attorney Filippini, a request could be distributed to Association Presidents and shared if approved by the individuals.

Other comments provided by meeting attendees:

Fields of Long Grove - Lou Morobito. Mr. Morobito felt that the Village Hall meeting was very informative. There is a risk of dividing the town based on how funding is resolved. The Village needs to accomplish its objectives. Mr. Morobito is Treasurer for the Fields. They review what really needs to be done and have the advantage of managing their own. Turning all roads private is felt to be a challenge, but could approach all that are public and they could either manage their own or have the Village maintain and bill back. Have issues with collecting assessment feeds, and if not paid after 2 warnings, a lien is put on the home. Approach should be considered; concern is a recurring tax versus a one-time

assessment.

Country Club Estates - Cindy Horowitz. Can envision having many people rush to sell homes if they have to take on expenses of roads. There are no association rules to enforce the payment of fees.

Stockbridge Farm - [representative]. When they moved in, they knew that they had to pay for roads, but didn't know that they were covering the roads for other associations.

Sherman's Pine Valley / Country Lane - [representative]. Four homes at front of lane don't have to pay for the roads. Came for the beauty of the Village of Long Grove. Decisions will take a lot of creativity to resolve the issue.

Bennington Homeowner Association - [representative]. Shared that there are other communities with SSAs, such as Hawthorn Woods, that formed an SSA for their well. People using the well became a part of an SSA and their fees have gone up per year. Provided example of paying for two culverts in subdivision.

Special Event Applications: Long Grove Turkey Trot – Nov. 28th.

Discussion: This will be the third year for this event held on Thanksgiving Day. There is a website for signup. In 2011, the race attracted approximately 2,000 runners and they are accepting applications for 3,000 runners this year. Village President Underwood expressed concern about parking for participants. Village Manager Lothspeich has a meeting with Mr. Sarykowicz of All Community Events (ACE) to discuss parking options. If parking can be accommodated, Trustee Borys suggested taking notes about the impact and growth of the event to make informed decision next year.

Trustee Marshall moved to approve the Long Grove Turkey Trot on November 28, 2013; seconded by Trustee Borys.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 5-0).

Lake County Sheriff's Report.

Since the last meeting, there have not been any major police incidents in Long Grove.

Question: How does the Sheriff decide which roads to patrol? Answer: Based on public concern, accidents, and perception of resident input.

Request: Address the morning commute backup at the intersection near Bennington subdivision.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item #1: Report Of The October 21, 2013 Architectural Commission Meeting:

Signage For "*Ryan Messer Insurance Agency*" At 437 Robert Parker Coffin Road, Sign Effects. Discussion: The Architectural Commission has no issue with the proposed signage and recommends approval as submitted. The Village Board of Trustees is OK with the Architectural Commission's findings.

Item #2: Consideration Of An Ordinance Further Amending Building & Fire Codes Re: Fire Alarm Requirements & Installation Deadlines (*Ord. #2013-O-15*).

Discussion: This was looked at by Long Grove Fire Protection District. There were further amendments provided, which are before the Board tonight. Fire/Smoke review confirmed to be reviewed by the fire department.

In December 2012, the Village Board approved further amendments to the Fire Code to accomplish the following goals: (1) installation requirement should be limited to the "Residential" alarm system by March 2013 and (2) to rely upon the existing triggers (50% remodeling based sq. ft. and/or value or change in use group) for the installation of a UL approved commercial system rather than setting another deadline five years later. Following this approval, the Long Grove Fire Protection District commented that the ordinance did not approve the amendments as discussed. In response, Staff noted that the Village and the Fire District shared common goals to provide improved fire protection for the Historic Downtown and requested a detailed request from the District to be certain that any further amendments were consistent with the amendments that had been agreed upon in concept. The Fire District, B&F Owner/Fire Code Official Rich Piccolo and Staff met to discuss and agree upon the goals and requested that B&F provide the detailed recommendation. The enclosed draft ordinance was prepared by Village Counsel following receipt of this requested detailed recommendation in September. The draft ordinance was emailed to LGFPD Fire Marshal Mike Schmitt and B&F Owner Piccolo on October 11, 2013 requesting their review and comment(s) by October 16, 2013. B&F Owner Piccolo responded that he reviewed and approved of the draft ordinance. In addition to the goals listed previously, as directed by the Village Board the proposed amendment would also allow for the installation of wireless smoke/fire detectors in residential construction.

Trustee Marshall moved to consider an ordinance amending a Building & Fire Codes Re: Fire Alarm Requirements & Installation Deadlines; seconded by Trustee Lyman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Yaeger – abstain; Trustee Marshall – aye; Trustee Wachs, Trustee Lyman – aye; Trustee Borys.

(Motion carried 4 – 0 – 1 abstention).

Trustee Barry arrived at 7:42 p.m.

Item #3: Presentation, Discussion And Acceptance Of The Village Of Long Grove Financial Statements And Report On Internal Controls For Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2012 And Ending April 30, 2013 As Prepared By Baker Tilley Virchow, Krause LLP.

Discussion: Review of the Audit provided by representative from Baker Tilley Virchow Krause. Reviewed the funds included in the packet and addressed any questions of the Board. Audit is complete and requires final Partner review. The Trustees are welcome to call if they have any further questions. Special comment that the number of journal

entries decreased from 30 to 13.

Trustee Lyman moved to accept the FY13 financial statements Village of Long Grove's Audit; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

VOICE VOTE:

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

Item #4: Consideration Of The Village Board Of Trustees Meeting Dates Calendar For Year 2014.

Discussion: Meeting dates included in packet. Asking for any known conflicts and anticipate removing an August date. Trustee Borys may have a June conflict.

Trustee Lyman moved to approve the FY14 calendar; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

VOICE VOTE:

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

Item #5: Village President Underwood.

Administration & Legislation

Apple trees have been delivered as memorial to Park District.

Historical Society Ghost Walk.

Village Website is now live – same website address (<http://longgrove.net/>), easier navigation, pictures. Residents should let the Village know if they see anything that is not working properly.

A. Board/Commission/Committee Appointments – Discussion: The Planning commission is in need of a Secretary. A volunteer may have been found for the position – Jody Smith. Individual has extensive experience. Approval of the candidate by the Board confirmed.

Architectural Commission has two openings. There are two potential candidates. Village President Underwood is planning further conversations about the positions with the candidates.

Question from resident about how to be made aware of volunteer needs. Response: Village President Underwood answered that openings are posted in the Bridge and there is a volunteer profile form that can be completed and on file with the Village. Attempts are made to have representation from around town.

B. Village Board Strategic Planning Goals – Status Report: Strategic Goal information is back from the facilitator. Village Manager Lothspeich created a spreadsheet to review the goals. Individual goals were reviewed and Trustees were assigned to oversee their preferred goals.

C. Upcoming Old McHenry Road SIG Meeting - October 28, 2013 – Discussion: Village President Underwood and Village Manager Lothspeich will be attending the meeting and will summarize at the next Board meeting.

On October 2nd, Village President Underwood attended the IDOT meeting reviewing plans. Discussion included Route 22 and Route 83 (not expansion, but resurfacing in the next 10-12 years). All elected officials attended a planning meeting to review the state of the primary county roads.

On October 21st, the Blue Ribbon Council Finance Committee met. Village President

Underwood attended as the Long Grove representative and is encouraging use of the vision of the Blue Ribbon Council. Other large towns that are directly impacted by Hwy 53/Route 120 were in attendance. Total projected cost: \$2.5B. Trustee Barry asked whether or not there was continuity from the original committee to the current. Village President Underwood answered that it is a mix. Previously there was environmental representation, but it is not on the finance committee.

- D. Draft Property Tax Referendum Question – Discussion:** This was the first discussion since the Village Hall meeting. There is a deadline based on being able to get the referendum question on the April ballot. Input provided by Attorney Filippini to the Board of Trustees. Village President Underwood does not have a vote unless there is a tie. Trustee Yaeger asked if there is an ability to levy a tax without a referendum. According to Attorney Filippini, because there is not an income currently, a referendum is required. General Property Tax: One that Illinois Constitution requires based on assessed valuation. Tax for Special Service Area: Different in that it is not a real estate property tax. There may be the opportunity to apply this to private roads. Would not be able to apply to Village as a whole, as it would then not be a “special” service area. The Board’s sentiment is that people are not against a tax, but there needs to be a fairness of application of the tax. Trustee Wachs is in favor of a referendum that non-thoroughfare roads will not be maintained by the village. Trustee Yaeger wanted to know the course of action that would be used for those roads that are currently public. Village President Underwood said that the village would have to create a resolution/policy for turning roads over to be provide in a specified timeline with guidelines. Mechanism would be put in place for providing guidance on how to cover the costs. There was significant discussion about options, from taking over the roads to making all subdivisions private, as well as the question of “home rule” poon the ballot in April.

Trustee Borys feels that the Board will have to take an action. Certain things can be agreed to by residents; e.g., public health and safety. Possible path is a referendum that would cover public health and safety and take longer time to work with subdivisions about handling of roads. Feels that any referendum that includes taxation tagged to roads will not pass.

Trustee Lyman likes Option 2 that discusses a tax for infrastructure. Of 29 people that spoke, 19 were concerned about inequity. In favor of an ongoing tax to improve the roads and not just resurface, which is where the ongoing taxes would be applied. Feels that if the referendum is equitable, it could pass.

Trustee Marshall feels that this is not about the roads but about subsidizing/funding the Village. Wants to keep the roads status quo. Not in favor of changing the status of roads.

Trustee Barry has lived in Long Grove over 25 years and has not had a tax. This was anticipated because the Board knew that there would come a time when building permits would dry up. Wonders whether the residents should decide whether roads should be taken private. And, based on opinions provided, wonders whether any tax will pass. Would like to let the residents decide and put all roads on the referendum.

Per Attorney Filippini, there is a definition in code that identifies what is considered a

thoroughfare. Noted that the rate of the tax needs to be identified. The rate would be based on the gap for thoroughfare roads only.

Trustee Wachs moved to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance authorizing the presentation of a referendum to the voters of Long Grove that would read substantially as follows: Shall the Village of Long Grove, Lake County, Illinois, be authorized to levy a new tax for general corporate purposes under 65 ILCS 5/8-3-1 for a capital infrastructure improvement, repair and replacement fund in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/8-2-9.5, and have an additional tax of (percent to be determined)% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein extended for such purposes, with the tax rate being set to cover the gap needed to fund thoroughfare roads; seconded by Trustee Lyman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

(Motion carried 4 – 2).

Item #5: Village Trustee Barry.

Finance & Pathways

A. Pathways Committee Meeting - Update: The Pathways Committee was rescheduled to this upcoming Friday. The Financial Audit report was received.

Item #6: Village Trustee Borys.

Environmental & Communications

No report.

Item #7: Village Trustee Lyman.

Economic Development

A. *Long Grove Business & Community Partners (LGBCP) Economic Development (ECODEVO) Committee* - Update: Had a meeting with an LGBCP representative. Quarterly meetings to begin. Committee wants to see enforcement occurring in downtown business area to force bank-owned properties to be turned over.

B. *Downtown Analysis & Permitted Uses – Update and Special Village Board Meeting Workshop – November 19, 2013* - Update: no report.

Item #8: Village Trustee Marshall.

Building, Planning and Zoning

Three new single family home permits issued since the last meeting.

A. *Long Grove Business & Community Partners (LGBCP) - Reports On Historic Downtown.*

Discussion: Attended a meeting with the Foresight Group. Important that permits be adhered to.

Trustee Marshall moved to prepare an ordinance related to permits; seconded by Trustee Lyman.

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).**

Item #9: Village Trustee Wachs.

Public Works

No report.

Item #10: Village Trustee Yaeger

Security and Sustainability

Discussion: On October 5th, a structural engineer visited the Long Grove Bridge. In his opinion, the bridge is considered repairable and not need replacement with the exception of the roof.

Item #11: Village Clerk Locker-Scheer

No report.

Item #12: Village Manager Lothspeich.

No report.

Item #13: Village Planner Hogue

Not present.

Item #14: Village Attorney Filippini.

No report.

Item #15: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

October 8, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes Corrections provided by Attorney Filippini.

**Trustee Marshall moved to approve the October 8th, 2013 Board Minutes as amended;
seconded by Trustee Lyman.**

VOICE VOTE:

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

Item: Executive Session.

At 10:10 P.M., Trustee Marshall moved to go into Executive Session to discuss (1) Executive Session Meeting Minutes; (2) Disposition of Property, (3) Personnel and (4) Litigation; seconded by Trustee Barry.

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).**

Trustee Marshall moved to approve the October 8th Executive Board Minutes; seconded by Trustee Lyman.

VOICE VOTE:

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

Item: Adjournment.

At 10:49 P.M., Trustee Lyman moved to Adjourn; seconded by Trustee Barry.

VOICE VOTE:

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