

**Item #2:**

**Resolution Approving Letter Of Understanding With Long Grove  
Historical Society For RPC Bridge Donations**

VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING  
WITH THE LONG GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REGARDING  
A DONATION FOR COVERED BRIDGE RESTORATION EFFORTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Long Grove (the "**Village**") owns and maintains a historic landmark bridge along Robert Parker Coffin Road (the "**Bridge**") at the westerly end of the Village's historic downtown business district; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2018, the Bridge was added to the National Register of Historic Places, due in large part to the efforts of the Long Grove Historical Society ("**LGHS**"), which is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, unfortunately, on June 27, 2018, the Bridge was severely damaged by an automobile accident and, as a result, the Village has undertaken various efforts to repair and restore the Bridge (the "**Restoration**"), which Restoration efforts are ongoing; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the projected expenses of the Restoration, the Village anticipates that completion of the planned Restoration work will require joint public-private efforts, including reliance on public funds, insurance proceeds, possible state grants, and private donations; and

**WHEREAS**, LGHS has energized donors to contribute money to support the Restoration of the Bridge, and LGHS intends to make a donation to the Village to defray part of the cost of the Restoration (the "**Donation**"), so long as the Restoration is aesthetically similar to and reasonably consistent with the look and design of the Bridge as it stood before the June 27, 2018 accident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village and LGHS desire to execute a letter of understanding (the "**LOU**") in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to memorialize their mutual understandings regarding the Donation and the terms thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to approve and execute the LOU as provided in this Resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**, as follows:

**SECTION ONE.**     **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as the findings of the Board of Trustees.

**SECTION TWO.**     **Approval of LOU; Authorization.** The Village of Long Grove hereby approves the LOU in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Village President is authorized to execute the LOU on behalf of the Village.

**SECTION THREE.**   **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2020.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Jacob, Village President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Gayton, Village Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**

**Letter of Understanding**

DRAFT



February 26, 2020

Ms. Angie Underwood  
President  
Long Grove Historical Society  
338 Old McHenry Road  
Long Grove, IL 60047

Re: Donation for Covered Bridge Restoration Letter of Understanding

Dear Angie:

I am writing to outline the basic understandings of the Village of Long Grove (the "**Village**") regarding the desire of the Long Grove Historical Society (the "**LGHS**") to support the Village financially in the pursuit of our mutual objective and efforts to restore the Village's historic covered bridge along Robert Parker Coffin Road (the "**Bridge**").

### **Background**

As we know, on June 11, 2018, the Bridge was added to the National Register of Historic Places ("**NRHP**") due in large part to the efforts of the LGHS, which is an Illinois 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation. Unfortunately, on June 27, 2018 the Bridge was severely damaged when it was accidentally hit by a truck (the "**6/27/18 Accident**").

Following the 6/27/18 Accident, the Village began its efforts to repair and restore the Bridge (the "**Restoration**"). In light of the projected expense of the Restoration, the Village anticipated that the Restoration would require a joint public-private effort, relying on public funds, insurance proceeds, possible state grants, and private donations.

The LGHS has been answering the call of the Village by energizing donors to contribute money for the Restoration of the Bridge. Consistent with its mission, the LGHS intends to provide funds for the Restoration, so long as the Restoration is aesthetically similar to and reasonably consistent with the look and design of the Bridge as it stood before the 6/27/18 Accident.

### Proposed Donation

In light of the LGHS's fundraising efforts and its mission to have the Restoration return the Bridge to its prior condition, the Village understands that it is the LGHS's intention to donate to the Village funds for the Restoration (the "**Donation**"), subject to the following terms:

1. The Village has shared the proposed plans for the Restoration (the "**Proposed Plans**") with the LGHS, and the LGHS has acknowledged that the Proposed Plans are acceptable. I have enclosed a copy of the Proposed Plans with this letter.
2. If the Village elects to proceed with the Restoration based on the Proposed Plans, the LGHS will tender the Donation to the Village within thirty (30) days after the Village and its contractor(s) execute a contract for the Restoration based on the Proposed Plans. The Village will use the Donation to defray in part the cost of the Restoration.
3. In the event the Village cannot or does not undertake the Restoration of the Bridge in general conformity with the Proposed Plans, or in the event that such Restoration of the Bridge has not commenced within nine (9) months from the date the LGHS delivers the Donation to the Village, then LGHS reserves the right to request in writing that the Village return the Donation to LGHS (a "**Demand**"), and the Village shall return the Donation within 35 days after the date of the Demand or, if the Restoration work has already commenced, within 35 days after the completion of the Restoration.
4. Provided that there is no Demand, and provided further that the Donation is in the amount of at least \$50,000, the Village will install a plaque or similar marker (the "**Plaque**") on or in the immediate vicinity of the Bridge to honor those who contributed to the Donation. The LGHS will propose the design and location for the Plaque, which design and location (as well as the means and methods of installation) will be subject to the review and approval of the Village Board.
5. At the time of the Donation, the Village and LGHS may elect to further memorialize the terms set forth in this letter of understanding.

The Village looks forward to working with the LGHS in the common goal of restoring the Bridge. If this letter accurately reflects the understandings of the LGHS, please sign it in the space provided below and return the signed letter to the Village.

Please contact me with any questions. The Village is appreciative of the efforts that you, the other LGHS members, and the donors are making to cause the Restoration of the Bridge.

Sincerely,

Bill Jacob  
Village President

Enclosure

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

On behalf of the Long Grove Historical Society ("**LGHS**"), I acknowledge that the matters set forth in this letter accurately reflect the understandings of the LGHS.

Long Grove Historical Society

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: \_\_\_\_\_