



**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.  
3110 OLD MCHENRY ROAD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:00 P.M., Village President Jacob called the October 10, 2023 Village Board Meeting to Order.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Village President:	Jacob
Trustees Present:	Borawski, Jameel, Kritzmire, O'Connor, O'Reilly, Tinucci
Trustees Absent:	None
Village Manager:	Osten
Village Clerk:	Schmitke
Village Attorney:	Filippini
Village Engineer:	Perry
Assistant Village Manager:	McCarthy

**Item #1 Pledge of Allegiance**

**Item #2. Homeowner Associations: Rick Scardino (Autumn Woods) and Don Bordeau (Ravenna East)**

*Autumn Woods and Ravenna East were invited but did not have a representative in attendance.*

**Item #3. Public Comment**

*Village President Jacob stated that any Public Comment related to Agenda Item #11 will be done prior to discussion and consideration of Item #11*

*Vernon Hills resident Chris Maier asked for an update regarding a resolution to issues she has had on an area of her property that backs up to Abbot Farms. Assistant Village Manager McCarthy will follow up.*

*Village Resident Benjamin Mathew indicated that he had contacted the Village regarding a tree that is hanging over the AT&T lines on Route 22 and expressed concern that it might fall on the lines. He also expressed concern regarding trees that appear to be tagged for removal at 4359 Route 22. Assistant Village Manager McCarthy indicated that no permits have been issued for removal of those trees and he will follow up on the matter.*

**Item #4. Public Safety Reports – Lake County Sheriff’s Office; Long Grove Fire Protection District; Countryside Fire Protection District**

*There were no public safety reports.*

**Item #5-#9: Consent Agenda**

*President Jacob and Village Attorney Filippini suggested amendments to the September 26, 2023 meeting minutes under the Public Comment and President Report sections. Trustee Borawski also noted that he was present at the meeting, having arrived during Executive Session.*

**Trustee O’Reilly moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items #5-#9 with amendments as discussed:**

5. *Consideration of Approval of the September 2023 Bill Warrant*
6. *Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 26, 2023, Subject to Non-Substantive Revision*
7. *Consideration of Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes: September 26, 2023, Subject to Non- Substantive Revision*
8. *Ratification of release of SSA funds to the HDLGBA*
9. *Consideration of Approval of an Application for License to Conduct Raffles and waiving the license fee – Woodlawn Middle School, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024,*

**; seconded by Trustee Borawski**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Aye: O’Reilly, Borawski, Jameel, Kritzmire, O’Connor, Tinucci**

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion carried**

**Item #10 Village Planners Report (Presented by Taylor Wegrzyn)**

*Village Attorney Filippini provided the Village Planner’s Report. The summary of the PCZBA meeting focused primarily on the LGFPD special use permit application and he outlined the history of that application process. At its last session the PCZBA did hear testimony and deliberated the issue. The PCZBA recommended a number of conditions (related to landscaping, wetland and storm water management, traffic issues and building aesthetics). Village Attorney Filippini indicated that these recommendations were incorporated into the draft ordinance that the Board will be considering. The PCZBA did approve a recommendation to grant the special use permit by a 4-1 vote.*

*At this point Village President Jacob opened the meeting up to Public Comment relative to the LGFPD Special Use Permit application for 5159/5161 Aptakistic Rd.*

*Steve Ernsteen, 5147 Bridlewood, indicated that he has attended a number of public meetings related to this special use permit (as have many others.). He expressed concerns regarding wetland and environmental impacts and the amount of work that is required to clear the area out should the fire station be built at this location. He stated that he did not believe due diligence was done in identifying*

alternate locations and he identified a parcel of property that he feels would be an appropriate location to consider at the corner of 53 and 83.

Vahap Uysal, 5152 Bridlewood Ln., stated that he is a Professor of Finance at DePaul University and feels that this investment would be a negative investment and a waste of resources. He feels that there are alternative locations and that due diligence and more careful consideration of alternative locations should be done.

Steve Auer, 5149 Bridlewood Ln., expressed his thoughts that the proposal from the LGFPD was deficient. His concern is that he is not 100% sold that they are building only a new firestation at this location. He feels that there is a lack of benefit to the overall community and that this proposed location does not provide a positive benefit for the majority of the users of the fire protection services.

Eric Englund 5144 Bridlewood Ln., also indicated he has attended a number of meetings regarding this issue and expressed that he echoes the comments that have been made by fellow residents. He stated that his is the closest residence to the proposed new location and that he is concerned with fire truck activities so close to his residence. He is also concerned about congestion and potential accidents outside of his subdivision associated with a firestation being located in this area.

Cindy Lubin, Briarcrest, stated that she does not want a firestation in her backyard. She expressed concerns about wetlands, traffic and noise pollution. She feels that it is clear that the residents in that area do not support the fire station being built there whatsoever.

Xiao Lei, 5150 Bridlewood Ln, expressed concerned about traffic issues related to the new location.

Village President Jacob asked if there were any further comments. There were no further comments and he closed Public Comment.

**Item #11. Discussion and consideration of an Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit for 5159/5161 Aptakisic Road (LGFPD Aptakisic Road Fire Station)**

Trustee O'Reilly asked about the number of calls per day that the fire station typically responds to and Fire Chief Segalla indicated this number is 5-6. Trustee O'Reilly also asked about SECTION 3F - Utilities in the Ordinance regarding public water service to the fire station area. Village Attorney Filippini stated that the Village Board is the ultimate regulator of the water system and that this should be expressed in the ordinance.

Village Attorney Filippini pointed out that in the redraft to the ordinance it explicitly states that the LGFPD does have to get the review and approval of the Architectural Commission for the ultimate elevations of the building (SECTION 3B No Authorization of Work; Permits)

President Jacob questioned the landscaping requirements in the ordinance. Village Attorney Filippini clarified that the goal is to achieve the minimum amount of opacity to screen the location. These regulations have been in place in the Village since the early 2000s to maintain the character of the village as a well landscaped and well screened community.

Trustee Jameel referenced SECTION 3B of the ordinance and asked for clarifications if the LGFPD fails to achieve the requirements. Village Attorney Filippini indicated that the conditions of the PCZBA have been incorporated into the ordinance and permits cannot be issued if they are not in compliance..

Trustee Jameel asked the residents that were present if they had addressed alternative locations with the LGFPD in the initial stages of planning and identifying potential locations for the new fire station. Mr. Ernsteen indicated that he was not even aware of the possible location of the fire station until notices of the PCZBA meeting to address the application were posted. Mr. Ernsteen asked why the land at Routes 53 and 83 is not being considered. Trustee O'Connor indicated that the land is referred to as the South 15 and is commercially zoned. It was clarified that commercial use of the land is part of the Village's comprehensive plan and that the owner of that land would have to request for it to be rezoned.

There was further discussion regarding traffic issues, response times, coverage areas and dynamic dispatch systems.

Trustee Borawski indicated that he does not like the loose ends in the ordinance. He stated he has concerns on how the fire trucks will get through the traffic at high traffic times in that location. He also didn't feel that the residents' concerns were being addressed. He feels it is too premature to make a decision on the ordinance as drafted.

Trustee Kritzmire stated that she feels comfortable with the ordinance with the caveats put in place by the PCZBA.

Trustee O'Connor expressed concerns regarding coverage area and response times at the proposed new location.

Trustee Tinucci excused himself from the meeting at 8:10 PM due to a family matter.

**Trustee O'Reilly moved to approve an Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit for 5159/5161 Aptakisic Road (LGFPD Aptakisic Road Fire Station) with modifications to 3B and 3F as discussed; seconded by Trustee Kritzmire**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Aye: O'Reilly, Kritzmire, Jameel, Jacob**

**Nay: Borawski, O'Connor**

**Absent: Tinucci**

**Abstain:**

**Motion carried**

**Item #12. Village Engineer's Report (Presented by Geoff Perry)**

Village Engineer Perry provided the Village Engineer's Report. He provided the following updates:

- Construction on the Towner's Subdivision/Osage Rd Drainage project is scheduled to commence within a week, weather permitting.
- Repairs on the Robert Parker Coffin Bridge from recent accidents have been completed
- The 2023 road maintenance program asphalt removal work on Creekside will be finished by tomorrow. Work in the downtown area is scheduled to start the week of October 16, 2023. Trustee Kritzmire asked that additional signage be placed on Robert Parker Coffin Rd to indicate road closures during the project.

- *Speed table installation/signage has been completed for Checker Rd. Ela Township will be installing new speed limit signs. Village Engineer Perry will look for data regarding effects on cars that are speeding while driving over the speed tables.*
- *There was discussion regarding moving the Ruth Barn to the historical society property in a more efficient way as part of the Village Hall expansion project*
- *The Water Treatment Plant Distribution Pump #1 will need to be repaired in the near future at an estimated price range of \$3000-\$5000. Trustee O'Reilly asked that they not wait on replacement but purchase the pump prior to there being a crisis.*

**Item #13. Discussion and Consideration of extension of the lease agreement between the Village and Ela Soccer Club**

*Doug Anderson, Ela Soccer Club, was present and provided background on the clubs use and work they have put into the fields they currently lease from the Village. The Soccer Club is asking for a 12-year extension of their lease agreement for use of the park. The Soccer Club has spent approximately \$370,000 on the fields adding grass, maintaining the fields, adding gates and installing/maintaining the parking lot. With Menard's being unwilling to allow access to their water system (as per the agreement between Menards and the Village), the soccer club is also looking to install a well on the property for irrigation. Trustees asked if the fields could be used for other purposes for residents of Long Grove. Mr. Anderson indicated that other uses could be possible if they are managed to avoid any damage to the fields. He did indicate that the Soccer Club uses the fields every weekend and every night throughout the soccer season (Spring/Summer/Fall).*

*Trustee Jameel suggested that, prior to making an agreement with the Ela Soccer Club, the property be advertised (for 2 weeks) to see if any other clubs/organizations are interested in leasing the property.*

*There was further discussion regarding steps to have Menards allow the Soccer Club access to the water on the Menards property. The possibility of a 10-year lease with Ela Soccer Club including a mechanism for early termination and potential amortization payment toward any investment of installing a well was also discussed. Alternative uses of the park will continue to be explored.*

**Item #14. Village President and Trustee Reports**

- **President Jacob** – *Village President Jacob reported that there is an upcoming open lands celebration. Assistant Village Manager McCarthy will forward the invite to village residents.*
- **Trustee Borawski** – *no report*
- **Trustee Jameel** - *no report*
- **Trustee Kritzmire** – *no report*
- **Trustee O'Connor** – *no report*
- **Trustee O'Reilly** – *Trustee O'Reilly reported that she and Trustee Tinucci have met with the Historical Society regarding options for moving of Ruth Barn for the Village Hall expansion. The Historical Society will discuss this issue further at an upcoming meeting and feedback will be brought to the Village Board.*
- **Trustee Tinucci** – *no report*

**Item #15. Village Manager's Report (Art Osten)**

*Village Manager Osten asked that if anyone has questions/comments please email or call him.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*There was no Executive Session*

**ADJOURNMENT: Next Regular Village Board Meeting October 24, 2023**

**At 9:27PM Trustee O'Connor moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee O'Reilly**

**VOICE VOTE:**

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**