

Village of La Grange Park
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on June 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the La Grange Park Municipal Building.

Village President Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. President Discipio asked all in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked Deputy Village Clerk Bakalich to call the roll.

Board Members in attendance were **(unless otherwise noted)**:

Trustees:	Scott Mesick Michael Sheehan James Kucera (absent) Robert Lautner Jamie Zaura Amanda Seidel
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Village President:	James Discipio
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Also in Attendance were:

Village Manager:	Julia Cedillo
Assistant Village Manager:	Emily Rodman
Deputy Village Clerk:	Sandy Bakalich
Village Clerk:	Meghan Kooi
Village Attorney:	Cathy Keating
Village Engineer:	Paul Flood
Village Engineer:	Mark Voik
Public Works Director:	Rick Radde
Police Chief:	Tim Contols
Fire Chief/Building Director:	Dean Maggos
Finance Director:	Larry Noller

Deputy Village Clerk Bakalich informed President Discipio that a quorum was present.

Recognition of Graduating Youth Commissioner, Jack Tullis

President Discipio gave a brief history and description of what the Youth Commission does and invited Youth Commissioner, Jack Tullis up to the podium to be recognized for his years of service on the Youth Commission. President Discipio introduced Jack, mentioned his interests, hobbies, and his plans for the future. Assistant Village Manager, Emily Rodman also thanked Jack. She mentioned that he was an excellent contributor during his tenure and he will be missed. Youth Commissioner, Jack Tullis was then presented with a certificate from President Discipio.

Recognition of Amy Dawe-Watkins, La Grange Park Sustainability Commission Green Spotlight Household Award Recipient

President Discipio invited award recipient Amy Dawe-Watkins and La Grange Park Sustainability Chair, Krista Grimm to the podium to recognize Ms. Dawe-Watkins. Dr. Discipio mentioned that the award is given to a La Grange Park resident or organization that follows admirable

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sustainable practices. He then mentioned many of the various ways that Ms. Dawe-Watkins embraces sustainable living. Chair Krista Grimm and President Discipio presented Ms. Dawe-Watkins with a Green Spotlight Household outdoor sign to be displayed in her yard for the next four months as well as a certificate.

Public Participation (Agenda Related Items)

There were a number of participants interested in speaking during Public Participation. A two minute time frame was given to each speaker addressing the Board.

Mr. James Drury, Mr. Mark Washburn, Mr. John Nickels, Ms. Sue Jeffries, Ms. Gwen Piekarz, and Mr. Tim Vlcek addressed the Board on the matter of the keeping of chickens in La Grange Park. The concerns mentioned were health issues, including Histoplasmosis and Salmonella, concerns that chickens would attract predators such as coyotes, raccoons, and opossums. Additional concerns were the health and upkeep of the chickens themselves, the lot sizes and the possibility of property values decreasing.

Ms. Pam Podolner, Mr. Aaron Podolner, and Ms. Leah Lowery addressed the Board in support of the keeping of chickens. It was mentioned that several other nearby towns allow the keeping of chickens and have rules in place, that there has been support from nearby neighbors, and that predators are around regardless of the presence of chickens. They encouraged the Board to allow a trial of one or two families to keep chickens with a set of rules and regulations.

President Discipio reiterated that the Board has not made a decision yet, they have asked for more information and the Board is doing its due diligence. He asked that everyone be respectful of each other's opinions.

Consent Agenda

Deputy Clerk Bakalich said the following items were on the Consent Agenda for approval:

A. Approval of Minutes

- (i) Executive Session Meeting – May 14, 2019*
- (ii) Village Board Meeting – May 28, 2019*
- (iii) Executive Session Meeting – May 28, 2019*
- (iv) Work Session Meeting – June 11, 2019*
- (v) Executive Session Meeting – June 11, 2019*

B. Action – Zoning Application No. 2019-01, 340 N. Spring – Zoning Variations – Motion: To Approve An Ordinance Granting Certain Variations for 340 N. Spring (Public Hearing No. 2019-01)

C. Action - 2019 Alley and Beach Off Street Parking Engineering Agreements – Motion: To Approve and Authorize the Village Manager to Execute Agreements Between the Village of La Grange Park and Edwin Hancock Engineering for Engineering Services in an Amount Not to Exceed, as Follows: (1) \$33,400 for Design and Construction

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Engineering – 2019 Alley Reconstruction Project (2) \$5,300 for Design and Construction Engineering – 2019 Beach Off Street Parking Project

- D. Action – Motion to Authorize the President and Chairperson of the Finance Committee to sign the register for bills, and authorize the Treasurer and Village Clerk to sign checks in payment of operating bills and salaries as itemized in the Check Registers***
- E. Action – Motion to Authorize the Village Treasurer and Village Clerk to sign checks in the payment of payroll and other bills that become due between this date and July 23, 2019 with subsequent approval of the Payroll Register and Voucher Register by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting to be held on July 23, 2019***

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda as Presented was made by Trustee Mesick and seconded by Trustee Lautner and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Village Manager’s Report

Village Manager Cedillo had one item to report. She expressed thanks to all who were involved in the Village’s Water Works Open House held on Thursday, June 13th at Village Hall. Among the presentations there were educational displays, demonstrations, and a water taste test in which the Village’s water came out on top. She also thanked all of the residents who attended, Village Staff, and members of the Board who came to the event.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Seidel read the Administration Report. Her report included the sales of Village Vehicle Stickers, a reminder that the Village offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, and a Sprinkler Regulations Reminder. This concluded the Administration Committee report.

Trustee Seidel moved on to her next item and read the agenda memo titled Keeping of Chickens – Status Update. Staff will conduct additional research to be presented to the Board at the July 23, 2019 Village Board Meeting.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Jamie Zaura read the Building Department Activity Memo dated June 18, 2019 regarding Building Department Activities for May 2019. In summary, Building Permits issued in May increased compared to May of last year. Overall the permits issued YTD were down at 278 compared to 329 during the same period last year.

This concluded her report.

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

In Trustee Kucera's absence, Trustee Scott Mesick read the Summary Report for May 2019 which included information on the 2019 Street Paving Program, bids for the Raymond Avenue Water Main Replacement Project, The Harding Avenue/Sherwood Road Resurfacing Project, and the 2019 Sewer Cleaning & Televising Program.

This concluded his report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Lautner started with the Police Department Summary of Activities for May 2019. The report included a reminder to secure one's personal property at all times, and to lock your vehicles and residences.

Trustee Lautner moved on to the Fire Department Activities for May 2019.

This concluded his report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Michael Sheehan read the monthly report for May 2019 which included the summary of Public Works Operations, Mechanic Maintenance, and Water Department Operations.

This concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Scott Mesick read the Financial Update - As of May 31, 2019. The memo summarized the Village's General Fund financial performance through May 31, 2019 and noted that the Village has completed one month or 8% of fiscal year 2020, which begins May 1st and runs through April 30th, 2020.

This concluded his report.

OTHER REPORTS

VILLAGE CLERK

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Deputy Village Clerk Bakalich had nothing to report.

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VILLAGE TREASURER

B. MONTHLY REPORT

Finance Director Noller had nothing to report.

COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

C. MONTHLY REPORT

In Trustee Kucera's absence, Trustee Jamie Zaura read the Commercial Revitalization Report. The Report summarized activities at the 7-Eleven Strip Mall Center, parking lot and landscaping at Village Market, that staff will meet to discuss the north Beach Avenue parking lot, and that staff met with the owners of 1201 Barnsdale to discuss progress.

This concluded her report.

VILLAGE ENGINEER

D. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Engineer Paul Flood had nothing to report.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

E. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Attorney Cathy Keating had nothing to report.

COMMITTEE AND COLLECTORS REPORT

F. MONTHLY REPORT

There were no other reports; President Discipio said he would entertain a motion to approve the Committee and Collector reports as presented. *Trustee Mesick made the motion to approve the Committee and Collector reports as presented. Trustee Lautner seconded the motion. The motion to approve Committee and Collector's reports passed unanimously by voice vote.*

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Discipio thanked all involved in the planning and conducting of the Water Workshop Open House. He noted that it was a tremendous event and thanked all who attended.

President Discipio also commented on the Arbor Day Ceremony, and thanked all who assisted with the ceremony.

President Discipio moved on to the Agenda Item for discussion and action titled Appointment of Meghan Kooi to Village Clerk. *Trustee Lautner made a Motion: To Appoint Meghan Kool to Serve As Village Clerk for the Remaining Term that Expires 2021; the motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

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Deputy Village Clerk Bakalich conducted the swearing in of Meghan Kooi as Village Clerk.

Public Participation (Non-Agenda Related Items Only)

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to be brought before the Village Board Meeting, President Disciplo made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandy Bakalich
Deputy Village Clerk