

Village of La Grange Park  
Special Village Board Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes  
June 29, 2020

Approved 7/28/20

A Public Hearing Regarding the Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure Grant Application (Storm Sewer Separation Program) of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on June 29, 2020 during a Special Village Board Meeting via Teleconference due to COVID-19.

Village President Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. He asked all in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked Village Clerk Kooi to call the roll.

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

Trustees: Scott Mesick  
Michael Sheehan (absent)  
James Kucera  
Robert Lautner  
Jamie Zaura  
Amanda Seidel (absent)

Village President: James Discipio

Also in Attendance were:

Village Manager: Julia Cedillo  
Assistant Village Manager: Emily Rodman  
Village Clerk: Meghan Kooi  
Village Engineer: Mark Volk  
Village Attorney: Cathy Keating  
Public Works Director: Rick Radde  
Police Chief: Tim Contois

President Discipio incorporated the legal notice into the record and explained the procedure for the Public Hearing. He called the Public Meeting to Order at 7:33 p.m.

**Public Hearing Regarding Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure Grant Application (Storm Sewer Separation Program)**

Public Works Director Rick Radde summarized the Grant Application for Board Members and Residents. Public Works Director Radde explained that Storm Sewer Separation programs are intended to convey storm water in its own pipe network to a local waterway, in the Village of La Grange Park's case the Salt Creek River system. He stated that fully functional systems such as these provide multiple benefits including reducing storm water in the Village's combination system, providing relief from basement backups, reducing street flooding which is a cause of concern for the response of emergency operation vehicles, reducing overland flooding which is increasingly getting worse in the community, reducing street flooding which will then have less of a chance of damaging structures (i.e. homes, basements), and reducing vehicle damage that occurs due to flooding in street and driveways. Public Works Director Radde stated that if awarded the Grant the construction would have to begin within 24 months, with a one-time extension of up to 12 months. The submission deadline is June 30, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Village Staff received 49 letters of support from residents of the affected area as well as several letters from community organizations and local legislators. The Village is seeking a Grant in the dollar amount of \$4,896,506, and the Village match would be \$93,000. Village Engineer Mark Volk stated the Storm Sewer Separation Program will happen in several stages, and the Grant Application includes Phases One through Three of the Program.

**Village Board Questions and Comments**

Trustee Scott Mesick stated the Grant Application was a worthwhile program to pursue due the area being hit hard with flooding over a long period of time. Trustee Mesick asked where the \$93,000 would be coming from in the Village's budget. Finance Director Larry Noller stated that the \$93,000 would come from storm water fees that had been collected in the past and had been reserved for future storm water projects. All other Trustees were in support of the Program as well. President Discipio commended Village Staff on their hard work on the project and questioned if there was anything else the Village could do to receive additional funds. Village Manager Julia Cedillo stated their next step would be to have discussions with MWRD in regards to additional funding.

**Public Questions and Comments**

Two Village Residents who participated in the meeting provided comment. Duncan Dysart of Homestead Road noted that he appreciated the Village's effort with the application. Donna Draganatis of Barnsdale Road first thanked the Village and then commented that she welcomed the grant opportunity and is looking forward to something being done to address the issue.

President Discipio then closed the Public Hearing at 7:51 p.m.

**Public Participation (Agenda and Non-Agenda Related Items)**

There was none.

**Public Works Committee – Michael Sheehan, Chairman**

Trustee Scott Mesick read the Agenda Memo Item Rebuild Illinois – Resolution for Local Funding Central Area Storm Sewer Separation. *At the end of the discussion Trustee Mesick made a Motion: To Approve a Resolution for Committing Local Funds in the Amount of \$93,000 for the Submission of Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure Grant Application for Central Storm Water Separation Program. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

**Adjourn**

*Since there was no further business to be brought before the Village Board, Village President Discipio stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Trustee Mesick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Meghan M. Kooi  
Village Clerk