

Village of La Grange Park  
Village Work Session Minutes  
August 11, 2020

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A Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on August 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. via Teleconference due to COVID-19.

Village President Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. President Discipio stated for the record that the meeting was being held remotely due to COVID-19. President Discipio 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  
James Kucera  
Robert Lautner  
Jamie Zaura  
Amanda Seidel

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  
Fire Chief/Building Director: Dean Maggos (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)  
Finance Director: Larry Noller

Village Clerk Kooi informed President Discipio that a quorum was present.

**Presentation on SolSmart by La Grange Park Sustainability Commissioner, Jeff Nee**

La Grange Park Sustainability Commissioner Jeff Nee presented the Village Board with information on the proposal to pursue utilizing SolSmart in the community. SolSmart is a national designation program recognizing cities, counties, and regional organizations that foster the development of mature local solar markets. Commissioner Nee reviewed the different levels of designation a community can achieve as well as the SolSmart benefits. Public Works Director Rick Radde stated the Bronze designation by SolSmart could be achieved with minimal work, and it was something the Village should pursue. President Discipio thanked Commissioner Nee and the La Grange Park Sustainability Commission for all of their hard work on the matter.

**Public Participation**

Community member Karen Koncel who was attending the meeting via Teleconference commented that solar panels would be good for the community, and if the project was economically responsible for the residents it should be something they should be encouraged to participate in.

**Administration Committee**

Trustee Amanda Seidel read the Agenda Memo Item Intergovernmental Agreement for Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF). Trustee Seidel stated any additional funding the Village would be able to obtain would be good for the community. *At the*

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*end of the discussion there was a Consensus to place the Motion: To Approve A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Intergovernmental and Subrecipient Agreement for Coronavirus Relief Funds between County of Cook, Illinois and Village of La Grange Park (Subrecipient), Illinois on the August 25, 2020 Village Board Consent Agenda.*

### Finance Committee

Finance Director Larry Noller presented the Village Board with an update on the Budget Review. The Village's FY21 budget was nearly complete when the COVID-19 pandemic introduced enormous uncertainty into the process. The Village immediately re-examined its revenue forecasts and reduced several planned expenditures to accommodate an anticipated decline in resources. Due to the high degree of uncertainty at the time, it was decided that the Village Board would review the budget after three months to determine if further modifications were needed due to the pandemic. Finance Director Noller reviewed where the Village was currently at after 3 months into FY 2021 and 5+ months into the pandemic. He reviewed the General Fund and stated the current sales tax was stronger than ever in the Village and the water and sewer funds remained stable. Following the presentation, it was agreed by Village Board Members and Staff that the budget would be reviewed every 3 months and updates would be provided.

### Other Reports

President Discipio called upon Village Manager Julia Cedillo for a report. Village Manager had one item to report on. She updated the Village Board on the clean-up that was occurring throughout the community due to the severe thunderstorm La Grange Park experienced on August 10, 2020. She stated the Public Works Department were conducting a special brush pick-up starting on August 11, 2020 and going into the following week. Village Manger Cedillo stated there were roughly 250 homes without power and encouraged all community members to report any outages or downed wires to the Village.

Village President Discipio had one item to report on. He stated Village Manager Cedillo, Trustee Robert Lautner, and he would be meeting with the La Grange Park Ace Hardware Store owner Scott Grandchamp to discuss Mr. Grandchamp's concerns about accessory and temporary businesses coming into the community.

President Discipio called upon Village Clerk Meghan Kooi for a report. There was nothing to report.

### Sustainability Commission

Trustee Amanda Seidel read the Agenda Memo Item SolSmart Designation. *At the end of the discussion Trustee Seidel made a Motion: To Approve the Sustainability Commission's Pursuit of a SolSmart Designation for the Village of La Grange Park. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

### New Business

There was none.

### Adjourn

Since there was no further business to be brought before the Village Board, *President Discipio stated he would entertain a motion to move into Executive Session. Trustee Mesick made a Motion: To move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following: The selection of a person to fill a Village Commission/Committee according to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3). The motion was seconded by Trustee Seidel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan M. Kooi  
Village Clerk