

Village of La Grange Park
Village Work Session Minutes
September 8, 2020

A Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on September 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. via Teleconference due to COVID-19.

Village President Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:37 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
Finance Director: Larry Noller

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

Presentation of Police Pension Fund Actuarial Valuation Report “Joint Meeting between Village Board and Police Pension Board”

Jason Franken of Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants presented the Village Board with the Police Pension Fund Actuarial Valuation Report that was performed as of May 1, 2020. The report included information on the Tier 2 benefit changes that occurred as part of the pension consolidation by the state legislature, calculations resulting before and after assumption changes, various risks that could affect the plan, and the plan benefits as required by state law. All Village Board Trustees thanked Mr. Franken for the thoroughness of the report. Police Pension Board Member Fran Marrocco and Police Chief Tim Contois thanked the Village Board for their continued support.

Public Participation

Residents Andrianna and Michael Peterson of 16 W. Woodlawn were attending the meeting and respectfully requested approval of their zoning variation request that was on the meeting’s agenda.

Building & Zoning Committee

Trustee Jamie Zaura read the Agenda Memo Item 16 W. Woodlawn Zoning Variation Request. Trustee Zaura had reviewed the findings of fact and stated the residents were bettering the property by adding the front porch. Trustee Mesick agreed the variation request would improve the property and the look of the community. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Zaura made a Motion: To Approve an Ordinance Granting Certain Variations for 16 W. Woodlawn (Public Hearing No. 2020-01). The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

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Trustee Zaura read the Agenda Memo Item Temporary Use Permit – Four Leaf Clovers Garden Center Fall Garden Center & Pumpkin Patch. Trustee Zaura stated she was in favor of having Clovers back for the fall season. Trustee Mesick stated having Clovers at the site would make good use of the open property. Trustee Sheehan stated he was hoping to see the property developed permanently and not having continued temporary businesses in the space. Trustee Kucera was in favor of the temporary use as he believed it would bring in residents from neighboring communities to shop and dine in La Grange Park, and that the temporary use might also attract attention to the property and bring in a permanent business. Phillip's property owner Baxter Phillip attended the meeting and commented he had been happy with the response from the public over the summer to Clover's set-up and he believed having Clover's in the temporary space would enhance the community overall. The owner of Four Leaf Clovers, Jill Hennessy, also attended the meeting and commented that she had been met with overwhelming support from the community over the summer and she thanked the Village Board for their consideration of the temporary use permit request. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Zaura made a Motion: (1) To Approve a Temporary Use Permit for Four Leaf Clovers Garden Center to Allow for the Construction of a 400 Square Foot Tent to be Occupied on or After September 9, 2020 and to be Removed No Later Than November 5, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote. Trustee Zaura made a Motion: (2) To Approve a Temporary Use Permit for Four Leaf Clovers Garden Center To Allow for the Operation of a Temporary Retail Stand Approximately 2000 Square Feet in Size From September 9, 2020 through November 5, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Public Safety Committee

Police Chief Tim Contois presented the Village Board with information on the Ten Shared Principles. On March 22, 2018, the NAACP Illinois State Conference and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police agreed on the Ten Shared Principles that would assist in the endorsement of community policing, the development of ongoing relationships between law enforcement and communities of color to help eliminate racism, along with increasing the diversity within police stations and the utilization of de-escalation training for officers. Police Chief Contois stated he wanted to bring this to the attention of the Village President and Board of Trustees prior to the Police Department officially adopting the Ten Shared Principles. All Trustees were in favor of the Police Department officially adopting the Ten Shared Principles. They agreed it would promote more transparency and would benefit both the Police Department and Community to have them officially down on paper.

Trustee Robert Lautner read the Agenda Memo Item Vehicle Purchase – Fire Chief/Building Director. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Lautner made a Motion: To Purchase a New 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe Special Service Package Vehicle, for a Cost Not to Exceed \$43,000.00, from Currie Motors Chevrolet, in Forest Park, IL, Through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Contract #185. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Public Works Committee

Trustee Michael Sheehan read the Agenda Memo Item Change Order 31st Street Water Main Project – Stamped Concrete Walk Option. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Authorize Payment to A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. in the Amount of \$36,185.00 for Additional Stamped Concrete Sidewalk Installation on the South Side of 31st Street Between Homestead Road and Barnsdale Road. The motion was seconded by Trustee Seidel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Trustee Sheehan read the Agenda Memo Item Engineering Agreement – Park Avenue Water Main Design. Village Engineer Mark Volk commented that the water main was leaking and it was time to replace it. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Approve a Professional Engineering Agreement with Hancock Engineering for Design Engineering Services of Park Avenue Water Main in an Amount Not to Exceed \$74,008.00 and Authorize the Village Manager to Execute the Required Documents. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

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Finance Committee

Trustee Scott Mesick read the Agenda Memo Item Banking Services Renewal. Finance Director Larry Noller stated the Village had been happy with their partnership with Fifth Third Bank and were actively working to keep fees as low as possible while finding more ways to efficiently carry out banking activities. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Mesick made a Motion: To Approve A Treasury Management Agreement, Online Channel Access Agreement and Pricing Amendment with Fifth Third Bank and Authorize the Finance Director to Sign the Required Documents. The motion was seconded by Trustee Seidel and passed unanimously by roll call vote with Trustee Kucera recusing himself from the vote.*

Other Reports

Village Manager Julia Cedillo had two items to report on. She reminded Village Board Members and Staff that information had been sent out in regards to the funeral services for former Village Employee Dave Williams. Mr. Williams had served 27 years as a member of the La Grange Park Fire Department and served in the Public Works Department for 43 years. Village Manager Cedillo reminded those in attendance of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony that would be held at Strive for Fitness on September 18, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Village President Discipio had two items to report on. President Discipio read the Agenda Memo Item Reappointment to Youth Commission. Assistant Village Manager Emily Rodman commented that Mr. Reven and Mr. McAllister had been very involved in the Youth Commission over the years and were looking forward to continuing in their positions. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Mesick made a Motion: To Reappoint Julia Reven and Ryan McAllister to the Village of La Grange Park Youth Commission for Terms to Expire on September 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

President Discipio then read the Proclamation – Chamber of Commerce Week, Sept. 14-18, 2020.

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

Commercial and Revitalization Committee

Trustee James Kucera read the Agenda Memo Item Plaza 31 – TIF Funding for Site Preparation. Trustee Kucera commented that he was pleased with the businesses being brought into Plaza 31 and with the exterior improvements that had been completed by the owner. Trustee Kucera also thanked Assistant Village Manager Rodman for all of her hard work on the TIF Funding Project. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Kucera made a Motion: To Approve A Resolution of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, Approving Tax Increment Financing Funds for Site Preparation for 704-722 East 31st Street, La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote with Trustee Zaura recusing herself from the 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 purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, according to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). The motion was seconded by Trustee Seidel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan M. Kooi

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