

Village of La Grange Park
Village Work Session Minutes
March 11, 2014

A Work Session meeting of the Village Board of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was held in the Board Room of the La Grange Park Municipal Building on March 11, 2014.

Village President James Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He asked all in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked Village Clerk Seidel to call the roll.

Board Members in attendance were:

Trustees:

Scott Mesick
Patricia Rocco
Michael Sheehan
James Kucera (via teleconference)
Mario Fotino
Robert Lautner

Village President: James Discipio

Also in Attendance were:

Village Manager: Julia Cedillo
Assistant Village Manager: Emily Rodman
Village Attorney: Cathleen Keating
Village Clerk: Amanda Seidel
Village Engineer: Paul Flood
Fire Chief: Dean Maggos
Director of Public Works: Brendan McLaughlin
Finance Director: Pierre Garasche
Village Treasurer: Chad Chevalier

Clerk Seidel informed the President a quorum was present.

President Discipio introduced Laura McAllister the Representative of the Youth Commission.

President Discipio moved on to his next item remote participation via teleconference. Trustee Kucera was unable to make the evenings meeting since he was out of state on business. *Trustee Mesick made a motion to authorize Trustee Kucera's participation in the March 11, 2014 Village Work Session Meeting via teleconference. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Public Participation

President Discipio moved on to the first item on the Agenda which was Public Participation. There was none.

Administration Committee Items

Trustee Lautner summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of March 11, 2014 regarding proposal for Residential Waste Hauler Contract-Resident Feedback. Assistant Village Manager passed out an email response to a Trustee's inquiry regarding the potential for a 35 gallon tote, which she clarified Allied is not willing to revise their offer to include a 35 gallon refuse cart. Assistant Village Manager Rodman also passed out a packet of email feedback from residents which were received after the board packets were prepared. Discussion began with how the Village Correspondence seemed to be in favor of Option 1A (the current program). Trustee Lautner, Trustee Mesick, Trustee Sheehan, and Trustee Fotino explained their reasons for supporting option 1A due to resident choice and feedback. Trustee Rocco expressed her comments and concerns of totes vs. stickers and why she is leaning toward option 1A. Trustee Kucera explained his reason for being in favor of Option 2, an all tote system including; staff time, feedback which came from sticker users, odor, cleanliness and standard of living. At the end of discussion a Consensus was reached to place *a motion to prepare a new contract for Residential Collection and Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste between the Village and Allied Waste Services based on Option 1A as outlined in the February 11th and 25th Village Board Memoranda (status quo option) on the Agenda at the March 25th Village Board Meeting.* Ms. McAllister commented that the Youth Commission had 3 members for option 1A, 1 member in favor of 2A and 1 member abstaining from voting- not reaching a consensus.

Public Safety Committee Items

Trustee Fotino read the Village Board Agenda Memo of March 6, 2014 regarding Renewal of Paramedic/Firefighter Contract. Chief Maggos explained the background of the last 12 years with utilizing Public Safety Services, Inc. for contracting paramedic/firefighter personnel. Discussion began over public safety. Trustee Fotino and Trustee Sheehan commented how they would like to see an RFP due to the cost of this item and how the last RFP was done 12 years ago. Trustee Lautner commented how he would like to see a higher comfort zone that the Village is receiving a fair price for the contract to ensure the best competitive cost. Trustee Mesick, Trustee Kucera and Trustee Rocco commented on how they are in favor of approving the contract as is due to the safety of the village residents and the high quality of service received. Cost versus value was discussed. Discussion moved to the 2% increase. Attorney Keating clarified why she would not suggest a longer contract. Chief Maggos discussed the surrounding communities and some of the conversations he has had with communities. Chief Maggos also discussed the difficulty in comparing the cost which other communities pay and the services they receive. The Board discussed how they would like to see some comparison of surrounding communities as well as they would like to go back to the contractor for a possible negotiation of a lower rate. At the end of discussion there was consensus to place the *motion to approve the resolution to allow the Village Manager to execute a Certain Agreement with Public Safety Services, Inc. to provide Paramedic/Firefighter personnel from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2017, for an amount not to exceed \$1,551,984.00* on the Agenda at the March 25th Village Board Meeting for further discussion. Ms. McAllister commented that the Youth Commission was in Consensus.

Public Works Committee Items

Trustee Mesick read the Village Board Agenda Memo of 03/03/2014 regarding Street Segment Overlay-Variou Areas in the Village. At the end of discussion there was consensus to place the *motion to award a contract in the amount not to exceed \$75,000 for completion of asphalt overlay patching to be performed in the Village of La Grange Park on the Consent Agenda at the March 25th Village Board Meeting.* Ms. McAllister commented that the Youth Commission was in Consensus.

Finance Committee Items

Trustee Rocco read the Village Board Agenda Memo of March 5, 2014 regarding Water Rate Increase. Discussion began over how this is a pass through increase. The Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission approved a 12.3% increase in the rate they charge effective 1/1/14. BNRWC took this action in response to a 15% increase from their supplier, the City of Chicago. Attorney Keating clarified the language in the ordinance and said she would look into the term "every person" in Section 51.43 Rates Established. At the end of discussion there was consensus to place the *motion to approve an ordinance amending chapter 51, section 51.43 of the Village of LaGrange Park Municipal Code Establishing Water Rates* on the Consent Agenda at the March 25th Village Board Meeting. Ms. McAllister commented that the Youth Commission had 3 members in favor and 2 members against not reaching a consensus.

Trustee Rocco moved on to the next item regarding reading the Memo of March 6, 2014 regarding Five Year Plan Update-FY 2014/15- FY 2018/19. Trustee Rocco summarized the Finance Committee Meeting stating the Committee was in consensus with the Budget and 5-year plan as drafted with the change of changing the Edgewood Water Main to the LaGrange Road Water Main (2 blocks north of 31st Street). Trustee Rocco discussed the questions and discussion of the Finance Committee. There was no further discussion on the 5-year plan at this time.

Trustee Rocco moved on to her next item discussion of the FY14/15 Budget by summarizing the Village Memo. The Budget Hearing will occur April 8, 2014 at 7:15 before the Work Session with Budget discussions to occur at the April 8th Work Session. Action to Adopt FY 14-15 Budget & Fiscal Years 2015-2019 Five Year Plan will occur at the April 22, 2014 Village Board Meeting. All questions were clarified by Village Manager Cedillo and Finance Director Garasche.

Other Reports

President Discipio called upon Village Manager Julia Cedillo for a report. Village Manager Cedillo had no report.

He then called upon Village Clerk Seidel for a report. Clerk Seidel reminded everyone of the upcoming Election Day on March 18th.

The next report was from President Discipio. President Discipio began by mentioning the Springfield Drive Down on March 26th, he moved on to commending the Board on doing their due diligence on Village issues such as the waste contract.

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New Business

There was none.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to be brought before the Village Work Session, President Discipio said he would entertain a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. *Trustee Mesick made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body according to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Trustee Sheehan seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn into executive session passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk