

Village of La Grange Park  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
April 28, 2015

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on April 28, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the La Grange Park Municipal Building.

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. After the Pledge, he asked Village Clerk Seidel to call the roll.

Board Members in attendance were:

Trustees:

Scott Mesick  
Patricia Rocco  
Michael Sheehan  
James Kucera  
Jamie Zaura

Village President: James Discipio

Board Members absent were:

Trustees:

Robert Lautner

Also in Attendance were:

Village Manager: Julia Cedillo  
Assistant Village Manager: Emily Rodman  
Village Clerk: Amanda Seidel  
Village Attorney: Cathleen Keating  
Village Engineer: Paul Flood  
Police Chief: Ed Rompa  
Fire Chief: Dean Maggos  
Public Works Director: Brendan McLaughlin  
Finance Director: Larry Noller

President Discipio moved on to the first item, a presentation by Chris Ganschow of Cagwood Consulting. Chris Ganschow summarized his report to the Village Board discussing; LGDF, Federal issues, Local issues, Grants, and Looking Forward at the State Budget and a Capitol Bill.

President Discipio mentioned the effect on residents if the LGDF was cut as well as the importance of the Drive Down to Springfield that will be occurring on Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Public Participation

President Discipio moved on to Public Participation. There was none.

Consent Agenda

Village Clerk Seidel said the following items were on the Consent Agenda for approval:

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- A. Approval of Minutes  
(i) Village Board Meeting- March 24, 2015  
(ii) Work Session Meeting- April 14, 2015  
(iii) Village Board Executive Session- April 14, 2015
- B. Action- Professional Service Contract- Cagwood Consulting *Motion: Move to Authorize the Village Manager to Execute a One-Year Contract for Services with Cagwood Consulting.*
- C. Action- Village Board E-mail Policy *Motion to approve the policy, "Electronic Mail Communications To and From Elected Officials".*
- D. Action- Zoning Application No. 2015-01: 901 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street Cook County Highway Facility Variation *Motion to approve an Ordinance Granting Certain Variations for 901 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street (Public Hearing No. 2015-01).*
- E. Action- Street Pavement Mill and Overlay-Cleveland Avenue (26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>) *Motion Award a Contract to the Lowest Bidder, GA Paving LLC in the Amount of \$236,961.20.*
- F. Action- Resolution Approving 2015-2016 Pay Plan- *Motion to approve a Resolution Approving Pay Plan and Schedule of Authorized Positions for FY2015-2016.*
- G. Action- Village Pension Funding Policy *Motion to approve the Working Group's Recommended Pension Funding Policy at the April 28, 2015 Village Board Meeting.*
- H. 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
- F. 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 May 26, 2015 subsequent approval of the Payroll Register and Voucher Register by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting to be held on May 26, 2015.

After Clerk Seidel finished reading the Consent Agenda President Discipio asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read. *The motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read was made by Trustee Mesick and seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Julia Cedillo mentioned the Fire Hose that was approved by the Board for purchase will not be delivered this fiscal year and a budget amendment will be needed. She moved on to mention the Police Pension Board approved the Pension Funding Policy.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Mike Sheehan read the Administration Report. He started with the Arbor Day Celebration. He moved on New Water Rate Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. He moved on to the Village is accepting applications for Youth Commission.

This concluded the Administration Committee report.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

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Trustee Michael Sheehan said there were 70 building permits were issued in March, compared to 57 in March 2014. He said estimated Construction Costs were nearly double than March last year, while Permit Fees Collected was more than double compared to last year. He said there were 104 inspections conducted during this past March, compared to 110 in March of 2014, he said of the inspections, 5 were not approved. He said during the month, our inspector and Village Staff met with staff from St.Louise to discuss plans for Summerfest. He said staff met with the Executive Director of the Park District to discuss planning for improvements to Memorial Park. He said Inspector Rob Wierzba attended the Suburban Building Officials Conference Annual Spring Training Institute.

This concluded his report.

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE  
A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Jim Kucera said on March 3<sup>rd</sup> sealed bids were received by the Village for the 2015 Sewer Repair Program, the Village authorized a contract for this work with the lowest responsible bidder, Suburban General Construction, Inc. He moved on to the Kemman Avenue Resurfacing Project (from 31<sup>st</sup> Street to 26<sup>th</sup> Street) appeared on IDOT. The apparent low bidder was Johnson Paving in the amount of \$461,432 which is approximately \$50,000 below the original estimate for this work. He moved on to project plans and specifications have been completed for the repaving of Cleveland Avenue from 30<sup>th</sup> Street to 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

This concluded his report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Patricia Rocco started with the Police Department Summary for March. She said total crimes reported for the first three months are similar to last year, with 41 thus far in 2015, compared to 40 in 2014. She said overall police activity is lower with 1400 incidents handled by the police department this year, compared to 1682 during the first three months of 2014. She said LaGrange Park Police Department leads the way with almost 100% efficiency of lesson completion by each police officer for the year of 2015; this is in reference to the computer-based Police Law Institute Monthly Legal Update/Review. She said the first “Coffee with the Chief” was held on Thursday, April 23.

President Discipio mentioned that LaGrange Park achieved the rank of #7 in the small city category and #8 overall as “Safest Places in Illinois” at [www.valuepenguin.com/2015-safest-cities-illinois](http://www.valuepenguin.com/2015-safest-cities-illinois).

That concluded the Police Department report.

Trustee Rocco moved on to the Fire Department Report. She said there were 136 EMS responses this month. There were 32 fire/rescue incidents this month. She said on March 29<sup>th</sup>, firefighter conducted live fire training at the Park Districts shelter house in Memorial Park, which was scheduled for demolition. She said EMS staff, led by Contract Coordinator Shelly Carbone, worked with the Police Department to update medical equipment carried in the Police vehicles. She said during the moth contract firefighter/paramedic Niko Elfter left contract employment with PSSI at our Village as he

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was hired as full-time by another municipality. She said Fire Prevention staff witnessed hydrostatic pressure testing of fire sprinkler systems being installed in three new homes in the Village.

This concluded her report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Scott Mesick read the monthly report.

He read the March summary of Public Works Operations. He moved on to Mechanic Maintenance; he said various repairs and preventative maintenance were performed on Public Works Vehicle & Equipment Units, Police Vehicles and Fire Vehicle and Equipment. He moved on to Water Department Operations; He said the Village purchased 40,410,000 gallons of water from the Brookfield/North Riverside Water Commission. 1,336 water meters were read in section #3. 50 monthly accounts and 19 final meter readings were taken. He said various inspections, appointments, and service calls were also performed. 15 water samples were taken and all samples successfully passed IEPA standards. 69 utility locations were identified prior to excavations. 3 water mains repaired and 1 service line; 2 B-box repairs were made.

This concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Patricia Rocco read the Financial Summary. She said fiscal year to date General Fund revenues are at 96% of the annual budget. She said sales tax revenue continues on a positive trend and is up 9% from last year. She said permit revenue is up about 19% from last year. She said intergovernmental revenue is about 2% greater than last year. She said fine revenue is about 13% lower than the prior year, but still near budget expectations. She said Police Department expenditures are greater than last year due to a timing difference of the pension contribution. She said total General Fund expenditures are within expectations at 89% of the annual budget. She said based on current projections, the General Fund is expected to end Fiscal Year 2015 in a healthier position than budgeted.

Trustee Rocco moved on to her next item by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regarding Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Amendment. At the end of discussion there was a *motion by Trustee Rocco to approve a Resolution Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 for the Village of La Grange Park. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Trustee Rocco moved on to her next item by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo of April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regarding Draft FY 2015-2016 Budget and Five Year Plan. At the end of discussion there was a *motion by Trustee Rocco to approve a Resolution Approving FY 2015-2016 Operating Budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote. There was a motion by Trustee Rocco to approve the addition of a new Table VI, Position Cost Allocation by Fund Table. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

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*There was a motion by Trustee Rocco to approve the Five Year Plan FY 2015/16-2019/20. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Trustee Rocco moved on to her next item by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo of March 31st, 2015 regarding Village Sewer Rate. Attorney Keating clarified the ordinance. Village Manager Cedillo clarified the sewer fund versus the general fund. President Discipio mentioned his and Village Managers Cedillos attendance to the last Water Reclamation Meeting and his support for this item. The Board discussed how this is a great program but bad timing due to the unknowns in Springfield. Trustee Kucera expressed his support for the increase but concern for the proposed use of funds at this time. Trustee Mesick expressed his support for the increase but concern that this would not benefit the entire community. At the end of discussion there was a *motion by Trustee Rocco to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 50, Section 50.61 of the Village of LaGrange Park Municipal Code Establishing Wastewater Service Charges. Mesick-NO Rocco-YES Sheehan-YES Kucera-NO Zaura-YES . The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed 3-2 by roll call vote.*

This concluded her report.

OTHER REPORTS

VILLAGE CLERK

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Clerk Seidel said she had nothing to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER

A. MONTHLY REPORT

There was no report.

VILLAGE ENGINEER

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Engineer Paul Flood said he had nothing to report.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Attorney Cathleen Keating said she had nothing to report.

COMMITTEE AND COLLECTORS REPORT

A. 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 Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion to approve Committee and Collector's reports passed unanimously by voice vote.*

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Discipio began by summarizing the Village Board Agenda Memo of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 regarding Appointment of Standing Committees & Chairs. The Village Board was had no issues with the committee appointments. President Discipio moved on to his next item by reading the Proclamation proclaiming May 2015 Building Safety Month. President Discipio moved on to his next item by reading the Proclamation proclaiming “National Emergency Medical Services Week” May 12-23, 2015. President Discipio moved on to his next item by reading the Proclamation proclaiming May 2015 to be Motorcycle Awareness Month. President Discipio moved on to his next item by reading the Proclamation proclaiming May 16-22, 2015 National Safe Boating Week.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to be brought before the Village Board Meeting, President Discipio said he would entertain a motion to adjourn. *Trustee Mesick made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2). Trustee Sheehan seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn into Executive Session passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda G. Seidel  
Village Clerk