

Village of La Grange Park
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on May 27, 2014 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. President Discipio began with 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
Mario Fotino
Robert Lautner

Village President: James Discipio

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
Public Works Director: Brendan McLaughlin
Fire Chief: Dean Maggos
Police Chief: Dan McCollum
Village Treasurer: Chad Chevalier
Finance Director: Larry Noller

President Discipio began with the presentation recognizing employees with Milestone Anniversaries. Village Manager Cedillo presented a certificate to the following employees who were in attendance: Jackie Vieceli, Scott Hulten, Michael Murray, Michael Peterson, William Drake, and Scott Habenicht. Louis DeJesus, Patrick Hurley, Joseph Michalski, Jeff Rosicky, Chris Psenicka, Rick Ronovsky were mentioned but not in attendance. A cake and coffee reception was held prior to the evenings meeting.

President Discipio moved on to an Eagle Scout Recognition. President Discipio introduced John C. Maggos, described his Eagle Scout Project, and presented him with a certificate. John Maggos introduced his family and thanked the Board.

Public Participation

President Discipio moved on to Public Participation. President Discipio made an opening statement in regards to Brainard Ave. He summarized the background, process and thanked the residents involved with the Brainard Ave. issue.

The following residents expressed their opposition to the Village accepting STP funds for Brainard Ave. Chris Kahler of 528 N. Brainard commented on the positive feedback received from the CAG report as well as clarifying comments that were made. Leslie Ritter Jenkins of 700 N. Brainard expressed how she concurs with the CAG and mentioned why Brainard should be a local street. Joe Bruzzo of 546 N. Brainard was part of the CAG and expressed his concerns. Tracey Connelly of 721 N. Brainard compared Brainard to 95th Street. Tim Ogden of 640 N. Brainard read a letter from Fred Weiss of 627 N. Brainard and why Brainard should be declared a local street for safety of school buses, pedestrians, etc. Matt Denton of Park and Harding expressed concern about increasing cut through traffic. Rick Lazarski of 538 N. Brainard clarified comments on the Website as well as mentioning the Comprehensive Plan. Carl Schultz of 921 N. Brainard commented on safety. Christina Simpson of 528 N. Brainard commented on how increasing traffic will cost more to the Village. Scott Nelson of 603 Stone commented on how pedestrian based the road is. John Hoytek of 324 N. Brainard commented on safety as well as economic with effect of property values. Annette Henry of 800 N. Brainard commented on why Edgewood should be a collector and Brainard should not. Dan Flynn of 509 N. Brainard commented on looking for alternatives. Ann Rodgers of 630 N. Brainard commented on safety, integrity of the street. Mr. Carl Schultz of 921 N. Brainard commented on generating revenue from the speeders on Brainard Ave.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - (i) Village Board Meeting- April 22, 2014
 - (ii) Executive Session Meeting- April 22, 2014
 - (iii) Work Session Meeting- May 13, 2014
 - (iv) Executive Session Meeting- May 13, 2014
- B. Action- 2014 Construction Projects-Hancock Engineering: *Motion authorizing Village President to Execute Professional Engineering Agreements in Support of the 2014 Construction Projects, to include:*
 - i. Engineering Agreement for Beach Avenue Resurfacing Project-Final Phase
 - ii. Engineering Agreement for Ogden Avenue 10ö Water Main Installation (between Edgewood & Park).
 - iii. Engineering Agreement for Water Main Installation on LaGrange Road (31st to 29th)
 - iv. Engineering Agreement for Edgewood Repaving Project
- C. Action-2014 Beach Paving- Final Phase: *Motion Approving a “Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code “for the Expenditure of \$150,000 in MFT Funds.*

- D. Action- 2014 Beach Avenue Project (Final Phase: 26th to 29th)-Acceptance of Bid: *Motion accepting the bid proposal from ALamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$261,896 and authorize the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents*
- E. *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 June 24, 2014 subsequent approval of the Payroll Register and Voucher Register by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting to be held on June 24, 2014.*

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 Lautner and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Julia Cedillo had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Scott Mesick read the monthly report for April. He read the 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 42,500,000 gallons of water were purchased from the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission. 1,309 water meters were read in section #1. 50 monthly accounts and 10 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. 81 utility locations were identified prior to excavations. 3 water main repaired and 2 service line repairs.

Trustee Mesick moved on to the next item by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo of May 22, 2014 regarding Brainard Avenue Project. Discussion began with Trustee Mesick discussing safety and possible traffic calming devices, he mentioned how this would be a 23% of the capital projects Budget. Trustee Mesick commented how he would like to hear more studies on both sides of the issue. Trustee Kucera commented on the research he has been doing and different studies he has read as well bicycle, kid and school safety. Trustee Fotino explained due to safety he is leaning towards not accepting the STP funds and the Village should look at ways to discourage traffic. Trustee Lautner discussed traffic and safety study and how he is looking for additional feedback and listening to all feedback. Trustee Lautner asked about parking and safety. Trustee Sheehan explained his reasons for not being in favor of accepting the STP funds due to safety and anything that can upset the character of the Village. Trustee Rocco asked about

timing, a possible bike path, and an opportunity for a traffic study. Village Manager Cedillo and Engineer Flood clarified the timing and process of the issue. Trustee Rocco defined how she sees Brainard as a collector street, discussed safety and why she is in favor of not accepting STP funds. At the end of discussion President Discipio clarified a few comments and thanked the Committee and Trustees on this issue.

This concluded his report.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Robert Lautner read the Administration Report. He started with there is No Further Mulch Delivery for 2014. He moved on to Bike Fest to be held June 7th. He moved on to Arbor Day 2014 ceremony was held on May 16th at the La Grange Park Library. He ended with the Youth Commission is accepting applications.

This concluded the Administration Committee report.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Michael Sheehan said there were 91 building permits were issued in April, compared to 93 in April 2013. He said estimated Construction Costs for the month were slightly lower than compared to April of 2013, while Permit Fees collected were slightly higher. He said there were 145 inspections conducted during this past April, compared to 97 conducted in April of 2013. Of such, 22 were not approved. He said the first Certificate of Occupancy for a new home in the Heatherdale Subdivision was issued during the month, for the home at 1642 Finsbury. He said during the month, plans were submitted for a number of new commercial projects. Jewel-Osco has begun a partial interior remodeling project, The Grove will be renovating their main floor and entry, and office and dock changes are taking place at the multi-tenant building at 825 E. 26th St. He said during the month, Allison's Chorley's office, most building Department files, and a significant portion of Building Department operations, have been relocated to the lower level of Village Hall.

This concluded his report.

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Jim Kucera began with the April report and said bids were received on April 15th for the Edgewood Avenue Resurfacing project. A contract has been awarded to the low, responsible bidder Central Blacktop. He said work on 2014 Pavement Patching Program, Contract 1 was completed on various streets throughout the Village. Brothers Asphalt was able to complete this project in two working days with only minimal disruption to residents. He said on April 15th bids were opened for the 2014 Pavement Patching Program, Contract 2. A contract was awarded to

the low responsible bidder, Schroeder Asphalt Services. He said final engineering plans and bidding documents for the resurfacing of Beach Avenue have been approved by IDOT.

This concluded his report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Mario Fotino started with the Police Department Summary. He said in the month of April, total crimes reported for the first quarter remain lower than last year, to date; all crimes are down approximately 27% when compared to 2013. He said overall police activity is nearly identical to last year, with 2,217 incidents this year, compared to 2,244 in 2013. He said the Police Department assisted in Drug Take Back Day on Saturday April 26th.

That concluded the Police Department report.

Trustee Fotino moved on to the Fire Department Report. He said there were 106 EMS responses this month, compared to 494 YTD. There were 21 fire/rescue incidents this month, and 208 YTD. He said during the month, final occupancy inspections were conducted by Fire Prevention Staff for homes located at 1650 Finsbury, 21 Brewster, and 630 N. Kensington. A final fire alarm test was conducted at the home at 1 Stonegate. Fire sprinkler inspections were also conducted for the home at 1634 Finsbury, and for the Fruitful Yield Space at 425 N. LaGrange Rd. He said a public education first-aid event was conducted for a group of girl scouts during the month. He said our personnel worked on renovations at Fire Station 2, including renovating the main restroom. He said personnel attended two separate safety presentations by IRMA regarding compliance with laws and best practices for lock-out/tag-out operations. He said personnel attend the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis.

This concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Patricia Rocco read the Fiscal Year 2014 Financial Update-as of April 30, 2014. She said the fiscal year to date General Fund revenues are at 106% of our total annual budget for fiscal year 2014 and are \$517,790 above last year's total revenues. She said fiscal year to date General Fund expenditures are at 92% of our fiscal year 2014 budget and \$45,034 above last year's total expenditures. She said general fund revenues currently exceed expenditures by \$802,828. While the amount will decrease as accrued expenses are processed, the General Fund will close fiscal year 2014 with a significant surplus rather than the \$320,000 budgeted deficit. She moved on to the General Fund Revenues including local tax, licenses, permits, fines, intergovernmental, charges for services, misc. revenue. She moved on to General Fund Expenditures.

Trustee Rocco moved on by summarizing the Village Board Agenda Memo of May 5, 2014 regarding Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation for Bond Payments. *Trustee Rocco made a motion to approve Obligation Retirement Resolution appropriating \$217,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for*

the purpose of paying bond principal and interest for Series 2004 General Obligation Bonds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Trustee Rocco moved on by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo of May 6, 2014 regarding Village Manager Purchasing Authority. *Trustee Rocco made a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 31, Section 31.031 of the Village of LaGrange Park Village Code-Powers and Duties of Village Manager. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fotino and passed unanimously 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

Village Treasurer Chad Chevalier presented the Treasurer's Report. He began with a Police Pension Update. He moved on to primary topics of discussion for the Board and key pension fund statistics. He ended his report by summarizing asset growth and portfolio returns and asset distribution.

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 Sheehan made the motion to approve the Committee and Collector reports as presented. Trustee Mesick 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 May 22, 2014 regarding Commission Appointments-2014. *Trustee Mesick made the motion to approve committee and commission appointments and reappointments as follows: reappoint William Lampert to ZBA until 5/1/19, reappoint Phyllis Anderson-Meyer to Plan Commission until 5/1/19, reappoint Steve May, Paul Graham, James Sequin, Brian Lisek, Keith Krysa, Eric Johnson, and David Bryant to Traffic Safety and engineering until 5/1/16, appoint LaVelle Topps to the Board of Police Commissioners until 5/1/17, reappoint Mike Sabella to the Police Pension Board until 5/1/16, reappoint Paul Kurtzner to the ETS Board until 5/1/15, and reappoint Treasurer Chad Chevalier until May 2015. Trustee Lautner seconded the motion. The motion to approve Committee and Commission appointments and reappointments passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike McInerney of 537 N. Brainard invited the Board to the Brainard Ave. Block Party to be held on Saturday. Patricia Hooth of 822 N. Spring commented on Brainard Ave. and how there are residents who are silent because they are still getting all the information before they form an opinion on the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

President Discipio mentioned the recent passing of William Kurtz who served as a Village Trustee as well as on the Plan Commission for the Village.

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 the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the e public body according to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). . Trustee Fotino seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously by voice vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk