

Village of La Grange Park  
**Village Work Session Minutes**  
June 10, 2014

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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 June 10, 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  
Mario Fotino  
Robert Lautner

Village President: James Discipio

Also in Attendance were:

Village Manager: Julia Cedillo  
Assistant Village Manager: Emily Rodman  
Village Attorney: Cathy Keating  
Village Clerk: Amanda Seidel  
Village Engineer: Paul Flood  
Fire Chief: Dean Maggos  
Police Chief: Dan McCollum  
Director of Public Works: Brendan McLaughlin  
Finance Director: Larry Noller  
Village Treasurer: Chad Chevalier  
Youth Commissioner: Nick Fuentes

Clerk Seidel informed the President a quorum was present.

**Public Participation**

President Discipio moved on to the first item on the Agenda which was Public Participation. The following were in regards to Public Works Committee Item 8D regarding Brainard Avenue. Gary Metz of 808 Sherwood commented on congestion at Ogden and LaGrange and why the Village should not accept the STP funds. Christina Simpson of 528 Brainard commented on safety and how two sided parking is traffic calming and why the Board should vote no. Jim Potsch of 912 Brainard expressed how he is against anything that could increase traffic. Tracey Connelly of 721 Brainard commented on how police have been ticketing speeders on Brainard and why the Board should vote no. Josh Samos of 642 Kensington expressed concern over the neighborhood becoming a thoroughfare and the Board should vote no. Leslie Ritter Jenkins of 700 Brainard commented on safety and character of the neighborhood and why the Board should vote no. Gene Noches of 521 Brainard commented that he

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has not heard from residents in support and why the Board should vote no. Pat Sergio of 607 N. Edgewood commented on speeders on Edgewood and the issues they have faced and why the Board should vote no. Barb Noches of 521 Brainard commented on if property value decreases it will affect property taxes to the village and why the Board should vote no. Phil Rosemeyer of 446 Walden commented on the reasons why the Village should accept the STP funds. Matt McGuin of 50 Stonegate explained his reasons why the Village should accept the STP funding including economic solvency. Tom Courtney of 733 N. Spring discussed deer safety, the bike path entrance, and bike safety and why the Board should vote no. Steve Perez of 512 Brainard commented on how one sided parking will have a negative impact and the Board should vote no. Virginia Perez of 512 Brainard commented on accepting the funds could keep traffic from LaGrange Park businesses and the Board should vote no. Tom Henry of 800 Brainard expressed why the Village should not accept state funds. Dawn Rosemeyer of 446 Malden explained her reasons why the village should accept the funding and how the money can help improve the streets and how other villages are one sided parking. Keith Meyer of 741 N. Woodlawn explained why the Village should vote no due to effect on property values. Ian Hanson of 824 N. Kensington and representing TJ O'Sullivan of 829 N. Kensington quoted a traffic study and expressed how the Village should continue to look for alternatives. Joe Vital of 819 N. Spring expressed why the Board should vote no due to keeping integrity of the neighborhood and safety of children. Jay Olson of 506 N. Brainard discussed the grid and how all streets will share an increase of traffic flow and the Board should vote no. Marshal Seeder of 610 N. Spring explained why the Board should vote yes and do what's in the best interest of the entire Village, he commented on how there are things that can be done to address residents' concerns and how the Board should look at evidence not speculation. Fred Weiss of 627 N. Brainard discussed why the board should vote no including lawn care, school busses, vehicles backing out of the driveway and the handicapped. Peter Walsh of 340 N. Malden commented that Harding Woods should stay safe and desirable. Carol Rocco of 27 N. Pine explained although she is sympathetic why the Village should accept the funding and accepting the money can benefit all residents. Tom Forest of 614 N. Brainard commented why the Board should vote no due to Brainard being a true residential street. Karen Koncel of 713 Beach Ave explained why the Board should vote yes since they have a fiduciary responsibility to the village and entire community. Charles Bruick of 510 Brainard discussed the Board decision from 2004 and why the Board should vote no. Dan Flynn of 509 Brainard explained the Board should vote no because they will lose tax money if property values decline. Rich Lazarski of 538 Brainard discussed his research and the ITE study and why the Board should vote no. Joe Bruzzo of 546 Brainard expressed the Board should weigh potential pitfalls and vote no. There were no further residents who wished to address the Board.

President Discipio reminded residents that there will be a reception in honor of Chief McCollum at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting.

### **Public Works Committee Items**

Trustee Mesick summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of 06/05/2014 regarding Brainard Avenue Project-Application for STP Grant. The Board had received packets of resident feedback including letters and emails from residents on the Brainard issue. Discussion began with Trustee Mesick discussing reclassifying Brainard to a local street and discussed in regards to its function and the comp plan and why Brainard is a collector street. He moved on to discuss education, enforcement and engineering. He discussed safety and traffic calming devices and problems. He mentioned and

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clarified previous comments made by the CAG. Trustee Rocco discussed what is in the best interest of the Village and discussed a possible traffic study and why she is not in favor of taking the STP funds. Trustee Lautner discussed safety, the character of Harding Woods and property value. He discussed the facts, the need for Brainard to be redone, traffic control measures and how the benefits outweigh which is why he is in support of taking the STP funds. Trustee Kucera clarified his post statement about cost per person. He discussed all the research he had done and discussed traffic measures including enforcement, speed limit and stop signs. He discussed how he is undecided and how he is looking for facts if traffic and speed will increase. He discussed research, resources, and resident comments. Trustee Sheehan discussed how his #1 concern is safety and the effect on the Village if we have to put more police enforcement on Brainard and why he will vote no. Trustee Fotino discussed his concern of safety and why he is not in support due to unknowns and how one sided parking will increase traffic. Nick Fuentes commented that the Youth Commission was for the Village accepting STP funds, financial responsibility, he discussed the Public Works Mission Statement as well as mobility and land access. Trustee Mesick thanked the Youth Commissioners. *Trustee Rocco made a motion to table the motion. The motion to table was seconded by Trustee Mesick. Mesick-NO Rocco-YES Sheehan-NO Kucera-NO Fotino-NO Lautner-NO. The motion to table failed 5 to 1. At the end of discussion Trustee Mesick made a motion to approve the submittal of an application for Surface Transportation Program grants funds for the Brainard Avenue Pavement Project. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner. Mesick-NO Rocco-NO Sheehan-NO Kucera-YES Fotino-NO Lautner-YES. Motion failed 4 to 2.*

Trustee Mesick summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of 05/28/2014 regarding 2014 Concrete Restoration Program. *At the end of discussion there was a motion by Trustee Mesick to award a contract to Schroeder & Schroeder in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 for completion of sidewalk removal and restoration and other concrete work to be performed in the Village of LaGrange Park. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.* Nick Fuentes commented that the Youth Commission was in Consensus.

Trustee Mesick summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of 05/30/2014 regarding School District 102-Fiber Optics Installation between Ogden & Park Schools (Utility Easement Agreement). Trustee Rocco had questions and concerns over the contract as well as questions on the easement agreements. Attorney Keating clarified the contract. Public Works Director McLaughlin and Engineer Flood answered questions of the Board. *At the end of discussion there was a motion by Trustee Mesick approving execution of the utility easement agreement between the Village of LaGrange Park and School district 102 by the Village Manager. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fotino. Trustee Rocco made an amended motion: Motion approving execution of the Utility Easement Agreement between the Village of LaGrange Park and School District 102 by the Village Manager, subject to an Indemnification clause is included in the Easement Agreement between LaGrange and LaGrange Park, otherwise to be brought back to the Village Board for approval.. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner and the amended motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.* Nick Fuentes commented that the Youth Commission was in Consensus.

Trustee Mesick summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of 06/03/2014 regarding Award of Bid-Ogden Avenue Water main Improvements (Park to Edgewood). Attorney Keating clarified the easement agreement. Public Works Director McLaughlin clarified how this will not affect the budget. *At the end of discussion there was a motion by Trustee Mesick accepting the lowest bid from Suburban*

*General Construction in the amount of \$393,840.00, and authorize the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote. Nick Fuentes commented that the Youth Commission was in Consensus.*

### **Administration Committee Items**

Trustee Lautner summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of 06/10/2014 regarding Electrical Power Aggregation Renewal. Sharon Durling of NIMEC was present to answer any questions of the board. She mentioned why Brookfield and LaGrange opted out of the program and discussed the options, flexibility and customer choice. Discussion began over the contract and communication to residents. Trustee Rocco mentioned that the date in the Ordinance needs to be changed to 6/10/2014. At the end of discussion *Trustee Lautner made a motion to Approve Ordinance 989 Authorizing Renewal of Aggregation Program for Electrical Load. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote. Nick Fuentes commented that the Youth Commission was in Consensus.*

Trustee Lautner moved on to his next item by summarizing the Village Board Agenda Memo of 06/03/2014 regarding Collective Bargaining Agreement-Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)-Patrol Officers. At the end of discussion *Trustee Lautner made a motion to approve a Resolution Adopting, and Authorizing Execution of, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council and the Village of LaGrange Park. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote. Nick Fuentes commented that the Youth Commission was in Consensus.*

### **Engineering & Capital Projects Committee Items**

Trustee Kucera summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of 06/5/2014 regarding Modifications to Floodplain and Storm Water Management Ordinance. At the end of discussion *there was a Consensus to place the motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 154:Floodplain and Storm Water Management, of title XV of the La Grange park Municipal Code as Amended on the Consent Agenda at the June 24th Village Board Meeting.*

### **Public Safety Committee Items**

Trustee Fotino summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of 05/29/2014 regarding Revised ILEAS Intergovernmental Agreement. At the end of discussion *there was a Consensus to place the motion authorizing the Village President to sign the new agreement and the resolution be adopted on the Consent Agenda at the June 24th Village Board Meeting. Nick Fuentes commented that the Youth Commission was in Consensus.*

Trustee Fotino summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of 06/04/2014 regarding West Suburban Public Safety Dispatch Consolidation Study-Design Phase. Discussion began with Section 3 E. Discussion moved to projected cost, quality of service, and timing of design phase. Village Manager Cedillo clarified staff time of the three Villages, the next steps, the difference between the Villages and how she will keep the Board updated on the timeline. *At the end of discussion there was a motion by Trustee Fotino approving a resolution authorizing the Village of LaGrange Park, in concert with the*

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*Village of LaGrange and the Village of Western Springs, to proceed with the design phase of a consolidated dispatch center. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote. Nick Fuentes commented that the Youth Commission was in Consensus.*

### **Finance Committee Items**

Trustee Rocco summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of June 4, 2014 regarding 2006 Sewer Bond Refinancing. At the end of discussion there was a *Consensus to place a motion to “direct staff to work with the Finance Committee to provide the Village Board with a recommendation for engaging a financial advisor to analyze and potentially refund the 2006 general obligation bonds” on the Consent Agenda at the June 24th Village Board Meeting.* Nick Fuentes commented that the Youth Commission was in Consensus.

### **Other Reports**

President Discipio called upon Village Manager Julia Cedillo for a report. Village Manager Cedillo summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of June 2, 2014 regarding Proposal for Professional Recruitment Services for Police Chief Position. President Discipio commented on his concern with #6 òmeet and greet with candidatesö. Discussion moved to the fee and what is included. At the end of discussion there was a *motion by Trustee Rocco to accept a Proposal for Professional Services, by GovHR USA, dated May 22, 2014 for the recruitment of a new police chief, in an amount no to exceed \$15,250 and authorize the Village Manager to execute same. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

He then called upon Village Clerk Seidel for a report. Clerk Seidel had no report.

### **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. *Trustee Mesick made a motion to adjourn into executive Session for purpose of discussing (1) personnel in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1), and (2) the selection of a person to fill a Village Commission/committee according to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(3). Trustee Fotino seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amanda G. Seidel  
Village Clerk