

Village of La Grange Park
Village Work Session Minutes
August 11, 2015

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 August 11, 2015.

Village President James Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:08 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
Robert Lautner
Jamie Zaura (arrived 8:15pm)

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
Finance Director: Larry Noller
Village Engineer: Paul Flood
Police Chief: Ed Rompa
Fire Chief: Dean Maggos
Director of Public Works: Brendan McLaughlin

Clerk Seidel informed President Discipio a quorum was present.

The first item on the agenda was iPad Training. Assistant Village Manager Rodman presented iPads and information to the Board. Jeff and Elliot of All Information Services, Inc. distributed information folders and began going through how to access Board Packets and Village Email. Documentation and information was provided regarding; saving meeting agendas, annotate meeting agendas, and adding email to the iPad.

Public Participation

President Discipio moved on to the first item on the Agenda, which was Public Participation. Donna Dragunaitis of 738 Barnsdale expressed her disappointment with the trees being removed in her parkway. Fred Weise of 627 N. Brainard mentioned the YMCA has outgrown its current location, he mentioned residents access to the iPad information, and he expressed the impact and effect on taxes if a referendum is passed and how to ensure that money be utilized for intended purpose. Mike Zaklinski of 417 N. Edgewood expressed his opposition to the noise ordinance for Nazareth. Dave Zacharko of 1012 Newberry expressed his opposition to removing the permit parking signs on Newberry by discussing; congestion, safety, property value, and emergency vehicles. Sherri Saurer of 1018 E. 31st Street expressed her support for removing the signs as a business owner, she discussed harassment of her truck drivers, safety of family and

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children, and how she would like to see a pedestrian walkway with flashing lights to ensure safety. Cheryl Petersen of 1018 E. 31st Street expressed her opposition due to; safety, congestion, garbage being blocked, encroachment on driveways, and behavior/action of patrons. Lee FeBrezio of 937 Newberry expressed the effect on the 900 block of Newberry. Edward Lipka of 1022 Beach Avenue asked about future plans to alleviate the parking situation. Dave Meador of 1005 Newberry expressed the undue hardship on residents, due process, and more citations should be issued. Irene Zackarko of 1012 Newberry expressed her extreme opposition. Joe Petersen of 1021 expressed his opposition. Bill Lampert of 1000 Newberry expressed his concern and impact on Garfield and Newberry residents. Neighbors expressed concern for parking, under utilization of Beach Avenue Parking Lot, and disappointment they were not notified of the TS&E meeting.

Administration Committee Items

Trustee Lautner summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of August 11, 2015 regarding Noise Restrictions Exception-Nazareth Academy Night Football Games. At the end of discussion *Trustee Lautner made a motion to grant an exception to the nuisance regulations contained in Section 93.04.C.5 (as amended) of the Village Municipal Code, for the purpose of allowing Nazareth Academy to operate their sound system until 10:00pm on September 11th, September 25th, October 2nd, October 16th and for a potential playoff game on a date to be determined. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Building & Zoning Committee Items

Trustee Zaura read the Village Board Agenda Memo of August 6, 2015 regarding Code Enforcement/Property Maintenance Inspection Assistance. Don Morris and the budget were discussed. Chief Maggos clarified and questions of the Board. At the end of discussion *Trustee Zaura made a motion to approve a proposal from Rick Dandan for the provision of Code Enforcement/Property Maintenance, and Commercial/Residential Building Inspections, as needed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Public Safety Committee Items

Trustee Mesick read the Village Board Agenda Memo of 8/3/2015 regarding Temporary Removal of Residential Permit Parking Signs (1000 block of Newberry). Discussion began over safety. Village Manager Cedillo discussed the background of 2007 when the signs were installed. Chief Rompa discussed safety concerns, tickets issued, and clarified the reason for a 12-month study to see all seasons. Chief Maggos discussed emergency vehicles and that there were no safety concerns regarding emergency vehicles. Public Works Director McLaughlin clarified snow and leaf removal. The Board expressed concern for the resident's comments. There was discussion over the problem and if other problems will be created. The safety concern for families crossing 31st Street was discussed. The YMCAs plan was discussed now knowing their lease has been renewed until 2019. It was discussed how to study the parking efficiently and if we can get sufficient info in a shorter time period. Village Manager Cedillo clarified the reason for a 12-month evaluation period including; adjusting behavior to new restriction, taking parking counts, evaluating parking counts from 2007. President Discipio introduced Karen from the YMCA who was present at the evenings meeting. President Discipio reiterated the importance of safety and how the Village and Board are looking at the best solution for all parties effected including all residents and businesses. At the end of discussion there was consensus to place the *motion to approve the temporary removal of the "residential permit parking only" signs located along the 1000 block of Newberry (alley south of 31st to Garfield Avenue), and authorizing a 12 month parking/traffic study to evaluate the impact of the removal of the signs* on the agenda at the August Village Board Meeting for further discussion.

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Public Works Committee Items

Trustee Sheehan read the Village Board Agenda Memo of 07/28/2015 regarding 2015-2016 Tree Trimming Program. Pricing was discussed. At the end of discussion there was consensus to place the *motion (1) to extend the 2014-15 Tree Trimming Contract with Winkler Tree Service for an additional year; and (2) to authorize the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents* on the Consent Agenda at the August Village Board Meeting.

Other Reports

President Discipio called upon Village Manager Julia Cedillo for a report. Village Manager Cedillo summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of August 11, 2015 regarding 2016 Bond Referendum. She mentioned how this item is for informational purposes only. An updated “Timeline for 2016 Bond Referendum Road Paving & Fire Apparatus” was provided to the Board. A “2016 Bond Referendum Questions- Feedback Requested” was provided to the Board and asked to be returned to Assistant Village Manager Rodman by August 28th. Village Manager Cedillo mentioned they are still streamlining the process and will keep the Board updated on the next steps. Village Manager Cedillo moved on to passing out a yellow doorhanger that will be used as part of Community Policing by the Police Department. Village Manager Cedillo moved on to mentioning the success of National Night Out that was held on August 4th.

He then called upon Village Clerk Seidel for a report. Clerk Seidel had nothing to report.

The next report was from President Discipio. President Discipio mentioned National Night Out and thanked everyone involved.

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 (1) the selection of a person to fill a public office (commission/committee) according to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) and (2) To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body according to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Trustee Mesick seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn into executive session passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk