

Village of La Grange Park
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on August 25, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the La Grange Park Municipal Building.

President Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, he asked Village Clerk Seidel to call the roll.

Board Members in attendance were:

Trustees:

Scott Mesick
Patricia Rocco
Michael Sheehan
James Kucera
Robert Lautner

Village President: James Discipio

Board Members absent were:

Trustees:

Jamie Zaura

Also in Attendance were:

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

Public Participation

President Discipio moved on to Public Participation. Cheryl Peterson of 1021 Newberry discussed her opposition to removal of parking permits on Newberry and discussed safety, delay of emergency vehicles, property value and the YMCA (in regards to their parking, class G, and code violations). Joe Peterson of 1021 Newberry discussed his opposition by discussing Newberry as a bus route and in regards to the code. The Petersons dropped off a packet of information to PD on 8/20 that was provided to the Board. Donna Wilder of 1017 Newberry discussed her opposition by sharing motor vehicle data from a Highway Traffic Safety Study. Dave Zacharcho of 1012 Newberry discussed his opposition to removing the permit parking on Newberry. Bill Lampert of 1000 Newberry discussed his support for maintaining current parking restriction. Carmen Casa of 1004 Newberry reiterated her email that she sent to the Village regarding community policing. Dave Meador of 1005 Newberry discussed his opposition and that they were not informed of the TS&E Committee Meeting.

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- July 28, 2015
- (ii) Work Session Meeting- August 11, 2015
- (iii) Work Session Executive Session- August 11, 2015

B. Action- 2015-2016 Tree Trimming Program- *Motion: (1) To extend the 2014-15 Street Trimming Contract with Winkler Tree Service for an additional year; and (2) to authorize the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents*

C. *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*

D. *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 September 22, 2015 subsequent approval of the Payroll Register and Voucher Register by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting to be held on September 22, 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 Sheehan and seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Julia Cedillo began by mentioning \$1000 sponsorship from the Village to the LaGrange Park Chamber of Commerce for the Haunted Trolley, the Board gave their full support. A letter from the Chamber was provided to the Board. Village Manager Cedillo introduced Ms. Kim Knuetson the Executive Director of LTAC. Ms. Knuetson introduced herself and discussed how she has begun working on proposals, outlines, and requests and she will keep the Board up to date. Village President Discipio, Chief Rompa and Chief Maggos discussed and summarized Ms. Knutson's background and experiences and she was welcomed by all.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Robert Lautner read the Administration Report. He started with National Night Out. He moved on to Save the Date of Community Clean-up day October 15th. He moved on to Sustainability Commission Announces New "Green Spotlight Program".

This concluded the Administration Committee report.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee James Kucera said there were 105 building permits were issued in July, compared to 117 in July 2014. He said estimated Construction Costs for the month are nearly ten times what they were compared to July of last year. Permit Fees collected are nearly five times what they were in July of last year. He said there were 191 inspections conducted during this past July, of such, 33. He said as noted, a permit was issued to Nazareth Academy to construct an addition to the school. He said Plymouth Place began an extensive exterior painting project, which could last a couple of months. He said staff was summoned to a home in the Village to evaluate unsanitary conditions, which were noted by responding fire and police personnel for a medical emergency at the property. He said the St. Louise De Marillac Summerfest took place in July.

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Trustee James Kucera moved by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo of 8/25/2015 regarding Community Park District- Temporary Shed at Robinhood Park Extension. President Discipio introduced the Executive Director of the Park District. At the end of discussion *Trustee Kucera made a motion to approve a Temporary Use Permit for the Community Park District of La Grange Park to allow an existing temporary shed at Robinhood Park to remain through September 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

This concluded her report.

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Jim Kucera began with the July report and said work is virtually complete on the IDOT contract for Kemman Avenue Resurfacing Project (from 31st Street to 26th Street). He said the repaving of Cleveland Avenue (from 30th Street to 26th Street) by G-A Paving was completed in June. He said on July 6th, 2015 the Village received bids for the resurfacing of Pine Tree Lane and the portion of Finsbury Lane that was not part of the McNaughton development.

This concluded his report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Scott Mesick started with the Police Department Summary. He said the total numbers of crimes reported are almost the same as reported from last year. He said the overall police service and assistance activity is slightly lower than last year at this time, with 3749 incidents reported through July of 2015, as compared to 4200 incidents reported through July of 2014. He said traffic, compliance and parking ticket enforcement are continuing the same pace as last year. He said LaGrange Park Schools have presently begun the year for the 2015-16 session.

That concluded the Police Department report.

Trustee Scott Mesick moved on to the Fire Department Report. He said there were 149 EMS responses this month. There were 41 fire/rescue incidents this month. He said all non-transport vehicles which contain basic life support EMS equipment were inspected by the Loyola EMS system and Illinois Department of Public Health, they subsequently passed this annual inspection and were re-licensed. He said fire prevention staff assisted with set-up inspections at the St. Louise De Marillac SummerFest, there was one emergency response due to a person suffering from heat related injury. He said Fire Prevention personnel assisted Loyola Medical Center employees with conducting a fire evacuation drill.

Trustee Scott Mesick moved on by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo of 8/20/2015 regarding Temporary Removal of Residential Permit Parking Signs (1000 block of Newberry). Discussion began over the importance of safety and how parking will always be an issue around the 31st street businesses. Trustee Mesick mentioned how a study will provide more information. Trustee Kucera discussed his reason for support. Trustee Lautner reiterated how safety comes first. Trustee Sheehan mentioned he would like more data before lifting the ban. Trustee Rocco mentioned traffic counts, any code violations, and the comprehensive plan. *Trustee Mesick made a motion to approve the temporary removal of the "residential*

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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. . The motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera. Village Clerk Seidel called roll: Mesick YES Rocco YES Sheehan NO Kucera YES Lautner NO Discipio NO. Motion failed by roll call vote. This item was remanded back to staff for further evaluation.

A recess was taken at 9:07pm and the meeting reconvened at 9:15pm.

This concluded his report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Michael Sheehan read the monthly report for July. 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 37,360,000 gallons of water were purchased from the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission. 1,279 water meters were read in section #1. 52 monthly accounts and 40 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. 187 utility locations were identified prior to excavations. 1 water main was repaired. 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 Revenue is at 26% of the annual budget. She said property tax receipts are about \$76,000 lower than last year at this time. She said natural gas tax receipts have dropped about 55% from last year. She said telecommunication tax receipts were about 5% lower compared to the last several months. She said permit revenue jumped in July due to a single large permit. She said intergovernmental revenue is 21% greater than last year due to increased receipts from state shared revenues including the income tax, personal property replacement tax and the use tax. She said charges for services are about \$57,000 higher than last year. She said fine revenue is about 15% higher than the prior year due to the Police Department use of the State Local Debt Recovery program to collect unpaid tickets. She said total general fund expenditures are within expectations at 21% of the annual budget.

This concluded her report.

OTHER REPORTS

VILLAGE CLERK

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Clerk Seidel said she had nothing to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER

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B. MONTHLY REPORT

The Board was provided the Cash & Investment Detail as well as the Cash & Investments Dashboard.

VILLAGE ENGINEER

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Engineer Paul Flood said he 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 reading the Village Board Memo of August 20, 2015 regarding Appointment and Reappointments to Youth Commission. *Trustee Mesick made the motion to appoint new member Amaria Clarke, and the re-appointments of Nicholas Fuentes, Alex Scotty, and Laura McAllister for one year terms to expire on September 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bill Lampert of 1000 Newberry mentioned the need for retrofitting of a light fixture at Harding & Newberry.

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 into Executive Session. *Trustee Mesick made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss 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 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk