

Village of La Grange Park
Village Work Session Minutes
September 8, 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 September 8, 2015.

Village President James Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:33 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
Michael Sheehan
James Kucera
Robert Lautner
Jamie Zaura

Village President: James Discipio

Board Members absent were:

Trustees:

Patricia Rocco

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: Mark(Hancock Engineering)
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 a presentation of the Police Pension Fund Actuarial Valuation Report. Jason Franken from Foster & Foster went through the report and then answered any questions of the Village Board and questions of the Police Pension Board. The Police Pension Board was in attendance. Jason Franken also went over the letter dated September 7th that was distributed to the Board regarding the Villages Funding Policy vs. Statutory. Jason Franken also discussed the effect of Tier 1 vs Tier 2 as well as the methodology for pension reform. Village Manger Cedillo clarified questions regarding the budget. President Discipio thanked all involved in this process.

Public Participation

President Discipio moved on to the first item on the Agenda, which was Public Participation. Fred Weisse of 627 N. Brainard asked questions regarding the projections of the Bond including; potential

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for payment, feasibility study evaluation, ladder truck, and ended his questions by commenting on the difficulty of the Village Board packet to navigate. Rob Konsel of 713 Beach Ave. commented on the TIF feasibility study and discussed the 2005 Comprehensive Plan, the Economic Development Committee, October of 2010 and his extreme opposition to the TIF Study.

Administration Committee Items

Trustee Lautner summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo regarding Approval of Payment to AIS for Network Switches. At the end of discussion *Trustee Lautner made a motion to grant an approve payment to AIS for the installation of Network Switches in the amount of \$11,636.61. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Public Safety Committee Items

Trustee Mesick read the Village Board Agenda Memo regarding Exchange of Surplus Police Rifles. Chief Rompa clarified any questions of the Board. At the end of discussion *Trustee Zaura made a motion to approve Ordinance 1012 authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property owned by the Village of LaGrange Park. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Public Works Committee Items

Trustee Sheehan read the Village Board Agenda Memo regarding 2015 Leaf Loading, Transportation and Disposal. At the end of discussion there was consensus to place the *motion accepting the proposal of Rainbow Farm Enterprises, INC. for the disposal of leaves in the amount of \$28.00 Per Bucket (Option #1), not to exceed \$30,000, and authorize the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents* on the Consent Agenda at the September Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Sheehan read the Village Board Agenda Memo regarding Right-of-way Use License and Fiber Optic Cable Agreement Sigecom, LLC d/b/a Wow! Internet, Cable and Phone. At the end of discussion there was consensus to place the *motion authorizing the Village President to execute a Right-of-Way use License and Fiber Optic Cable Agreement between the Village of La Grange Park and Sigecom, LLC doing business as Wow! Internet, Cable, and Phone* on the Consent Agenda at the September Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Sheehan read the Village Board Agenda Memo regarding Schematic Design Study-Center Section Storm Relief Project. Mark of Hancock Engineering summarized the focus of the schematic design. Hancock Engineering and Village Manager Cedillo discussed the Flood Mitigation Plan and clarified any questions of the Board. At the end of discussion there was consensus to place the *motion authorizing the Village President to execute the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Hancock Engineering* on the Consent Agenda at the September Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Sheehan read the Village Board Agenda memo regarding Tree Maintenance Program Contracts- One year extension (Tree Removal, stump removal, general tree maintenance and emergency tree work). Public Works Director McLaughlin clarified the budget line items and discussed unit pricing. At the end of discussion there was consensus to place the *motion approving a one year contract extension with A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for tree and stump*

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removals, and with Winkler's Tree & Landscaping for general tree maintenance and for emergency tree work, and authorizing the Village President to execute the necessary contract document on the consent Agenda at the August Village Board Meeting.

Finance Committee Items

Trustee Kucera read the Village Board Agenda Memo regarding Bond Referenda Ordinance. Discussion began over the need to repair the roads in the Village and how the Village does not have the money to fix the roads. The Board discussed how all options have been looked at, the importance of safety, and the need to fix the roads in the Village. Chief Maggos discussed the need for the Ladder Truck operationally. Chief Maggos discussed how a ladder truck provided tools, discussed how iso rating would be reduced, and discussed the other ladder trucks in the area and the difficulty with utilizing from the other villages. Village Manager Cedillo clarified the fiscal impact and discussed the property tax increase to residents as well as educating residents. Finance Director Noller summarized the bond ordinance and discussed the process of levying the property tax. Public Works Director McLaughlin discussed the timeline for the roads as well as how this money would allow 10 out of 35 miles of roads to be repaired. President Discipio reiterated the importance of educating the residents and communication. At the end of discussion *Trustee Kucera made a motion to approve an ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the propositions of issuing General Obligation Bonds to the voters of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, at the General Primary Election to be held on the 15th day of March, 2016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Zaura and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Trustee Kucera read the Village Board Agenda regarding Village Fund Balance Reporting Policy. Finance Director Noller clarified any questions of the Board. At the end of discussion there was consensus to place the *motion approving a Village Fund Balance Reporting Policy* on the consent Agenda at the September Village Board Meeting.

Other Reports

President Discipio called upon Village Manager Julia Cedillo for a report. Village Manager Cedillo discussed the Bond Referendum and distributed a packet of questions and answers regarding common questions regarding the Bond Referendum as well as discussed ways to educate the residents. Village Manager mentioned Wow! data sharing.

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 read the Proclamation for National Assisted Living Week 2015 "Nourishing Life: Mind, Body, and Spirit" September 13-19, 2015.

President Discussion moved on to Commercial Revitalization Committee. Trustee Kucera read the Village Board Agenda Memo regarding TIF Feasibility Study RFP. Assistant Village Manager went through a presentation. Trustee Kucera summarized the last Commercial Revitalization Committee meeting. Assistant Village Manager Rodman discussed how a TIF study needs a continuous border which is why Memorial Park is included as well as Homestead Apartments. Assistant Village Manager Rodman discussed her conversation with the owner of Homestead Apartments and how he has no concerns at this time. She also discussed her conversations with a consultant and the impact of residential homes in a TIF study. She moved on to discuss political vs. economic issues in regards to a TIF. She moved on to discuss 31st Street corridor and the three segments. She moved on to look for

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feedback from the Board regarding the language regarding Memorial Park and the Borders of the TIF study. Redevelopment vs. improvement of a TIF district was discussed. Discussion began over Memorial Park being included in the study, it was consensus to leave the following language in the study *“the Village’s Comprehensive Plan designates Memorial Park as permanent open space for both passive and recreational uses and as such, the Village has no desire for commercial or residential redevelopment of the property”*. President Discipio discussed communication and relationship with the Park Board. Village Manager Cedillo discussed how money would be utilized as well as revitalization and vitality. Discussion moved to the staff proposed boundary vs. CRC suggestion to be included in the TIF study. Discussion began over Village Market, then 31st Street Corridor, then to the Barnsdale Corridor. Discussion moved to the parcels of land north of the cleaners and Jiffy Lube on LaGrange Road. Trustee Mesick & Trustee Sheehan wanted that property out of the study, Trustee Zaura and Trustee Kucera were in support of including the property and Trustee Lautner was in favor of including as a windshield study. Trustee Zaura mentioned her reasons for supporting expanding the TIF study as for the positive financial impact. Trustee Mesick reiterated his concern with this TIF study and the perspective of residents. It was consensus to remove the west side of LaGrange Road from the study. At the end of discussion *Trustee Kucera made a motion to approve staff Request for Proposals for a Tax Increment Financing Feasibility Study as drafted by staff. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner. Clerk Seidel called roll Mesick NO Sheehan NO Kucera YES Zaura YES Lautner YES. Motion passed 3 to 2.*

New Business

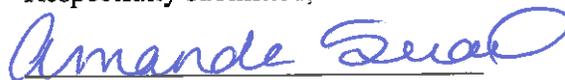
There was none.

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 the selection of a person to fill a public office (commission/committee) according to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(5). Trustee Sheehan seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn into executive session passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk