

Village of La Grange Park
Village Work Session Minutes
September 10, 2013

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 10, 2013.

Village President James Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:40 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: Cathleen Keating
Village Clerk: Amanda Seidel
Village Treasurer: Chad Chevalier
Village Engineer: Paul Flood
Fire Chief: Dean Maggos
Police Chief: Dan McCollum
Public Works Director: Brendan McLaughlin

Clerk Seidel informed the President a quorum was present.

Assistant Village Manager Rodman introduced the new Village Administrative Intern Ed Teelucksingh.

President Discipio introduced Matt McGuinn who was representing the Youth Commission.

Public Participation

President Discipio moved on to the first item on the Agenda which was Public Participation. Carol Rocco of 27 Pine commented on the History of the Zoning Code and her opposition to

Zoning Application No. 2013-01: Zoning Text Amendment. Stan Grezesik of 214 Huntington Ct also expressed his concern for the effect of rainwater and his opposition for the text amendment. Karen Koncel of 713 Beach discussed the Zoning Code and her opposition to the text amendment.

Fred Weisse of 627 Brainard Ave expressed his concern of Brainard Ave becoming an FAU route and maintaining the character of the street. He also expressed he would like to see the Village take advantage of an increase of the sales tax. Barb Naucas of 521 N. Brainard expressed her opposition to the consideration of Brainard Avenue. President Discipio clarified the process for Brainard Ave.

Building & Zoning Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Michael Sheehan. Trustee Sheehan began by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo of September 10, 2013 regarding Zoning Application No. 2013-01: Zoning Text Amendment- Building Coverage. The Board was given a packet of two additional resident emails and staff responses, which was received 9/10 regarding the proposed text amendment. Discussion began with Trustee Sheehan voicing his reasons for opposition. Trustee Mesick voiced his reasons for opposition including the new zoning code, no public outcry, rainwater and personal preference of porches. Trustee Fotino voiced his concerns of water runoff which was clarified by Engineer Flood. Trustee Rocco voiced her reasons for support of the text amendment. Trustee Kucera discussed his concerns and reasons for being undecided. Trustee Lautner discussed the variance process and reasons why he is not in favor of the text amendment. Matt McGuinn said the Youth Commission saw concern but after discussion came to consensus for approval. President Discipio commented on the possible value as well as the concern of the text amendment. *At the end of discussion it was consensus to place this item on the Agenda for further discussion and a vote at the September 24, Regular Village Board Meeting.*

Public Safety Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Mario Fotino. Trustee Fotino read the Village Board Agenda Memo of September 5, 2013 regarding replacement of PD Garage Doors. Trustee Fotino said he would recommend going with Door Systems of Itasca. Chief McCollum reiterated the memo and the documentation. Matt McGuinn commented the Youth Commission reached a Consensus to go with Door Systems of Itasca. *At the end of discussion it was consensus to place the motion to authorize Door Systems of Itasca to perform the work for the quoted price of \$8,317.00 on the Consent Agenda for approval at the September 24, Regular Village Board Meeting.*

Public Works Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Scott Mesick. Trustee Mesick started by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo from September 2, 2013 regarding 2013 Leaf Loading, Transportation and Disposal. Public Works Director McLaughlin commented on Homer Industries LLC. Matt McGuinn commented that the Youth Commission was in Consensus. *At the*

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end of discussion it was consensus to place the motion approving the Resolution accepting the proposal of Homer Industries LLC for the disposal of leaves in the amount of \$20.63 per bucket (option #1), and authorize the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents on the Consent Agenda for approval at the September 24, Regular Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Mesick moved on to the next item by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo of September 4, 2013 regarding Award of Bid-La Grange Road Water Main Phase 2. *This item will be placed on the Agenda for approval at the September 24, Regular Village Board Meeting.*

Trustee Mesick moved on to his next item by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo of September 4, 2013 regarding Brainard Avenue. Discussion began over Option #1 improve Brainard as a Village Funded project at a cost of \$650,000 or Option #2 improve Brainard with STP (Surface Transportation Grant) Funds with eliminating parking on one side at a total project cost of \$1,075,000 (Village cost of \$362,500 and STP Grant covering \$712,500). Discussion began on the need for more information including the requirements of the grants. Discussion moved to the importance of looking into all funding options for roads. Discussion moved to the importance of resident input. Discussion moved to the public safety aspect of eliminating parking to one-side as well as the public safety aspect of having potholes in the road if left unfixed. Engineer Flood clarified the minor repairs it would take to eliminate parking on one side of the road. Matt McGuinn commented that the Youth Commission after discussion was in favor of Option #2 improving Brainard with STP Funds with eliminating parking on one side. Chief Maggos commented on the IDOT Engineers Study of public safety in regards to parking on one side of the street. President Discipio reiterated the Villages need to take advantage of funding opportunities. *At the end of discussion consensus was reached to look into the STP grants and gather more information if the only parameter is eliminating parking on one side of the road with minor repairs.* Village Manager Cedillo said she will look at the parameters and provide the Board with further information.

Other Reports

President Discipio called upon Village Manager Julia Cedillo for a report. Village Manager Cedillo mentioned she will be attending the City County Management Conference in Boston from 9/20 to 9/26. She moved on to mentioning the Public Works Garage Ribbon Cutting will be Monday 10/14 at 2pm. She moved on to the Villages Garbage contract will expire March of next year and a survey will be going out to residents to evaluate their services. She ended her report by mentioning the earlier ComEd Smart Meter presentation will be televised on the local government station as well as accessible through a link on the website.

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

He then called upon Village Treasurer Chevalier for a report. Treasurer Chevalier had nothing to report.

The next report was from President Discipio. President Discipio began by mentioning the State of the Village Address which will be held Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 at Village Hall. He moved

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on to mentioning the Neighborhood Watch Program and the need to bring back National Night Out; the *LaGrange Park Police Department Neighborhood Watch and Block Captain Handbook* were provided to the Board. He moved on to reading the Proclamation proclaiming Thursday, September 19th, 2013 as “Drive 4 Pledges Day”.

President Discipio moved on to a discussion of the Village Board Handbook, President Discipio summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of September 4, 2013 regarding the Village Board Handbook. Trustee Rocco had a few comments and Trustee Lautner stated he had a few typos he would email to staff. On page 4-the Organizational Chart it was mentioned to add the ETS Board and Police Pension Board to Boards and Commissions. On page 8 it was mentioned to add “be elected for an indefinite number of terms” to President and Clerks description. A typo was also mentioned on page 8. It was also mentioned to add the Administration Department to the chart. There was no further discussion on the Village Handbook.

President Discipio moved on to the last item appointment and reappointment of members to the Youth Commission. President Discipio read the Village Board Agenda Memo of September 5, 2013 regarding appointments to Youth Commission. *Trustee Mesick made a motion to advise and consent to the appointment of Laura McCallister and Joey Johnson, and for the re-appointment of Aubrey Aikens, Matt McGuinn, Nicolas Fuentes, Alex Scotty and Kiley Roache for a two year term to expire on September 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

New Business

This concluded Other Reports so President Discipio moved on to 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 Lautner made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Mesick seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk