

Village of La Grange Park
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on September 24, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the La Grange Park Municipal Building.

Village President James Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. He asked all in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge, he 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:

Assistant Village Manager: Emily Rodman
Village Clerk: Amanda Seidel
Village Attorney: Cathleen Keating
Village Engineer: Paul Flood
Village Treasurer: Chad Chevalier
Finance Director: Pierre Garesche
Fire Chief: Dean Maggos
Police Chief: Dan McCollum
Public Works Director: Brendan McLaughlin

Public Participation

President Discipio moved on to Public Participation. Karen Koncel of 713 Beach Ave explained her opposition to item 8B regarding the Text Amendment to the Zoning Code.

Consent Agenda

Village Clerk Seidel said the following items were on the Consent Agenda for approval:

A. Approval of Minutes

- (i) Village Board Meeting- August 27, 2013
- (ii) Executive Session Meeting- August 27, 2013

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(iii) Work Session Meeting—September 10, 2013

- B. Action- Replacement of Police Department Garage Doors *Motion: Authorize Doors Systems to Perform the Work for the Quoted Price of \$8,317.00.*
- C. Action- 2013 Leaf Loading, Transportation and Disposal *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.*
- D. Action-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
- E. Action-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 October 22, 2013 subsequent approval of the Payroll Register and Voucher Register by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting to be held on October 22, 2013.

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 Mesick; seconded by Trustee Rocco and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

Village Manager's Report

Assistant Village Manager Emily Rodman mentioned the upcoming State of the Village scheduled for October 3, 2013 at 7pm. She moved on to introduce and congratulate Gary Moore the New Water Operator for the Village.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Robert Lautner read the Administration Committee Report of September 24, 2013. He started with ComEd Smart Meter Open House that was held on September 10, 2013. He moved on to State of the Village scheduled for October 3, 2013 at 7:00pm at Village Hall. He moved on to the Village's Community Clean-Up Day scheduled for Thursday, October 17th. He ended with E-Waste Recycling Day scheduled for Saturday, October 19th from 9am to 1pm.

This concluded the Administration Committee report.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Michael Sheehan said there were 97 building permits issued in August, compared to 83 in August 2012. He said both estimated Construction Costs were more than four times than in August of 2012 for the month, and Permit Fees collected were also nearly four times higher. He said there were 210 inspections conducted during this past August, compared to 154 in August of 2012, he said of the inspections, 10 were not approved. He said during the month, staff continued to further review, discuss and evaluate the need to potentially increase Building Permit Fees for cost recovery.

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Trustee Sheehan moved on to his next item by summarizing the Village Board Agenda Memo of September 24, 2013 regarding Zoning Application No. 2013-01: Zoning Text Amendment-Building Coverage- updated. *Trustee Mesick made a motion to approve Ordinance #977 amending the “LaGrange Park Zoning Code” as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera.* Discussion began with Attorney Keating clarifying the process and previous statements that had been made. Attorney Keating went through the Zoning Standards for Text Amendments and summarized the Findings of Fact, which were provided to the Board. Discussion continued over incentives, inconsistency’s in the code as well as the variation process and hardship. Trustee Sheehan commented on his reasons against including not seeing the need in the Village. Trustee Mesick expressed his opposition stating he sees this as a design choice which is a want and not a need. Trustee Lautner mentioned he has not seen a public outcry and a driving need. Trustee Kucera commented on how this is good for the Village as a whole and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Fotino mentioned his reasons for being in favor. Trustee Rocco discussed her reasons for opposition including discussing the Comprehensive Plan. At the end of discussion Village Clerk Seidel called roll:

Mesick-No Rocco-No Sheehan-No Kucera-Yes Fotino-Yes Lautner-No

The motion to approve an Ordinance Amending the “LaGrange Park Zoning Code” as amended failed by a vote of 4 to 2.

This concluded his report.

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE
A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Jim Kucera said Trine Construction has completed restoration as part of the LaGrange Road Water Main Replacement Project being partially funded by the Army Corps of Engineers. He said Schroeder Asphalt Services continued work on the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Beach Ave. and the 1200 block of Newberry Avenue as part of the 2013 Resurfacing Program. He said Hoerr Construction has completed the installation of all cured in place sewer lining per their contract. He said work on the public improvements for the Heatherdale Subdivision has been completed with the exception of the final surface layer of asphalt and sidewalk in front of the individual homes. He said bids were received and a contract was awarded by the Village to Unique Plumbing to relocate water mains that currently obstruct flows out of the existing sewers on Oak at Kemman and Newberry Avenues.

This concluded his report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Mario Fotino started with the Police Department Summary for August. He said total crimes reported remain slightly lower than were reported last year during the same period, with 202 to date, compared to 229 last year. Arrest numbers are also similar, with 27 this year

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compared to 32 during 2012. He said schools opened during August, and members of the Police Department are visiting the schools during their regular patrol duties and making additional rounds when school begins and ends each day. He said the Police Department has been awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$4,200 from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety Alumni Association to allow Sergeant Felix Hernandez to attend the prestigious 350-hour School of Police Staff and Command.

That concluded the Police Department report.

Trustee Fotino moved on to the Fire Department report. He said there were 129 EMS responses this month and 991 YTD. There were 35 fire/rescue incidents this month and 327 YTD. Last year at this time there were 339 YTD. He said during the month, personnel continued to use the home at 21 Brewster for various types of training including two simulations of actual fire responses with trapped victims. He said personnel participated in 110 block parties throughout the month. He said the International Association of Fire Chiefs Conference “Fire Rescue International” was held in Chicago in August at McCormick Place.

This concluded his report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Scott Mesick read the monthly report for August.

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 46,380,000 gallons of water from the Brookfield/North Riverside Water Commission. 1,474 water meters were read in section #2. 52 monthly accounts and 38 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. 90 utility locations were identified prior to excavations. 4 B-Box repairs were made. 6 service breaks were repaired. 5 water main breaks were repaired.

Trustee Mesick moved on to his next item by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo of September 16, 2013 regarding Award of Bid-Lagrange Road Water Main Phase 2. *Trustee Mesick made a motion (1) to accept the lowest bid from Trine Construction Corp. in the amount of \$378,663.50, and (2) to authorize the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fotino. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

This concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Patricia Rocco read the Monthly Report regarding the financial summary for August.

In summary she said the Village continues to perform well financially with General Fund revenues 9.8% higher than last year. Many revenues are performing better than last year. She said much of the increase in police fines is attributable to the police department's expanded acceptance of credit cards and the new Local Debt Recovery Program. She said on the expenditure side of the equation, each of the five operating departments have expended less than 33.3% of their budgets, which the desired result is given that we are 1/3 of the way through the fiscal year.

This concluded her report.

OTHER REPORTS

VILLAGE CLERK

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Clerk Seidel said she had nothing to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Treasurer Chad Chevalier handed out the Treasurer's Report of September 24, 2013. He summarized the Villages' Cash and Investments as well as the Investment Fund Distribution, Asset Distribution, and Investment Maturities at 8/31/13.

VILLAGE ENGINEER

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Engineer Paul Flood said he had nothing to report.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Attorney Cathleen Keating said she 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

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President Discipio began by saying the Village has received a Grant in the amount of \$416,000 to support the Downspout Disconnect Program. He moved on to the next item by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo of September 24, 2013 regarding the Village Board Handbook. *Trustee Lautner made a motion to approve a resolution approving “Village Board Handbook as amended”. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jacquelyn Breeja of 801 Community Drive commented on the trees being cut down on the 700 block of Community. Director of Public Works McLaughlin explained the process the Village takes when cutting down trees and Emerald Ash Borer.

Richard Lazarski of 538 N. Brainard commented on his opposition of widening or changes to Brainard Avenue.

President Discipio read a statement regarding Brainard Avenue on how the Village is looking at all funding options for roads in need of repair. The Village is seeking more information from IDOT and will discuss with residents when updated information is received.

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. *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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk