

Village of La Grange Park
Village Work Session Minutes
October 8, 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 October 8, 2013.

Village President James Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Engineer: Paul Flood
Fire Chief: Dean Maggos
Police Chief: Dan McCollum
Finance Director: Pierre Garesche
Public Works Director: Brendan McLaughlin
Village Treasurer: Chad Chevalier
Youth Commissioner: Aubrey Aikens

Clerk Seidel informed the President a quorum was present.

Public Participation

President Discipio moved on to the first item on the Agenda which was Public Participation. Robert Bartholomai of 904 N. Brainard expressed his concern over street lighting and the need for more lights. He also expressed that Brainard is in need of repair, he would like to participate in the Community Advisory Group and he is not in support of widening Brainard. Charles Brewick of 510 N. Brainard commented on the s-curves and unique characteristics of Brainard. Chris Kahler of 528 N. Brainard commented on the good communication between the Village

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and the Brainard residents and he would like to participate in the Community Advisory Group. James Rodgers of 630 N. Brainard discussed the safety and integrity of the street and how he would like to participate in the Community Advisory Group. Fred Weiss of 627 N. Brainard commented on how he would like to see the Community Advisory Group and the Village work with all residents on this issue.

Administration Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Robert Lautner. Trustee Lautner started by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo from October 8, 2013 regarding China Cat Productions, LLC Rooftop Lease Amendment. Discussion began over the revenue this would provide for the Village. Attorney Keating clarified liability and the terms including termination included in the lease. Assistant Village Rodman discussed her discussions and negotiations with DRW and her discussions with an industry expert. Assistant Village Manager Rodman also explained the background of this issue to clarify some of the questions regarding asking for a larger increase in the monthly lease rate. There was some concern over a 10 year lease being too long and to look at a 5 year lease. Ms. Aikens informed the Board the Youth Commission reached a consensus to approve. Village Manager Cedillo summarized the next steps of looking at the lease terms and rates of other carriers on the tower and asking for a 5 year lease. At the end of discussion *consensus was reached to place the motion to approve the First Amendment to rooftop lease for 937 Barnsdale Road between China Cat Productions, LLC and the Village of La Grange Park and place it on the October 22, 2013 Village Board Meeting Agenda for approval.*

Public Works Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Scott Mesick. Trustee Mesick started by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo from October 3, 2013 regarding Brainard Avenue-Support to a Community Advisory Group. Discussion began with general support of a Community Advisory Group and getting the residents involved. Discussion continued on the scope and dynamics of the Community Advisory Group. Concerns were raised on how members for and against would be chosen as if Brainard residents can be impartial. There was concern over the amount of staff time being utilized. Matthew Rempfer of 333 N. Brainard discussed his background and experience as a licensed engineer and his reasons and thoughts on creation of a Community Advisory Group. There were questions regarding the timeline of this issue. A motion was made by Trustee Mesick to authorize Village support to a Community Advisory Group for Brainard Avenue. The motion was seconded by Trustee Rocco.

Village Manager Cedillo discussed what her involvement with the Community Advisory Group would be and then passed out an Issue Memorandum regarding 1st Meeting with FHWA and IDOT regarding Brainard. Village Manager Cedillo summarized the initial findings from the meeting regarding Brainard. The width of Brainard would remain completely unchanged with no changes to pavement being required, thus parking would have to be limited to one side. Discussion and concern was raised over how this new information would change the dynamics of the Community Advisory Group. Discussion continued with concern over the Village involvement with the Community Advisory Group. Comments were made on larger community

involvement. Attorney Keating clarified from a legal standpoint of timing and the difference between a Board Committee and a Citizens Committee. Ms. Aikens informed the Board the Youth Commission had reached a consensus to support the Community Advisory Group but did not have the updated information. Since the Board had received updated information regarding the October 8th meeting with IDOT *Trustee Mesick made a motion to table the motion to authorize Village support to a Community Advisory Group for Brainard Avenue until the October 22nd Village Board Meeting. The motion to table was seconded by Trustee Lautner. The motion to table passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Discussion continued on what direction to provide staff and the next steps the Board would like to take. The Board discussed the concerns of the logistics of the Community Advisory Group and the involvement of staff and Engineer Flood. Concerns of precedent and legality were also discussed. Some of the Board reiterated that the group should be a pure advisory group. Village Manager Cedillo summarized the discussion and the changes of support the Village would provide to a Community Advisory Group including; staff NOT to work with CAG Chairperson to identify group/members/representatives, and establish project parameters; adding communication support; and the Village Engineer to attend one meeting of the CAG.

Public Safety Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Mario Fotino. Trustee Fotino started by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo from October 1, 2013 regarding Cook County Health Inspections. There was no discussion and a *consensus was reached to place the motion approving the Resolution authorizing execution of a Health Inspection Services Agreement with the County of Cook, and authorize the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents and place on the Consent Agenda at the October 22, 2013 Village Board Meeting for approval.*

Finance Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Patricia Rocco. Trustee Rocco started by reading the Village Board Agenda Memo from October 2, 2013 regarding Tax Levy Estimate. At the end of discussion *consensus was reached to place the motion to move that the President and Board of Trustees concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director and determine hereby that the amount of money estimated to be necessary to be raised from the 2013 real property tax levy for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year is \$3,441,390; which amount is less than 5% higher than the amount of taxes extended for 2012 on the October 22, 2013 Village Board Meeting Agenda for approval.*

Other Reports

President Discipio called upon Village Manager Julia Cedillo for a report. Village Manager Cedillo began by summarizing the Village Board Agenda Memo regarding Electricity Supply Contract- Water Plant. *Trustee Lautner made a motion to Authorize the Village Manager to solicit updated bids for the October 22nd Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fotino. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.* Ms. Aikens informed the Board that the Youth Commission was in consensus.

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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 began by reading the Proclamation proclaiming Fire Prevention Week October 6-12, 2013 “Prevent Kitchen Fires”. He also mentioned the La Grange Park Fire Department Annual Open House is on October 13th.

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 Mesick made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Fotino seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk