

Village of La Grange Park
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on October 23, 2012 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 7:30 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: Rimas Kozica
Scott Mesick
Marshall Seeder
Susan Storcel
Patricia Rocco

Village President: James Discipio

Board Members absent were:

Trustees: LaVelle Topps

Also in Attendance were:

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

Public Participation

There were no citizens who wished to address the Board so President Discipio moved on to the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

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

A. Approval of Minutes

- (i) Special Executive Session Meeting—August 6, 2012 *revised*
- (ii) Village Board Meeting—September 25, 2012
- (iii) Work Session Meeting – October 9, 2012
- (iv) Executive Session Meeting—October 9, 2012

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- B. Action- Motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property of the Village of LaGrange Park, IL.
- C. Action- Motion to Approve a Resolution Accepting the proposal of rainbow Farms enterprises, Inc. for the Disposal of Leaves.
- D. Action- Motion to Concur with the Recommendation of the Finance Director regarding the Tax Levy Estimate.
- E. 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
- F. 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 November 27, 2012 subsequent approval of the Payroll Register and Voucher Register by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting to be held on November 27, 2012.

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 was made by Trustee Mesick and seconded by Trustee Seeder and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Julia Cedillo said she had nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Storcel summarized the Administration Committee Report of October 18, 2012. She started with the upcoming October 26th LaGrange Park Chamber of Commerce- Haunted Trolley Trick-or-Treat, then moved on to Halloween "Trick or Treat" hours will be from late afternoon until 8pm, the State of the Village Address will be held on November 1st, and ended by mentioning the Village surpassed 1,200 E-Briefs subscribers.

This concluded the Administration Committee report.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Rimas Kozica said there were 76 building permits were issued in September, compared to 114 in September 2011. He said permits issued so far YTD are down 13% compared to last year.

He said both estimated Construction Costs and Permit Fees Collected are significantly less for the month compared to September of last year. Part of reason for such is that permits for a new home, and a large commercial HVAC project, were issued in September of 2011.

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He said there were 159 inspections conducted during this past September, compared to 103 in September of 2011. He said of the inspections, 19 were not approved. As of the end of September, 108 more inspections have been conducted YTD in 2012, compared to the same time period last year.

He said during the month, our inspector conducted and coordinated various inspections of the new Subway. Also, he and fire prevention staff met with a proposed new tenant of the vacant commercial building at 1018 E. 31st, to discuss permitting and occupancy requirements for a possible new re-sale shop.

This concluded his report.

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Marshal Seeder said the Army Corps Engineers is continuing with their process of reviewing the bids for the La Grange Road Water Main Replacement Project and anticipate awarding a Contract for the project in October (Trine Construction was the apparent low bidder).

He said construction continued on the Beach Avenue Parking Lot Project. The majority of the work has been completed with only the site lighting controller, landscaping elements and the final layer of asphalt and striping remaining to be done. This work is expected to be completed before the end of October.

He concluded his report by mentioning the Flood Mitigation Report is on the website.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Scott Mesick started with the Police Department Summary. He said overall police activity is approximately 4.5 percent higher than last year, with 5,518 incidents reported thus far, compared to 5,285 from January through September of 2011.

He said the two Justice Assistance Grants obtained through the Judicial Advisory Council of Cook County were closed out. The one was for \$69,505 and the other for \$20,813. The grants were in place for a 2-year period. Final purchases of police radar equipment, training videos, crime prevention giveaway items and paper shredders were approved and the items have been received and are in use.

He said a drug Take Back Day was conducted on Saturday September 29, 2012. Members of the Police Department and Cool Village Commission assisted in collecting approximately 20 pounds of surplus pharmaceuticals from an estimated 75 people who brought them in for disposal. This was a smaller turnout than previous similar initiatives and is possibly attributable to neighboring communities conducting identical collection activities on the same date.

That concluded the Police Department report.

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Trustee Mesick moved on to the Fire Department report. He said there were 107 EMS responses this month and 1090 YTD. Last year at this time there were 953 YTD. There were 31 fire/ rescue incidents this month, and 370 YTD and last year at this time there were 481 YTD.

He said Personnel conducted public education programs for a group of Cub Scouts at Yena Park, and a group of preschool children at Fire Station 1. Personnel also conducted fire evacuation drills in six village schools, and attended 26 block parties.

He said EMS personnel provided coverage for three Nazareth football games during the month, and provided CPR and AED training for a medical office in the Village.

He said during the month, personnel trained on Situational Awareness at the home in the 300 block of Stone, in which they simulated a basement fire had to search for and rescue occupants. Personnel also completed driver's training by operating fire apparatus through a cone course which is done annually.

He said over a three day period, from September 11th-13th, firefighters responded to three separate fires in the area of Forest Rd and Forest Preserve Drive. One fire involved railroad ties and brush, and another involved a tree, both near the IHB and the bike path. The other involved a dumpster at the Forest Glen Apartments.

This concluded his report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Scott Mesick read the monthly report for September.

In regards to Public Works Operations brush pick up continued the week of September 4th, with 35 loads hauled to the PW dump site- totaling close to 140 yards of brush. Removal and replacement of plants at the southwest corner of 31st & Newberry and installation of some fall plantings in various locations. Sign maintenance was performed at various locations, including the installation of new "deaf Child" signs on Catherine and Kensington, removal of graffiti at Morgan & 31st. 71 Village street miles were cleaned by the street sweeper with 32 yards of waste being picked up. Debris removed from water/sewer main repairs and street sweeping debris was moved from the PW facility down to the dump site several times. Building and ground maintenance were performed around the PW facility, Village Hall and along 31st street. Three sidewalk areas were temporarily repaired with concrete, to address trip hazards. Over 30 tons of asphalt was used to repair the street in various locations where water main breaks had occurred during the month and approximately 75 potholes were taken care of. Numerous parkway tree inspections were made during the month, relating to tree health questions, tree trimming needs, tree trimming was performed at various locations and 11 trees were removed by a contractor during the month. Parkway repairs were made at three locations. The mulch deliveries have slowed down for the season, with only 8 deliveries made, totaling 15 yards. Barricades were delivered to 28 residents for Block Parties.

He said various repairs and preventative maintenance were performed on Public Works Vehicle & Equipment Units, Police Vehicles and Fire Vehicle and Equipment.

He said the Village purchased 35,770,000 gallons of water from the Brookfield/North Riverside Water Commission. 4 water main breaks were repaired and 3 service leaks repaired. 1,338 water meters were read in section #3. 52 monthly accounts and 28 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. 84 utility locations were identified prior to excavations.

This concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Patti Rocco read the monthly report for September.

She said the Village is 5/12 or 41.7% of the way through the fiscal year as of September 30th. The General Fund is showing a current-year operating surplus of \$991,000 whereas last year at this time it showed a \$474,000 deficit. She said most of our revenues are tracking at levels similar to or slightly above last year. She said expenditures for the five operating departments in the General Fund are all currently under budget. She said overall, in regard to the current fiscal year, the Villages finances are on solid footing.

This concluded her report.

VILLAGE CLERK

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Clerk Seidel mentioned Early Voting began October 22nd and runs through November 3rd with the closest location being Hodgkin's Village Hall. She also reminded residents Election Day is November 6th.

VILLAGE TREASURER

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Treasurer Chad Chevalier said he had nothing to report.

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

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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 Seeder seconded the motion. The motion to approve Committee and Collector's reports passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Village President's Report

President Discipio started by reading a Proclamation declaring Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (October 21-27). He moved on to mentioning the Suburban Life had changed ownership and he had reached out to the new owners. He moved on to mentioning Elaine Kowalek will be honored at the November 27th Village Board Meeting. He moved on to the State of the Village Address will be held on November 1st. President Discipio ended his report by mentioning the Beach Avenue Parking Lot Ribbon Cutting on November 2nd, 2012.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Harry Fournier of LaGrange Park mentioned his background and experience as a candidate for Circuit Court Judge.

Susan Storcel of 1226 Woodside Road voiced her resignation from the Village Board effective immediately due to ideological differences.

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 brought a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing 1) the August 6, 2012 Executive Session minutes according to 5 ILCS 120/2.06, and 2) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body according to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). Trustee Rocco seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk