

Village of La Grange Park
Village Work Session Minutes
March 13, 2012

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 March 13, 2012.

Village President James Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:31 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
Patricia Rocco

Village President: James Discipio

Board Members absent were:

Trustees:

LaVelle Topps
Susan Storcel

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
Interim Public Works Director: Rick Radde
Village Fire Chief: Dean Maggos
Village Police Chief: Dan McCollum
Finance Manager: Pierre Garesche

Clerk Seidel informed the President a quorum was present.

Public Participation

President Discipio said the first item on the Agenda was Public Participation. He asked if there were any citizens who wished to address the Board. There were no citizens who wished to address the Board, so President Discipio said the next item on the Agenda was Administration Committee Items.

Administration Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Patricia Rocco for the next agenda item. Trustee Rocco proceeded to read the Village Board Agenda Memo from March 5th regarding Shop Local Day.

At the February 28th Village Board meeting, Village Trustees requested staff evaluate the feasibility of implementing a “Shop Local” day this spring to promote local businesses. The recommendation of the staff was to first complete some of the necessary steps outlined at the economic development strategic planning session related to collecting information on the business community. Once this is completed, staff will work with the CRC to identify and prioritize the implementation of a more expansive Shop Local program, which may include sponsoring a Shop Local Day this Fall in conjunction with back-to-school.

There was some concern by President Discipio to change the terminology of the Strategic Economic Development Plan to the Community Revitalization Committee Plan. There was also concern by Trustee Kozica on the timeline that since the businesses are hurting now, that the Fall may be too late. It was determined that e-briefs could be a good way now to publicize the struggling businesses that were hurt during the Beach Ave construction. After a consensus was reached President Discipio moved on to the next item.

Building & Zoning Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Rimas Kozica.

Trustee Kozica proceeded to read and summarize the Village Board Agenda Memo of March 1st regarding the Zoning Application no.2012-01: 1029 Beach Avenue, Variations.

On January 17, 2012, the Zoning Board of Appeals conducted a public hearing to consider Zoning Application No. 2012-01, filed by the Village of La Grange Park, for several zoning variations for 1029 Beach Avenue. The variations, if granted, would permit the construction of a 12 stall public parking lot. The ZBA recommended that the zoning application be approved.

There was no discussion and it was agreed by consensus that the Ordinance/Resolution/etc. be placed on the consent agenda for formal approval at the March 27th Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Kozica moved on to his next item and proceeded to read the Village Board Agenda Memo of March 7th regarding Jewel Temporary Structure.

Jewel has contacted the Village requesting permission to erect their seasonal greenhouse in the parking lot, which is 1500 square feet. If approved the structure will be constructed in the next month, and removed by June 15th. This type of structure has been allowed for the past several years. Staff recommends the approval for Jewel, located at 507 E. Woodlawn, to install the temporary greenhouse.

There was no discussion and it was agreed by consensus that this be placed for final action on the consent agenda for formal approval at the March 27th Village Board Meeting.

Public Safety Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Patty Rocco.

Trustee Rocco proceeded to read the Village Board Agenda Memo of March 6th Turnout Gear Purchase.

Staff recommends the purchase of eight sets of new protective gear (trousers and coats), and one additional protective coat, at the cost of \$11,640.00, from Environmental Safety Group. Chief Maggos commented that this should be approved and they are getting a good deal on the purchase.

There was no discussion and it was agreed by consensus that this be placed for final consideration on the consent agenda at the March 27th Village Board Meeting.

Public Works Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Scott Mesick.

Trustee Mesick proceeded to read the Village Board Agenda Memo of February 29th regarding the Replacement of an Auto Transfer Switch-Pumping Station at the Generator Building.

Staff recommends that the Village Board accept the bid from Rags Electric Company to complete the purchase and installation of the Auto Transfer Switch in the amount of \$9,100.00.

There was no discussion and it was the consensus of the Board to place this item on the consent agenda at the March 27th Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Mesick moved on to his next item and proceeded to read the Village Board Agenda Memo of March 5th regarding Lawn Mowing and Flower Bed Landscape Maintenance.

Staff recommends the acceptance of the bids from Landscape Concepts Management for the Lawn Mowing and Flower Bed Maintenance Contracts.

There was no discussion and it was the consensus of the Board to place approving the proposals from Landscape Concepts Management in the amount of \$2,808.00 for Lawn Mowing various areas throughout the Village, \$1,608.00 for Lawn Mowing at the Water Plant, and \$2,296.00 for Flower Bed Maintenance, and rejecting all other bids on the consent agenda at the March 27th Village Board Meeting.

Finance Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Patty Rocco for the next agenda item.

Trustee Rocco proceeded to read the March 5, 2012 Memorandum regarding the Five Year Plan Update.

Trustee Rocco wanted to add that they had a Finance Committee Meeting earlier that evening and have scheduled two additional meetings on March 22nd and March 27th.

President Discipio wanted to thank the Finance Committee for all their hard work.

Trustee Seeder mentioned that the budget is a work in progress, it is challenging during these economic times.

There was no further discussion regarding the FY 12-13 Budget or Five Year Plan.

President Discipio then moved on to other reports.

Other Reports

He called upon Village Manager Julia Cedillo for a report. Village Manager Cedillo updated the Board on an updated timeline for proceedings for the Public Works Facility Schematic Design Phase. Village Manager Cedillo also mentioned there will be a presentation on the budget at 7:15pm on April 10th.

He then called upon Village Clerk Seidel for a report. Clerk Seidel wanted to remind everyone to vote on Tuesday March 20th.

The next report was from President Discipio. President Discipio wanted to inform residents that the Village is working with Pompei to find out there intent with the Village Market. President Discipio also wanted to thank Jim McCarthy on their parade/block party which successfully raised over \$100,000 for the St. Baldrick Foundation.

This concluded the Other Reports so President Discipio moved on to New Business. There was none.

Since there was no further business to be brought before the Work Session, President Discipio said he would entertain a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Trustee Seeder made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session *for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body according to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)*. Trustee Mesick seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn into Executive Session passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk