

Village of La Grange Park  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
May 22, 2012

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on May 22, 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 7:31 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  
LaVelle Topps  
Marshall Seeder  
Patricia Rocco  
Susan Storcel

Village President: James Discipio

Also in Attendance were:

Village Manager: Julia Cedillo  
Village Attorney: Cathleen Keating  
Village Clerk: Amanda Seidel  
Public Works Director: Brendan McLaughlin  
Village Engineer: Paul Flood  
Finance Manager: Pierre Garesche  
Fire Chief: Dean Maggos  
Police Chief: Dan McCollum

President Discipio said he would like to begin with the Employee Recognition Ceremony. Village Manager Cedillo recognized and introduced the following employees and their families who were in attendance at the Board Meeting. Stefanie Christoferson and Matthew Fellers were recognized for 5 years of Service. Dean Maggos and Jean Jankowski for 10 years of service. John Psenicka and Dan McCollum for 15 years of service. Phil Kubisztal was recognized for 25 years of service and Sandy Mahn for 30 years of service to the Village of LaGrange Park. Village Manager Cedillo also read the names of other employees who were unable to be present. Karen Widd, Francis Marrocco, Timothy Jania, Kenny William, Chad Raupp, Scott Stauber, Steve Tullis, Allyson Rackow, Larry Leonard for 5 years. Tom Brunet, Don Mikulecky, Perry

Speros, Ted Zimmerman for 10 years of service. Mike Czml for 25 years and Corey Noble for 30 years.

President Discipio thanked all the Employees for their dedication and service to the Village of LaGrange Park.

### Public Participation

President Discipio said the next item on the Agenda was Public Participation. He asked if there were any citizens who wished to address the Board.

Fred Weiss of 627 N. Brainard expressed his opinions on Municipal Aggregation. He commented on desirability of percentages, revenue and a green initiative, a typographical error on page 43, and firm pricing for 24 hours.

There were no other 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) Executive Session Meeting – February 28, 2012 Revised
  - (ii) Village Board Meeting – March 27, 2012 Revised
  - (iii) Village Board Meeting – April 24, 2012
  - (iv) Executive Session Meeting – April 24, 2012
  - (v) Public Hearing Minutes (Aggregation) – May 8, 2012
  - (vi) Work Session Meeting – May 8, 2012
  - (vii) Public Hearing Minutes (Aggregation) – May 14, 2012
- B. Action- Motion to Approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 33 of the La Grange Park Municipal Code as Amended.
- C. Action- Motion to Approve a Resolution Accepting Proposal from Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. (1029 Beach Avenue Parking Lot Construction).
- D. Action- Motion to Approve an Obligation Retirement Resolution Appropriating MFT Funds for the Purpose of Paying Bond Principal and Interest.
- 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 June 26, 2012 subsequent approval of the Payroll Register and Voucher Register by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting to be held on June 26, 2012.

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After Clerk Seidel finished reading, President Discipio asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read 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. She started with an update on the Post Office. She said the 2012 Arbor Day Ceremony was held on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Village Church, where the Village honored longtime resident Paul Matlas. She said National Drug Take Back Day took place Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall. She said the Youth Commission is now accepting applications from interested teens to serve on the Village's Youth Commission. Trustee Storcel ended her report by encouraging all residents to sign up for Community E-Briefs.

Trustee Storcel moved on to her next item by summarizing the Village Board Agenda Memo from May 16, 2012 regarding Electrical Power Aggregation.

It is recommended by staff that the Village Board approve the Ordinance. The solicitation/acceptance of bids in other communities has yielded significantly lower power supply rates than what is currently provided by Com Ed.

Trustee Storcel brought a Motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing Aggregation of Electrical Load and Adopting an Electric Power Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick.

Discussion began by going through the Program Considerations in the Board Packet Memo. Village Manager Cedillo summarized staff recommendations. It was recommended to go with a 2 year term for the contract, some REC as the Renewable Options, hold off on Early Termination Fee until pricing is available; there was no recommendation for Civic Contribution however it could be used for green initiatives, and a recommended Price Guarantee Clause.

Clerk Seidel called roll on the Motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing Aggregation of Electrical Load and Adopting an Electric Power Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance. Kozica- Present Mesick-Yes Topps-Yes Seeder-Yes Storcel-Yes Rocco-Yes  
Motion passes 5 to 1 present.

Trustee Storcel moved on and went through the recommendations. Attorney Keating made a clarification that contract term will be driven by price. She also clarified a consensus is needed

from the Village Board for early termination fee, civic contribution, and the price guarantee clause to communicate with bidders.

Discussion moved to Civic Contribution. Trustee Storcel said she supports staff's recommendation and would support a civic contribution due to the Village's financial state. Trustee Seeder said he supports staff recommendation except for the civic contribution. Trustee Mesick said he agrees with a civic contribution to offset the cost of setting up the program. Trustee Rocco would like to see the civic contribution increased to .002 cents as a way to generate income, she also said she supports 100% renewable options. Trustee Topps said he is in favor of a civic contribution. Trustee Kozica said that due to his present vote he will not be commenting on this item. Trustee Seeder reiterated he disagrees with a civic contribution. Discussion ended, a motion will be brought at the next meeting in regards to civic contribution.

Discussion moved to Early Termination Fee. Trustee Storcel said yes. Trustee Mesick said wait and see on pricing. Trustee Rocco said no. Trustee Topps said no. Trustee Kozica said present. Trustee Seeder said if we can avoid but wait for pricing.

Discussion moved to the Price Guarantee Clause. All Trustees agreed with a price guarantee clause except Trustee Kozica with his present vote. A consensus was reached.

Attorney Keating clarified that bid can be made with and without civic contribution but a rate should be agreed upon. A consensus was made for a rate of .001 for a civic contribution. Trustee Seeder reiterated he is against civic contribution.

Discussion ended and that concluded the Administration Committee Items.

This concluded her report.

## BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

### A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Rimas Kozica said there were 73 building permits were issued in April, compared to 98 in April 2011.

He said permits issued so far YTD are slightly down compared to last year at this time.

He said estimated construction costs were significantly more, and Permit Fees collected was somewhat more, for this past April compared to April of 2011.

He said there were 116 inspections conducted during April of 2012, compared to 103 in April of 2011. He said of the inspections, 11 were not approved.

He said with the change of seasons, staff has fielded three times the number of property maintenance code enforcement issues as compared to March, which in addition to site visits, all

require documentation and follow-up. As such, this adds to the somewhat already strained workload of our one inspector.

This concluded his report. Trustee Kozica thanked Andrea Bagley for setting up the staff reception and ceremony.

#### ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Marshal Seeder said continued meetings were held with the Army Corps Engineers, discussing grant funding for a water main project on La Grange Road.

He said bid opening on April 30<sup>th</sup> on final design for Beach Parking Lot.

He said the Village completed the close-out process on the Beach/Monroe & Blanchan/Morgan paving projects.

He said Variable Frequency Drive installed in the Water Plant on Pump #2 and Pump #3.

He said Replacement of Auto Transfer Switch-Pumping Station was completed.

This concluded his report. Trustee Seeder wanted to welcome Brendan McLaughlin to Public Works.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee LaVelle Topps started with the Police Department Summary for April. He said overall police activity for the first four months this year remains slightly higher than in 2011, with 2,275 incidents reported compared to 2,007 last year.

He said members of the Police Department completed in-service training on Aerosol Irritants.

He said several department members completed audiological screening to comply with IRMA ongoing requirements. The remaining members will complete the screening in May. The testing is provided free of cost by Best Hearing Center in Westmont, Illinois.

That concluded the Police Department report.

Trustee Topps moved on to the Fire Department report. He said there were 130 EMS responses this month and 488 YTD. Last year at this time there were 396 YTD. There were 37 fire/ rescue incidents this month, and 159 YTD and last year at this time there were 154 YTD.

He said on April 15<sup>th</sup>, personnel from LaGrange Park and Riverside conducted live fire training together at a vacant building previously used by the La Grange Park District at Gordon Park. This training was part of the joint firefighting academy we run for new recruits with other departments.

He said during the month, personnel conducted various levels of CPR courses for staff at Bethlehem Woods, Sisters of St. Joseph, and the LaGrange Park Library.

He said Firefighter/Paramedic Sandy Mahn and Don Michalik, Firefighter/EMT Chad Raupp, and Division Chief John Carpenter were awarded “Run of the Month” for March by staff at Adventist La Grange Hospital for the quality care they provided to a cardiac patient.

He said on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, personnel participated in the Little League parade.

He said on April 30<sup>th</sup>, our department hosted a “Leadership Principal for the Fire Officer” class, which was taught by the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute.

He said during the month, Fire Prevention staff conducted a final inspection of the sprinkler system for a new home located at 516 N. Brainard.

Trustee Topps moved on to his next item Approving an Ordinance Amending Chapter 36 of the LaGrange Park Municipal Code as Amended (Increase to Ambulance Service Fees). Trustee Topps brought the motion to approve Ordinance #950 amending Chapter 36 of the LaGrange Park Municipal Code as Amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick. All Trustees were in support. It was commented that Trustees would like to see the comprehensive list of proposed fee increases. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

This concluded his report.

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

### A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Scott Mesick read the monthly report for April.

In regards to Public Works Operations contractors removed 53 truckloads of construction debris over two days which had accumulated in the Village’s dump site over the past year. Repairs on the parkway continued during the month at 16 sites, with 15 yards of dirt and a bag of seed being added to that area where repairs were performed during the winter season. Sign maintenance at various locations. 4 street repairs, using over 3 tons of UPM. One Ash tree removal at the Villages Water Plant Reservoir. there were over 1100 pothole repairs made throughout the Village, using 6.5 tons of asphalt. Eight parkway repairs were made, with 10 yards of dirt and a bag of seed being added to areas where water/sewer construction was performed during the winter season. Barricades were delivered for 4 block parties. 166 Village street miles were cleaned by the street sweeper, with 44 yards of waste being picked up. Building and ground

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maintenance were performed around the PW facility, Village Hall, and along 31<sup>st</sup> St. Meetings with the new landscape contractor to review all the areas to be mowed, and gardens to be maintained. Several Work Orders for tree trimming in the Village's parkway were taken care of. Sidewalk repair in the 1400 Block of Newberry with UPM to remove trip hazard. Individual branch pickups requests were performed. 24 deliveries of mulch, totaling 80 yards; 1 delivery of compost of 3 yards.

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 37,010,000 gallons of water from the Brookfield/North Riverside Water Commission. 4 water service leaks were repaired. 1,265 water meters were read in section #1. 51 monthly accounts and 9 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. 102 utility locations were identified prior to excavations. 8 Buffalo box repairs.

This concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Patricia Rocco read the Financial Summary. She said we have completed the 2011-12 fiscal year and Detailed Revenue & Expense Reports displaying financial results through April 30<sup>th</sup> are in your packets. The accounting for the fiscal year is not yet complete because many year-end accruals still need to be calculated and recoded for both revenues and expenses. These various accruals can have a substantial impact on the financial results. She went on to provide examples.

This concluded the Finance Committee's Report.

VILLAGE CLERK

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Clerk Seidel said she had nothing to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Finance Manager Garasche 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 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 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 began by reading the Proclamation for Emergency Medical Services Week. The Village of LaGrange Park proclaims May 20<sup>th</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

President Discipio moved on to his next item which was an update on the Post Office. He said the Village will keep residents informed if and when further information becomes known.

President Discipio moved on to his next item which was mentioning the progress of a Subway going into the strip mall on 31<sup>st</sup> Street.

President Discipio concluded his report by thanking Andrea Bagley for all her hard work on the Employee Recognition Ceremony and in general.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Karen Konsul of 713 Beach Ave was looking for clarification on the meaning of a Present Vote.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Storcel asked about including the Brochure from the International Code Council which explains the importance of permits to be included with the water bills.

#### 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 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*

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*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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda G. Seidel  
Village Clerk