

Village of La Grange Park
Village Work Session Minutes
August 14, 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 August 14, 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
LaVelle Topps
Marshall Seeder
Patricia Rocco

Village President: James Discipio

Board Members absent were:

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
Public Works Director: Brendan McLaughlin
Fire Chief: Dean Maggos
Deputy Police Chief: Phil Kubisztal
Finance Director: 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. Kevin Shields of 45 N. Drexel in La Grange, a past LaGrange Park District Commissioner, wanted to address the Board in regards to 2 parcels

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of land and an abandoned building at Gordon Park that he thinks LaGrange Park should look into to utilize during the Public Works Garage Renovation. He passed out pictures to the Board.

Administration Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Rimas Kozica.

Trustee Kozica started by summarizing the Village Board Memo from August 7 regarding Installation of Private Equipment for Private Use on Village Property. Staff was looking for feedback from the Village Board as to whether they support leasing space on Village owned property to companies for their private use. DRW Holdings, a trading company approached the Village with interest in installing two satellite dishes on the water tower for internal communication for their employees with a proposed lease rate of \$1,000 month.

Discussion began with comments and concerns. Assistant Village Manager Rodman and Village Manager Cedillo clarified the pros and cons of allowing this. The advantage is revenue for the Village but there was concern over the amount of space on the tower and if any interruption will be made to the existing cell phone companies leasing space. Attorney Keating clarified that before allowing this the Village has to make sure there is no interference with existing contracts, find out the capacity and the space occupied on the tower as well as look at the public benefit. This will also begin a precedent to allow private companies to lease village property. After discussion it was in concurrence that the Board would like DRW Holding to pay for a study to make sure this would not interfere with existing leases and it was in agreement that the proposed \$1000 monthly was too low when there are other companies paying up to \$3500. Staff will report back to the Board after they talk to DRW Holdings.

Trustee Kozica moved on to his next item by summarizing the Village Board Memo from August 8 regarding Local Debt Recovery Program. At the July 13th Work Session Matt Ryan of the Illinois State Comptroller Office gave a presentation on the Local Debt Recovery Program, which provides opportunity for units of local government to recover funds they are owed by Illinois residents. There was a short discussion needing to clarify that college funds would not be affected as well as the possibility of the board being notified of residents who protest so they can be taken care of in an expedited matter.

Trustee Kozica made a motion approving the Village of LaGrange Park participation in the Illinois Local Debt Recovery Program and authorizing the Village President to sign the resolution required for participation. Trustee Rocco seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Public Safety Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Lavelle Topps.

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Trustee Topps proceeded to read the Village Board Agenda Memo of August 8, 2012 regarding Woodlawn Avenue Traffic Signage Review by the Traffic Safety and Engineering Committee. The Traffic Safety and Engineering Committee held meetings on April 11th, June 13th and July 11th to discuss a request by Tony Soucek regarding his concern for traffic safety and volume on Woodlawn Ave and his recommendation for changing stop signs on three north/south streets at the Woodlawn intersection. After information was provided to the Committee from Village Police, Village Attorney and the Village Engineer regarding technical and legal requirements for stop signs, the Traffic committee denied all of Mr. Souceks requests. Mr. Soucek also had a concern about the location of the US Postal Service Box, in response to this matter, after the Village police received permission from the US Postmaster the box has been relocated on Village Property in front of Village Hall.

Engineer Flood summarized the guidelines that must be followed for traffic control devices. The Board was in agreement with the Traffic, Safety and Engineering Committees recommendation.

There was no further discussion and President Discipio moved on to Public Works Committee Items.

Public Works Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Scott Mesick.

Trustee Mesick proceeded to read the Village Board Agenda Memo of August 6, 2012 regarding Illinois Clean Energy & DCEO Grants for Lighting Upgrades at Water Plant and Public Works Garage. Through the efforts of Twin Supplies, the Public Works Department was notified of a grant award for Public Sector Energy Efficiency for the upgrade of lighting at the Water Plant and Public Works Facilities. The award would be from DCEO in the amount of \$7,387 and from Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation in the amount of \$3,772. These awards will cover all but \$1,248.30 of the project, funding for this amount is available through the Water Fund and the Public Works Budget. Staff recommends that the Village Board authorize the Village President to sign the following; DCEO Formal Notice to Proceed, ICE Grant Agreement, and contract agreement with Twin Supplies, Ltd. Trustee Mesick also expressed how he is in favor of this project which also fits the Sustainability Plan of the Cool Village Commission.

There was no discussion and it was agreed by consensus that these items be placed on the Consent Agenda at the August 28, 2012 Village Board Meeting.

President Discipio moved on to Finance Committee.

Finance Committee Items

President Discipio called upon Trustee Patti Rocco.

Trustee Rocco proceeded to read the Village Board Agenda Memo of August 7, 2012 regarding Audit Services. Selden Fox Ltd. Has been the Village's audit firm for fourteen years, at a previous Board Meeting it was discussed to possibly seek out proposals from other audit firms.

Discussion started on whether or not to seek RFP's from other audit firms. Finance Director Garesche mentioned the good service received and that there is no recommendation for auditor rotation. There was concern of the time and effort that would be spent on this when it could be spent elsewhere especially when everyone is satisfied and very happy with the service Seldon Fox has provided. The board was also happy to see that Seldon Fox used a new audit team which gains a fresh and different perspective. At the end of discussion it was agreed not to seek proposals from other audit firms at this time.

President Discipio moved on to other reports.

Other Reports

He called upon Village Manager Julia Cedillo for a report. Village Manager Cedillo had nothing to report.

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 wanted to mention that Chad Chevalier will be our next Village Treasurer and will be sworn into office at the August 28th Village Board Meeting.

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 into Executive Session. Trustee Seeder made a motion to move into Executive Session for purpose of discussing the selection of a person to fill a Village Committee according to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3). Trustee Mesick seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn into Executive Session passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk