

Village of La Grange Park
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on February 24, 2015 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:

Scott Mesick
Patricia Rocco
Michael Sheehan
James Kucera
Mario Fotino
Robert Lautner

Also in Attendance were:

Village President: James Discipio

Village Manager: Julia Cedillo
Village Clerk: Amanda Seidel
Village Attorney: Cathleen Keating
Village Engineer: Paul Flood
Village Treasurer: Chad Chevalier
Police Chief: Ed Rompa
Fire Chief: Dean Maggos
Public Works Director: Brendan McLaughlin
Finance Director: Larry Noller

President Discipio moved on to the first item, a presentation. President Discipio introduced representatives of Nazareth Academy Football Team and presented them the new entryway sign for the Village celebrating Nazareth Academy 2014 State Football Champions.

President Discipio moved on to the next item, appointment of probationary police officer Guadalupe Gonzalez. Village Clerk performed the oath of office. Police Chief Rompa invited Ms. Gonzalez to have her brother assist in the pinning ceremony and Ms Gonzalez introduced her family and thanked the Board.

Public Participation

President Discipio moved on to Public Participation. There was none.

Consent Agenda

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

A. Approval of Minutes

- (i) Village Board Meeting- January 27, 2015
- (ii) Village Board Executive Session- January 27, 2015
- (iii) Strategic Planning Workshop—February 3, 2015
- (iv) Work Session Meeting- February 10, 2015

- B. Action- Sale of Surplus Vehicles *Motion: to Approve an Ordinance to Declare the Vehicles as Surplus and Authorize the Sale to Yousef Dabbagh in the total amount of \$2,456 to purchase the 2003 Ford Explorer and the 2009 Ford Crown Victoria.*
- C. Action- Turn Out Gear Purchase *Motion to approve the purchase of seven sets of new protective gear (pants and coats) at the cost of \$1,733 per set, or a total of \$12,131, from Paul Conway Shields.*
- D. Action- Fiscal Year 2015 Audit Services Agreement *Motion to approve a professional services agreement with Seldon Fox, Ltd. To perform the required annual audit of the Village's financial statements for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$19,000.*
- 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 March 24, 2015 subsequent approval of the Payroll Register and Voucher Register by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting to be held on March 24, 2015.

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 as read was made by Trustee Mesick and seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Julia Cedillo had nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Robert Lautner read the Administration Report. He started with Arbor Day Nominations. He moved on to Village Seeking New Members for Sustainability Commission. He moved on to Annual Strategic Planning Session. He moved on to Downspout Disconnection Program.

This concluded the Administration Committee report.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Michael Sheehan said there were 34 building permits were issued in January, compared to 31 in January 2014. He said both estimated Construction Costs were more than double than January of last year, while Permit Fees Collected was more than four times as much. This is attributed to the additional number of permits issued, the increase in fees, and again somewhat related to the deposits

now required. He said there were 82 inspections conducted during this past January, compared to 94 in January of 2014, he said of the inspections, 4 were not approved. He said permits were issued for three residential additions during the month. He said during the month, staff met with representatives of the Community Park District to discuss and review their plans for the new Memorial Park Shelter and park improvements. He said during the month, staff met with representatives of Helping Hand to clarify Life Safety Code requirements and the scope of renovations planned for, which are minor, for the house they own on Community.

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE
A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Jim Kucera said the 2014 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program contractor is scheduled to resume work; they will remain in the Village until all sections are completed. We will review the video records of this work upon receipt of the information from the contractor. Project closeout of the Ogden Avenue Water Main Replacement Program with Suburban General Construction has been completed. The Kemman Avenue Resurfacing Project (from 31st Street to 26th Street) will appear on the March 6th, 2015 letting by the IDOT, construction should commence in late spring 2015 with completion expected by the end of summer. He moved on to complete initial discussions with the Public Works staff to identify a list of suggested improvements for the Villages 2015 Paving Program.

This concluded his report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Mario Fotino started with the Police Department Summary for January. He said the month of January, with its uncertain weather conditions has in the past caused for police activities to be impacted. This month there were 24 accidents reported during the month, compared to 31 during January of last year. Traffic citations issued totaled 427, compared to last January's 350. Total police activity decreased by 18%, with a total of 479 incidents reported, compared to 567 during the first month of 2014. He said the annual Adopt-A-Cop Skating Party is scheduled for Saturday March 28 from 6:30pm-9:30pm at the Darien Sportsplex Ice Arena. He said the police department in coordination with all local schools in LaGrange Park have conducted emergency lock out drills during the past few months. He said the police department Social Worker is assigned all follow-ups for such incidents, during the month he followed up on a variety of 21 incidents.

That concluded the Police Department report.

Trustee Fotino moved on to the Fire Department Report. He said there were 155 EMS responses this month and 143 in January 2014. There were 47 fire/rescue incidents this month, and 80 in January 2014. He said 6 new paid-on-call employees began attending the part-time fire academy which is being hosted by the Western Springs Fire Department this year. He said from 1/7 at 7:30am until 1/8 at noon; we kept additional staff in our stations due to the extreme cold weather. This staffing allowed for quicker response to emergencies. He said CPR and AED training was provided to Public Works employees during the month. Also, our personnel spoke to students involved in the Health Careers Club at Nazareth Academy as part of their career day program.

This concluded his report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Scott Mesick read the monthly report.

He read the January summary of Public Works Operations. He moved on to Mechanic Maintenance; he said various repairs and preventative maintenance were performed on Public Works Vehicle & Equipment Units, Police Vehicles and Fire Vehicle and Equipment. He moved on to Water Department Operations; He said the Village purchased 34,250,000 gallons of water from the Brookfield/North Riverside Water Commission. 1,269 water meters were read in section #1. 50 monthly accounts and 15 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. 49 utility locations were identified prior to excavations. 2 water mains repaired; 3 B-box repairs were made.

This concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Patricia Rocco read the Financial Summary. She said fiscal year to date General Fund revenues are at 67% of the annual budget and essentially flat overall compared to the prior year. She said sales tax revenue continues on a positive trend and is up 9% from last year. She said permit revenue is up about 16% from last year reflecting strong building activity. She said intergovernmental revenue remains slightly below the prior year due to lower income tax receipts. She said fine revenue is about 12% lower than the prior year, yet still within its budget. She said all departments are within their expected fiscal year to date budgets. She said total General Fund expenditures are within budget expectations at 72% of the annual budget and about \$1.46 million above last year.

This concluded her report.

OTHER REPORTS

VILLAGE CLERK

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Clerk Seidel said she had nothing to report.

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

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 Sheehan made the motion to approve the Committee and Collector reports as presented. Trustee Mesick seconded the motion. The motion to approve Committee and Collector's reports passed unanimously by voice vote.*

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Discipio began by discussing Governors Rauners Budget address and his proposal to decrease the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). President Discipio mentioned the Drive Down to Springfield in April.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

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. Trustee Mesick made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session *for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2)*. Trustee Sheehan seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn into Executive Session passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk