

Village of La Grange Park  
Village Work Session Minutes  
July 14, 2020

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A Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on July 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., in the Boardroom of the La Grange Park Municipal Building.

Village President Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. President Discipio asked all in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked Village Clerk Kooi to call the roll.

Board Members in attendance were (*unless otherwise noted*):

Trustees:	Scott Mesick Michael Sheehan James Kucera Robert Lautner Jamie Zaura (absent) Amanda Seidel
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Village President:	James Discipio
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Also in Attendance were:

Village Manager:	Julia Cedillo
Assistant Village Manager:	Emily Rodman
Village Clerk:	Meghan Kooi
Village Engineer:	Mark Volk
Village Attorney:	Cathy Keating
Public Works Director:	Rick Radde
Police Chief:	Tim Contois
Fire Chief/Building Director:	Dean Maggos

Village Clerk Kooi informed President Discipio that a quorum was present.

President Discipio stated he would entertain a motion to approve the remote attendance via phone by Trustee Sheehan at the July 14, 2020 Work Session Meeting. *Trustee Lautner made a Motion: To Approve the Remote Attendance via Phone by Trustee Sheehan at the July 14, 2020 Work Session Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

**Public Participation (agenda and non-agenda related items)**

There was none.

**Administrative Committee**

Trustee Amanda Seidel read the Agenda Memo Item Suspension of Block Parties due to COVID-19. Trustee Seidel stated that due to there being numerous rules and regulations designed to allow for safe gatherings she was in favor of allowing block parties to resume in the community. *At the end of the discussion Trustee Seidel made a Motion: To Allow Block Parties to Resume Subject to Additional COVID-19 Guidelines to Protect Public Health and Safety. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

**Building & Zoning Committee**

Trustee James Kucera read the Agenda Memo Item 2020/21 Budget Amendment – Sewer Back-up Prevention Program. Trustee Kucera stated he agreed with the program as the need is very great for residents to have this issue resolved. He also stated that it would provide an opportunity to improve properties and would be good for the entire community.

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Trustee Lautner questioned where the funds would be drawn from for the program. Village Manager Julia Cedillo stated all funding would come from the Sewer Funds. Trustee Mesick agreed the program would be a service to the residents. *At the end of the discussion Trustee Kucera made a Motion: To Approve a Resolution Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 for the Village of La Grange Park. The motion was seconded by Trustee Seidel and it passed by a vote of 4 – 0. Trustee Lautner recused himself from the vote.*

#### Public Works Committee

Trustee Michael Sheehan read the Agenda Memo Item Equipment Purchase – New 2020 Backhoe. Trustee Sheehan stated he was for the purchase as it would increase productivity for the Public Works Department. Trustee Mesick questioned what the resale value of the current Backhoe would be. Public Works Director Rick Radde stated the resale value was estimated at \$18,000. Trustee Lautner stated he would like to see the purchase delayed until after the Budget Review at the August Work Session.

Trustee Sheehan read the Agenda Memo Item 2020 Road Resurfacing Project. *At the end of the discussion Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Approve and Authorize the Village President to Execute Agreements Between the Village of La Grange Park and Edwin Hancock Engineering for Design and Construction Engineering Services in an Amount of \$45,000.00 for the 2020 Road Resurfacing Project. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Trustee Sheehan presented the Village Board with information on the 2020 Street Patching Program – Engineering Services Agreement.

#### Finance Committee

Trustee Scott Mesick presented the Village Board with Information on the Budget Review Planning. He stated that there would be a presentation on the 3 Month Budget Review at the August 11, 2020 Work Session Meeting.

#### Other Reports

President Discipio called upon Village Manager Julia Cedillo for a report. There was nothing to report.

Village President Discipio had several items to report on. He thanked staff for all of their hard work during the pandemic and for keeping the residents of La Grange Park safe through their many efforts. President Discipio also congratulated Finance Director Larry Noller for being awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year that ended April 30, 2019. The certificate was awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). This was the third year that the Village had achieved this prestigious award.

President Discipio called upon Village Clerk Meghan Kooi for a report. There was nothing to report.

#### New Business

Trustee Robert Lautner stated he would like the Village Board to discuss with Village Staff how seasonal vendors are handled in the Village. He stated he had been approached by local business owners about the temporary set-up of Clovers and the negative impact that temporary business had on the market share of the permanent businesses in the community. He questioned the zoning requirements for those temporary businesses and if there was a possibility for different zoning considerations for their set-up. Village Attorney Cathy Keating stated that zoning is a public police power and that it was not clear if the Village could make zoning restrictions based solely on the competition the temporary business might have on the permanent businesses in the community. If the Village Board was interested in having a potential Zoning Code Amendment, Village Attorney Keating stated that a public hearing would have to be held. She suggested that she and Village Staff could look into the matter further if the Village Board requested it. Trustee Lautner stated he would be in favor of Village Staff looking into the issue further. Assistant Village Manager Emily Rodman pointed out that if there were to be zoning code amendments those could potentially have a negative effect on the smaller scale temporary vendors

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that come into the community. Trustee Mesick stated that if temporary businesses are allowed in the current zoning code than it should remain in place as is. He stated he didn't want the Village Board to overregulate local businesses and it wasn't the Village Board's responsibility to decide which businesses should benefit more than others. Trustee Seidel stated that the zoning code should be left as is and any research done by staff would be very lengthy and time consuming. Trustee Sheehan stated the precedent had been set with Clovers setting up in the community and it shouldn't be changed now. President Discipio agreed with the majority of the Trustees that the current zoning requirements should not be changed. If they were changed, President Discipio stated that future permanent businesses in the community could potentially request more restrictions on temporary businesses. He also stated that the temporary businesses offer an opportunity to diversify products that are offered and the combination of permanent and temporary businesses cater to all of the residents' needs. Following the discussion there was consensus that the matter would not move forward and Village Staff would not conduct further research into the zoning restrictions for temporary businesses.

### Adjourn

Since there was no further business to be brought before the Village Board, *President Discipio stated he would entertain a motion to move into Executive Session. Trustee Mesick made a Motion: To Move 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 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan M. Kooi  
Village Clerk