

Village of La Grange Park
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled February 23, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., via Teleconference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Village President James Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. President Discipio stated for the record that the meeting was being held remotely due to COVID-19 and confirmed all attendees could hear. President Discipio asked all in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. President Discipio then asked Village Clerk Kooi to call the roll.

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

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

Village Manager:	Julia Cedillo
Assistant Village Manager:	Maggie Jarr
Finance Director:	Larry Noller
Village Clerk:	Meghan Kooi
Village Attorney:	Cathy Keating
Village Engineer:	Mark Volk
Public Works Director:	Rick Radde
Police Chief:	Tim Contois
Director of Building and Fire:	Dean Maggos

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

Swearing-In of Paid-On-Call Firefighters

Director of Building and Fire Dean Maggos introduced the two Paid-on-Call Firefighters. Matthew Kerry and Christopher Psenicka were hired on July 8, 2018 and had recently completed the Basic Fire Operation Academy and EMS training. Fire Chief Maggos thanked the candidates for their commitment to the training program and stated tonight's recognition was well deserved and an impressive achievement. Village President Discipio thanked the candidates for their dedication to the community. Village Clerk Kooi then conducted the swearing in of Paid-on-Call Firefighters, Matthew Kerry and Christopher Psenicka.

Public Participation

Ms. Karen Bledsoe of Homestead Road addressed the Village Board in regards to issues some residents had been having with Jewel Osco located at 507 E. Woodlawn Avenue. Ms. Bledsoe stated there had been an issue with sidewalk safety due to a lack of shoveling around the Jewel, garbage piling up in the back alley, trucks parked overnight on the site, and a flashing light on the property. Ms. Bledsoe had reached out to the local Jewel management and stated that they were not responsive to her concerns. President Discipio thanked Ms. Bledsoe for bringing the matter to the Board's attention and asked that Ms. Bledsoe and the other affected neighbors contact Village Manager Cedillo with their concerns so that she could address the matter.

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Consent Agenda

Village Clerk Kooi stated the following items were on the Consent Agenda for approval:

- A. *Approval of Minutes*
 - i. *Village Board Meeting – January 26, 2021*
 - ii. *Village Board Work Session Meeting – February 9, 2021*
 - iii. *Executive Session Meeting – February 9, 2021*

- B. *Action – 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*

- C. *Action – 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 the Next Village Board Meeting with Subsequent Approval of the Payroll Register and Voucher Register by the Board of Trustees at its Next Meeting*

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Trustee Lautner. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Julia Cedillo had one item to report. Village Manager Cedillo welcomed and introduced Assistant Village Manager Maggie Jarr. Assistant Village Manager Jarr comes to the Village after working 6 years at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) as a Senior Planner where she worked with municipalities on transportation, zoning, housing, and other issues. Assistant Village Manager Jarr graduated from the University of Illinois with a BS in Architectural Studies in 2010 and obtained her Master's in Urban Planning and Policy from University of Illinois at Chicago in 2015. Assistant Village Manager Jarr grew up in Western Springs and Indian Head Park and was a graduate of Lyons Township High School. Assistant Village Manager Jarr expressed her excitement to contribute to the future successes of the Village and was looking forward to getting to know everyone.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Amanda Seidel read the monthly report for January 2021. Residents who are interested in receiving the COVID vaccine were reminded to register with the County at vaccine.cookcountyl.gov. Individuals without internet access or who need assistance scheduling can call (833) 308-1988 (from 7a.m. to 7p.m., Monday - Friday). Cook County is currently in phase 1B of the vaccination plan which includes frontline essential workers and residents age 65 and over. National Arbor Day is Friday, April 30th. The Village is accepting nominations to plant a tree in honor or in memory of a person or group that has made a positive contribution to the community, or whose achievements deserve special recognition. To submit a nomination, residents were asked to please visit the Village's website to download a nomination form or contact Sandy Bakalich for more information. Nominations will be accepted through April 16th. This concluded the Administration Committee Report.

Trustee Seidel read the Agenda Memo Item Comcast Enterprise Services – Master Services Agreement (MSA). *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Seidel made a Motion: To Authorize the Village Manager to Enter into a Three-Year Master Services Agreement (MSA) with Comcast Enterprise Services – for Ethernet Internet Services. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

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BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Jamie Zaura read the monthly report for January 2021. The new owner of 23 E. 31 Street closed on the building and staff issued a permit for interior demolition, permit and engineering drawings were submitted for the Murphy's addition project, and the Community Park District received zoning approval at the PZC meeting in January, and subsequently by the Village Board, for the construction of their new fitness court. This concluded the Building and Zoning Committee Report.

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Zaura read the monthly report for January 2021. Phase 2 of the 2020 Sewer Lining Project was completed by Visu-Sewer of Illinois, and the design work was started for the 2021 Sewer Repair Program. This concluded the Engineering and Capital Projects Committee Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Robert Lautner started with the Police Department Summary of Activities for January 2021. The Police Department is planning on resuming their Citizen's Police Academy on Saturdays from April 3rd to May 8th from 9am to 12pm in the Village Boardroom. Coffee with the Chief and Staff will resume on May 15th from 8:30 am - 10 am at the Memorial Park Band Shell. Both Special Events will happen based on the current state of the Pandemic at that time. There was also a friendly reminder about securing one's personal property at all times. Trustee Lautner moved on to the Fire Department Activities for January 2021. Five new POC firefighters were recently hired and they began their training at the Fire Academy, personnel participated in a short car parade to support a family who has a toddler that was undergoing a kidney transplant, and both Fire Stations were staffed twice overnight during the month due to Winter Storm Warnings. This concluded the Public Safety Committee report.

Trustee Lautner read the Agenda Memo Item Fire Academy Tuition Payment. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Lautner made a Motion: To Approve the Payment of \$15,000.00 to the Romeoville Fire Academy for Five Personnel to Attend the Basic Operations Fire Academy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Trustee Lautner read the Agenda Memo Item Occupational Medical Evaluations. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Lautner made a Motion: Approving the Payment of \$10,809.00 to Health Endeavors, SC, of Lombard, IL, for this Fiscal Year's Annual Occupational Medical Evaluations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Michael Sheehan read the monthly report for January 2021 which included the summary of Public Works Operations, Mechanic Maintenance, and Water Department Operations. This concluded the Public Works Committee report.

Trustee Sheehan read the Agenda Memo Item 2020/21 Salt Purchase Contract – Open Purchase Order. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Approve an Open Purchase Order with Cargill Incorporated Salt Division, Not to Exceed a Total Amount of \$33,000.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Lautner read the Financial Update - As of January 31, 2021. The memo summarized the Village's General Fund financial performance through January 31, 2021 and noted that the Village had completed 9 months of fiscal year 2021, which began May 1, 2020 and will run through April 30, 2021. This concluded the Finance Committee report.

Trustee Lautner read the Agenda Memo Item Authorized Signers for Village Financial Accounts. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Lautner made a Motion: To Approve an Ordinance Designating Village Depository and Financial Institutions and Authorized Signers for the Village of La Grange Park. The motion was seconded by Trustee Seidel and passed unanimously by roll call vote with Trustee Kucera recusing himself from the vote.*

OTHER REPORTS

VILLAGE CLERK

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Clerk Meghan Kooi had nothing to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER

B. MONTHLY REPORT

Finance Director Larry Noller had nothing to report.

COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

C. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Zaura read the Commercial Revitalization Report. The former Amusement Bark property was sold to a new owner who intends to open a microbrewery. Ino's Tacos passed Cook County Department of Public Health's inspection. The owners expect the grand opening to take place on March 1, 2021. This concluded the Commercial Revitalization Committee Report.

VILLAGE ENGINEER

D. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Engineer Mark Volk had nothing to report.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

E. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Attorney Cathy Keating had nothing to report.

COMMITTEE AND COLLECTORS REPORT

F. MONTHLY REPORT

There were no other reports. *Trustee Kucera made a motion to approve the Committee and Collector reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Discipio had several items to report on. President Discipio had participated in a meeting with the other Proviso Township Mayors where a plan to provide donated bottled water to Texas was discussed. The Village of Hillside would be running the collection program, and President Discipio encouraged residents to look for information on the program in the e-briefs. President Discipio welcomed Assistant Village Manager Jarr to the Village and congratulated the Paid-on-Call Firefighters who were sworn in. President Discipio also thanked Public Works Director Rick Radde and his staff for their hard work during the recent weather events in the Village. This concluded the Village President’s Report.

President Discipio then read the Proclamation – Village Of La Grange Park Celebrates 40 Years of Paramedic Service.

Public Participation (Non-Agenda Related Items Only)

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

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 Lautner 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 Kucera and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Kooi
Village Clerk