

Village of La Grange Park
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled May 25, 2021, 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 p.m. President Discipio asked all in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. President Discipio then asked Village Clerk Kooi to call the roll.

Trustee Lautner made a Motion: To allow Trustee Seidel to attend the meeting via telephone as she is prevented from physically attending the meeting because of personal illness or disability. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Trustees:	Robert Lautner Jamie Zaura Amanda Seidel (via telephone) Karen Koncel Michael Sheehan Jermaine Stewart
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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.

Employee Recognition Ceremony

Village Manager Cedillo recognized Village employees who were celebrating milestone anniversaries. Matt Dahl, Mike Hughes, and Josh Johnsen were recognized for 5 years of service with the La Grange Park Fire Department. David Escambia was recognized for 5 years of service with the La Grange Park Police Department. Chris Baudler was recognized for 15 years of service with the La Grange Park Fire Department, and Ron Podlesak was recognized for 15 years of service as a Crossing Guard with the La Grange Park Police Department. John Fagan was recognized for 20 years of service with the La Grange Park Fire Department. Police Chaplin Lynda Miller was recognized for her 25 years of service. Jim Gruzka and Lee Kudia were recognized for their 30 years of service with the La Grange Park Fire Department.

Recognition of Retirements Fire Division Chief Rick Ronovsky and Firefighter Lee Kudia

Fire Division Chief Rick Ronovsky and Firefighter Lee Kudia were recognized for their years of service and congratulated on their retirements. Fire Division Chief Ronovsky began working with the La Grange Park Fire Department in 1978 and had over 42 years of service to the department. Fire Division Chief Ronovsky was the Administrator for all EMS programs and was the Department’s EMS Coordinator who helped to secure the purchase of the ambulances used by La Grange Park.

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Firefighter Kudia began his service with the La Grange Park Fire Department in 1990, was a considered by Fire Department staff as the jack of all trades, and had volunteered his time to run the Fire Safety House for the Department. President Discipio thanked both men for putting their lives on the line for the safety of the community and congratulated them on their retirements.

Recognition of Melanie Dawe, La Grange Park Sustainability Commission Green Spotlight Household Award Recipient

La Grange Park Resident, Ms. Melanie Dawe was recognized by the La Grange Park Sustainability Commission's Green Spotlight Household Award Recipient. The Village of La Grange Park's Sustainability Commission recognizes a village resident who utilizes native landscape, gardens, or other means of sustainable actions with an award noting their commitment to long term sustainability. Ms. Dawe, a 22-year resident of La Grange Park, was recognized for her efforts to reduce waste, her recycling efforts, and the planting of the native plants at her own residence.

Village President

Village President Discipio moved the Proclamation – Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Pillars Community Health up on the agenda and read the Proclamation. Ellen Kunkle, Director of Grants and Government Relations at Pillars Community Health attended the Board meeting to accept the proclamation and thanked the Village Board for the recognition.

Public Participation

There was none.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. *Approval of Minutes*
 - i. *Village Board Meeting – April 27, 2021*
 - ii. *Village Board Executive Session – April 27, 2021*
 - iii. *Village Board Work Session Meeting – May 11, 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 Koncel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Julia Cedillo had several items to report on. 35 volunteers took part in La Grange Park's Community Volunteer Day that was held on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Volunteers helped with clean-up at 4 homes in the community as well as clean-up and flower planting at 3 public spaces. Village Manager Cedillo introduced Public Works Director Rick Radde who provided the Board with an update on the Butterfly Gardens being built throughout the community. 3 of the 4 gardens are underway. The gardens will help to provide more native plantings to the area. This concluded the Village Manager's Report.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

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Trustee Karen Koncel read the monthly report for April 2021. The Village had received several resident concerns regarding low flying airplanes and associated noise. According to the Chicago Department of Aviation, shifts in wind patterns require the use of different runway configurations at Midway Airport which place aircrafts over La Grange Park. These alternate flight paths are a function of weather and are typically triggered in the spring. There was reminder that Village offices will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, June 1 at 9:00 a.m. This concluded the Administration Committee Report.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Jamie Zaura read the monthly report for April 2021. Plans for Murphy's Transmission were approved, and the issuance of the permit was awaiting final documentation from contractors. Deputy Building Commissioner Patrick Boyle completed several training sessions on residential solar permitting improvements related to the Sustainability Commission working on obtaining the SolSmart accreditation for the Village. Exterior storage clean-up work was completed at the 7-11, which was related to an occupancy inspection that was conducted for a new franchisee. This concluded the Building and Zoning Committee Report.

Trustee Zaura read the Agenda Memo Item Special Use Permit Request for 23 E. 31st Street. Trustee Zaura stated she had attended the public hearing that was held in regard to the Special Use Permit and that the petitioners had addressed resident concerns regarding potential noise pollution and parking issues. Chief Tim Contois and Fire Chief Dean Maggos stated they would address any issues with the property owners if they occurred in the future. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Zaura made a Motion: To Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Dining for 23 E. 31st Street – BevMasters, LLC (Case #21-0003). The motion was seconded by Trustee Koncel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Jermaine Stewart read the monthly report for April 2021. Design work was started for the 2021 Permeable Pavement Intersection Project, design work continued for the 2020 CDBG Grant Paving Program, and work was completed by Suburban General Construction for the 2021 Sewer Repair Program. This concluded the Engineering and Capital Projects Committee Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Amanda Seidel started with the Police Department Summary of Activities for April 2021. Police Department staff, in conjunction with the DEA, participated in the annual drug take back day on April 24th. Police Department staff also assisted with the second dose vaccination event held in Western Springs on April 3rd. There was also a friendly reminder about securing one's personal property at all times. Trustee Seidel moved on to the Fire Department Activities for April 2021. Hazardous Materials Technicians from the Fire Department participated in a monthly training, held at the Hinsdale pool, which involved attempting to stop several leaks from piping, personnel participated in the memorial service for Jim Zwit, and a space had been created for a temporary fire department history museum at the Village Hall. This concluded the Public Safety Committee report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

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

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Trustee Sheehan read the Agenda Memo Item 2021 Sewer Repair Program. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Approve the Final Payment to Suburban General in the Amount of \$109,670.10 for the 2021 Sewer Repair Program. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Trustee Sheehan read the Agenda Memo Item 2020/21 Salt Purchase Contract – Revise Open Purchase Order. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Approve a Revision to the “Not to Exceed Amount” for the Existing Open Purchase Order with Cargill Incorporated Salt Division, from \$33,000.00 to \$38,000.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Robert Lautner read the Financial Update - As of April 30, 2021. The memo summarized the Village’s General Fund financial performance through April 30, 2021, and noted that the Village had completed all 12 months of fiscal year 2021, which began May 1, 2020 and will run through April 30, 2021. This concluded the Finance Committee report.

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 one item to report on. Finance Director Noller provided a brief report on the Police Pension Fund and stated the fund had seen a 30% increase over the last fiscal year. This concluded the Village Treasurer Report.

COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

C. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Stewart read the Commercial Revitalization Report. A contractor had been selected for the expansion project at Murphy’s Transmission and Complete Auto Repair and was in the process of registering with the Village, the owner of Plaza 31 is working on the design for a new monument sign and plans to submit applications for a sign variance and special use permit for outdoor dining this summer, and the Village continues to work with the owners of 1201 Barnsdale Road regarding their future plans for the property. This concluded the Commercial Revitalization Committee Report.

Trustee Stewart read the Agenda Memo Item 2021 Pilot Banner Program. The Pilot Banner Program will install new banners on the light poles along portions of La Grange Road and 31st Street. The program aims to increase the visibility of local businesses, encourage investment in the community, and implement the Village's Commercial Revitalization Plan. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Stewart made a Motion: To Approve The 2021 Pilot Banner Program. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

VILLAGE ENGINEER

D. MONTHLY REPORT

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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 Sheehan made a motion to approve the Committee and Collector reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Koncel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Discipio had several items to report on. President Discipio read the Proclamations for National EMS Week, May 16 – 22, 2021, and National Public Works Week, May 16 – 22, 2021. President Discipio thanked everyone who had participated in the Community Volunteer Day. President Discipio also reminded everyone of the upcoming Memorial Day events planned by the Community Park District of La Grange Park. This concluded the Village President’s Report.

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 adjourn. *Trustee Lautner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Kooi
Village Clerk