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Village of La Grange Park
Village Work Session Minutes
June 9, 2020

A Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on June 9, 2020 at 7:15 p.m., via Teleconference due to COVID-19.

Village President Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:22 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 (absent)
Robert Lautner
Jamie Zaura
Amanda Seidel

Village President:

James Discipio

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.

Public Hearing Regarding the Rebuild Illinois Fast Track Public Infrastructure Grant Application

A Public Hearing Regarding the Rebuild Illinois Fast Track Public Infrastructure Grant Application of Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled on June 9, 2020 during the Village Board Work Session via Teleconference due to COVID-19.

Village President Discipio called the Public Hearing to order at 7:25 p.m.

President Discipio incorporated the legal notice into the record and explained the procedure for the public hearing.

Baxter and Woodman Presentation Summarizing Grant Application Process

Public Works Director Rick Radde introduced Luke Foresman from Baxter and Woodman Consulting. Mr. Foresman provided a brief overview of the application process for the Fast Track and Competitive Public Infrastructure Program to the Village Board.

Public Works Director Radde presented the Village Board and those in attendance with a project overview that was being submitted to the State in the application process. The project would be a grinding and resurfacing street rehabilitation of areas involving Meadowcrest, Woodside, 28th Street, and 26th Street between Kemman and Maple Avenue. Public Works Director Radde presented the Board with photos of the streets mentioned in the application and stated that the photos had also been presented to the Grant Administrator.

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Village Board Questions and Comments

Following the presentation, Trustee Lautner asked how soon the applications would be due. Public Works Director Radde stated the Fast Track application was due by Friday, June 12, 2020 and the Competitive Public Infrastructure Grant Application was due by June 30, 2020. Trustee Mesick questioned what kind of response the Village could expect from the State and the likelihood that the State would provide the Village with the requested funds. Village Manager Julia Cedillo stated that it was a competitive application process due to the number of communities in Illinois, and Village Engineer Mark Volk stated that there was no set date for when the State would be making their decisions. President Discipio thanked Village Staff and Baxter and Woodman Consulting for their hard work on the application process.

Public Questions and Comments

Village Resident Duncan Disart attended the Public Hearing via phone to discuss the significant rain damage caused by the May 17, 2020 rain event that occurred in La Grange Park and the surrounding areas. Mr. Disart was interested in the Village's plans for a short-term mitigation to alleviate the damage caused by the flooding and stated he would like any grant money received by the Village to be used to address the flooding issue. Village Residents Kevin Callis and Jean ? had also contacted Village Staff in writing expressing their support of any grant money received from the State be directed to the flooding issues at Homestead and Monroe.

President Discipio stated that Village Staff and State Legislature Members would be at Memorial Park on June 26, 2020 to address the issues currently being experienced in the community and all village residents were encouraged to attend.

President Discipio then closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Public Participation (agenda and non-agenda related items)

President Discipio welcomed Village Resident Jermaine Stewart to the meeting and thanked him for attending. Mr. Stewart stated as a new resident he was looking for ways to be involved and was looking forward to making a difference in the community. He thanked Village Manager Cedillo and Village President Discipio for welcoming him.

Public Works Committee

Trustee Michael Sheehan read the Agenda Memo Item Rebuild Illinois Fast-Track Public Infrastructure and Public Infrastructure Grants. *At the end of the discussion Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Approve a Resolution Committing Local Funds in the Amount of \$344,000 for the Submission of Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Trustee Sheehan then reviewed the information on the Rebuild Illinois Fast-Track Public Infrastructure & Public Infrastructure Grant: A Second Application for the Central Area Sewer Separation Program. All Trustees agreed that the Grant would provide some relief to residents and were hopeful the Grant would be approved. Village Manager Cedillo stated Village Staff was looking into short-term relief for residents which included a potential sandbag program for vulnerable areas. President Discipio stated that the issue would be discussed with the State Legislature Members on June 26, 2020 at the Memorial Park meeting, and he was hopeful the State Representatives would see the significant need that the Village and residents had for the Grant. The Village would provide the Grant Administrators with a survey of impacts and data compiled by an Engineering Firm and President Discipio encouraged residents to write letters of support for the Grant Application.

Finance Committee

Trustee Scott Mesick read the Agenda Memo Item Vehicle License and Dog License Amendments. *Trustee Mesick read the Motion: To Approve An Ordinance Amending the Village of La Grange Park Municipal Code Regarding Vehicle Licenses and Animal Licenses. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lautner. Trustee Mesick stated the motion would*

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give some relief to residents and also reduce the foot traffic in and out of the Village. All trustees agreed with the Motion and stated Village Staff had their full support.

Other Reports

Village Manager Julia Cedillo had several items to report on. She stated the Village had received several phone calls about commercial planes flying low and directly over the Village. She stated an e-brief had been sent to residents with information about the Midway flight path and information on how to file a complaint with the Aviation Board of Chicago. Village Manager Cedillo then addressed the afternoon storm that occurred on June 9, 2020. She stated that several trees were down in the community as well as some power outages. There would be an additional storm brush pick-up on June 10, 2020 as well as the following week. All information on the pick-up could be found on the Village website as well as in an e-brief sent to residents. Assistant Village Manager Emily Rodman then addressed the software issues that were caused by the use of Meraki Software for Village iPads. AIS had informed the Village that Meraki was eliminating the free software utilized by the Village and Staff was currently looking into new software options to manage Village iPads.

Village President Discipio had several items to report on. He congratulated all 9 Firefighter Cadets who had recently graduated from the Academy. President Discipio stated he had attended both Black Lives Matter Protests that had taken place in the Village of La Grange. He noted that he was very proud of all of the police officers that were present and how they had conducted themselves as well as how organized the event had been. He noted the Village of La Grange Park Police Department were present at both events in full support of the Village of La Grange and the community.

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

New Business

There was none.

Adjourn

Since there was no further business to be brought before the Village Board, *President Discipio stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Trustee Mesick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by voice vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Meghan M. Kooi
Village Clerk