

Village of La Grange Park
Work Session Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022

A Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled January 11, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., via Teleconference due to the ongoing 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 that all participants could hear. President Discipio asked all in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked Village Clerk Meghan Kooi to call the roll.

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

Trustees: Robert Lautner
Jamie Zaura
Amanda Seidel
Karen Koncel
Michael Sheehan
Jermaine Stewart

Village President: James Discipio

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 Lucas
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.

Public Participation (Agenda & Non-Agenda Related Items)

There was none.

Public Safety Committee Items

Trustee Amanda Seidel read the Agenda Memo Item Sale of Surplus Vehicle. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Seidel made a Motion: To Approve An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Owned By The Village Of La Grange Park, Illinois. The motion was seconded by Trustee Michael Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Discussion - Paramedic/Firefighter Contract Amendment

Director of Building and Fire Dean Maggos provided Village Trustees with background regarding the Paramedic/Firefighter Contract Amendment. In recent years, the department has seen a shift where the number of paramedics being licensed has almost dropped in half. La Grange Park and neighboring areas are being hit extremely hard on the contract side and have seen fewer applicants to municipalities which has resulted in a staffing crisis. Chief Maggos reviewed the compensation comparative that was included in the board packet which highlighted what some communities have been doing over the last several months. Chief Maggos discussed additional background information regarding ambulance costs, turnover rates for better pay, and lack of benefits that has made it difficult to retain a full staff. Chief Maggos advised that the contract amendment was something that needed to be done to remain competitive with other communities. Trustee Seidel stated the contract cost increase is substantial, but the village needs to do something to retain and recruit EMS personnel. Trustee

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Jamie Zaura agreed the village wants to retain employees and needs to be able to provide these services to residents. All other Trustees agreed the village needs to stay competitive in recruiting and retaining these employees to provide these services to residents. Village Manager Julia Cedillo stated staff has been working on this issue for some time and has been looking at a new structure for the ambulance fees to offset some of the costs of the contract increase. *At the end of the discussion, there was a consensus to place the Paramedic/Firefighter Contract Amendment under the Public Safety Committee Report as an action item at the January 25, 2022, Village Board Meeting.*

Discussion – EMS – Ambulance Service Fees

Village Trustees discussed an increase to the EMS – Ambulance Service Fees. There has not been an increase in EMS – Ambulance Services Fees since 2012, and all Village Trustees agreed the increase would be a way to offset the costs of the Contract Amendment. *At the end of the discussion, there was a Consensus to place the EMS – Ambulance Service Fees under the Public Safety Committee Report as an action item at the January 25, 2022, Village Board Meeting.*

Public Works Committee Items

Trustee Sheehan read the Agenda Memo Item Tree Trimming-Contract Award. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Approve a One-Year Contract Between the Village of La Grange Park and Winkler's Tree Service for Tree Trimming in the Amount of \$46,000 and Authorize the Village Manager to Execute Necessary Documents. The motion was seconded by Trustee Karen Koncel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Trustee Sheehan read the Agenda Memo Item 2021/2022 Sewer Lining Project. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Accept the Bid Proposal from Visu-Sewer of Illinois in the Amount of \$95,195.00 and to Authorize the Village Manager to Execute the Contract Documents. The motion was seconded by Trustee Seidel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Other Reports

President Discipio called upon Village Manager Cedillo for a report. Village Manager Cedillo had several items to report on. There will be a PZC meeting on January 18th via Teleconference to consider applications for signage for Andy's Frozen Custard. Village Manager Cedillo and Public Works Director Rick Radde had attended the WCMC special session on lead pipe replacement. There are plans to address the mandate at the January 25th Village Board Meeting.

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

President Discipio had one item to report on. President Discipio stated he would be reviewing Village Manager Cedillo's contract in the coming weeks to see what changes should be made to the new contract.

Commercial Revitalization Committee

Trustee Jermaine Stewart read the Agenda Memo Item Proposed Economic Incentive Agreement for 716 E. 31st Street. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Stewart made a Motion: To Adopt an Ordinance Approving an Economic Incentive Agreement By and Between The Village Of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois and Level Up Café & Recovery, LLC. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote. Trustee Zaura recused herself from the discussion and vote.*

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

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Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Meghan M. Kooi".

Meghan M. Kooi
Village Clerk