# Village of La Grange Park **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**January 25, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled for January 25, 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 7:32 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:
Assistant Village Manager:
Finance Director:
Village Clerk:
Village Attorney:
Village Engineer:
Mark Lucas
Public Works Director:

Julia Cedillo
Maggie Jarr
Larry Noller
Meghan Kooi
Cathy Keating
Mark Lucas
Rick Radde

Police Chief: Tim Contois
Director of Building and Fire: Dean Maggos

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

# Proclamation Recognizing the Achievements of the Nazareth Academy 2021 Girls Volleyball Team

President Discipio read the Proclamation recognizing the achievements of the Nazareth Academy 2021 Girls Volleyball Team. Nazareth Academy Principal Therese Hawkins and Nazareth Academy President Deborah Tracy 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 November 23, 2021
  - ii. Village Board Meeting December 14, 2021
  - iii. Village Board Work Session January 11, 2022
- B. Action Accounts Payable and Payroll Summary Motion (1) to Authorize the President and Chairperson of the Finance Committee to Sign the Register for Bills, and Authorize the Treasurer and Village Clerk to

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Sign Checks in Payment of Operating Bills and Salaries as Itemized in the Check Registers and Motion (2) 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 Michael Sheehan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Amanda Seidel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

# Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Julia Cedillo had one item to report on. The event controller that broadcasts the Village Board meeting on channel 6 and 99 had failed before the beginning of the meeting. As a result, the meeting would only be able to be broadcast on YouTube. This concluded the Village Manager's Report.

## **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

## A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Karen Koncel read the monthly report for December 2021. Village offices will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of Presidents' Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m. The Village is again offering its Help Everyone in La Grange Park (HELP) Program this winter to connect older adult residents and persons with disabilities with volunteers who are offering snow shoveling services. Residents were encouraged to Contact Sandy Bakalich at (708) 354-0225 to sign up for the program. Residents were also encouraged sign up for the Village's weekly electronic newsletter ("E-Briefs") to stay up to date on important local news. This concluded the Administration Committee Report.

#### **BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

# A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Jamie Zaura read the monthly report for December 2021. An interior demo permit was issued for a new animal hospital being installed at 905 E. 31<sup>st</sup> Street. In-wall rough inspections were approved for Murphy's Transmission, with the new space being partially finished, such as the break room, restrooms, and offices. Final inspections were completed for new mechanical systems at the Village Market. This concluded the Building and Zoning Committee Report.

# **ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

## A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Jermaine Stewart read the monthly report for December 2021. Preliminary engineering design for the Central Area Sewer Separation Project is continuing. On December 2nd the Village publicly opened sealed bids for the 2021 / 2022 Sewer Lining Project. Five firms submitted bids for the project. Design work has started for the 2021 / 2022 Sewer Repair Program. This concluded the Engineering and Capital Projects Committee Report.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

#### A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Seidel started with the Police Department Summary of Activities for December 2021. Training continues to be a focus of the Police Department with staff partaking in over 4300 hours of on-line and in-person training. The La Grange Park Police Department continues to contract a part-time Police Social Worker through Presence Health to assist in following up with incidents that involve Domestic Issues, Elder Care, Juvenile Runaways and Mental Health issues. There was also a friendly reminder to secure one's personal property at all times. Trustee Seidel moved on to the Fire Department Activities for December 2021. PSI paramedic Chelsi Dennis graduated the Fire Academy. Fire Department personnel attended the Holiday Tree Lighting, escorting both Santa and Sparky. A retirement celebration was held at Fire Station 1

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for Joe Palicka, who served on the department for over 22 years, ending 38 years of time spent in the fire service. This concluded the Public Safety Committee report.

Trustee Seidel read the Agenda Memo Item Paramedic/Firefighter Contract Addendum. This item was discussed at the Village Board Work Session on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Based upon the various circumstances currently related to paramedic staffing on the Village's contract, and the overall state of EMS staffing regionally, the Village Board was generally in agreement that some action should be taken regarding recruitment and retention related to salaries. At the end of the discussion, Trustee Seidel made a Motion: To Authorize and Direct the Village Manager to Execute a Contract Addendum with Paramedic Services of Illinois, Inc., in Which PSI Agrees to Increase the Starting Salaries and Annual Wages of PSI Employees Assigned to the Village, As Proposed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Trustee Seidel read the Agenda Memo Item EMS – Ambulance Services Fees. At the end of the discussion, Trustee Seidel made a Motion: To Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 36, Section 36.01 of the Village of La Grange Park Municipal Code, Increasing Ambulance Service Fees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

#### A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Sheehan read the monthly report for December 2021. GIS work has continued collecting data on village owned assets along with continued training throughout the village. Water meters were read in Section #3 and 15 monthly bacterial samples were taken. Various water and sewer work orders were completed along with resident tree concerns and general construction inquiries. This concluded the Public Works Committee report.

Presentation – Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act (LSLR)

Public Work Director Rick Radde presented the Village Board with information on the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act (LSLR). The Act requires owners or operators of community water supplies, to develop and maintain a complete material inventory of lead service lines, and to implement a comprehensive plan for the replacement of those lines according to prescribed timelines based on the number of lead service lines reported in the inventory. The goal is to have zero lead water service lines. Public Works Director Radde also reviewed the short and long-term regulations, the key dates/milestones, and next steps.

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Robert Lautner read the Financial Update - As of December 31, 2021. The memo summarized the Village's General Fund financial performance through December 31, 2021 and noted that the Village had completed 7 months of fiscal year 2022, which began May 1, 2021 and will run through April 30, 2022. This concluded the Finance Committee report.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

VILLAGE CLERK

#### A. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Clerk Kooi had one item to report on. There was a reminder that the Gubernatorial Primary has been moved from March 17 to June 28, 2022, and the Gubernatorial Election is scheduled for November 8, 2022. Important dates to keep in mind are Tuesday, May 31, 2022 which is the last day for in-person registration, and Tuesday, June 12, 2022 which is the last day for voters to register themselves online. For more information, residents were encouraged to visit the Cook County Clerk's Office website. This concluded the Village Clerk's Report.

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#### VILLAGE TREASURER

#### B. MONTHLY REPORT

Finance Director Larry Noller had nothing to report.

#### COMMERCIAL REVITILIZATION COMMITTEE

#### C. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Stewart read the Commercial Revitalization Report. The Village received six proposals for the Streetscape Improvement Plan, and the Commercial Revitalization Committee interviewed four consulting firms earlier this month. Consultant selection is expected to take place in February. This concluded the Commercial Revitalization Committee Report.

Trustee Stewart read the Agenda Memo Item Inducement Resolution for 1016 E. 31<sup>st</sup> Street – Happier Now LLC. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Stewart made a Motion: To Approve A Resolution Of The Village Of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, To Induce The Redevelopment Of Certain Property Within A Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Area And Business District. The motion was seconded by Trustee Seidel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.* 

#### VILLAGE ENGINEER

#### D. MONTHLY REPORT

Village Engineer Mark Lucas had one item to report on. Village Engineer Lucas updated the Village Board on the status and progress of the sewer project, and stated they were on track to have most of the work done by March. This concluded the Village Engineer's 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 Lautner 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 one item to report on. President Discipio had attended the last CRC meeting, and he thanked the Committee Members and Staff for all their hard work. This concluded the Village President's Report.

#### **Public Participation (Non-Agenda Related Items Only)**

There was none.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

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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 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megnan M. Kooi Village Clerk