

Village of La Grange Park
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was scheduled April 27, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., via Teleconference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Village President James Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 (absent)
Jamie Zaura
Amanda Seidel
Karen Koncel
Michael Sheehan

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 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.

Public Participation (Agenda Related Items Only)

There was none.

Public Participation (Non-Agenda Related Items Only)

President Discipio requested that the Public Participation (Non-Agenda Related Item Only) be moved to immediately follow the Public Participation (Agenda Related Items Only). Residents Mr. John Chadwick, Ms. Anne Bennett, Ms. Marilyn Stomley, Mr. Don Nelson, Mr. Keene Palmer, and Ms. Ginny Malfull addressed the Village Board with concerns regarding the La Grange Park Public Library Board's decision to award their reconstruction contract to 845 Design Group that is co-owned by Village Board Trustee Jamie Zaura. They raised concerns about the legality of the decision along with the possible conflict of interest and the perception of impropriety. Ms. Melissa McFeters addressed the Village Board in support of the Library's decision to use 845 Design Group citing their level of experience with similar projects. Assistant Village Manager Maggie Jarr read written comments that had been submitted by residents Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Sandra Cyze, Ms. Terri Lucas, Mr. John Reichert, and Ms. Alice Walter that detailed their concerns about the use of 845 Design Group for the Library's reconstruction project. Ms. Walter also commented that she would like a trash container placed on the SE corner of Garfield and Forest Road, where the baseball diamond is located. Assistant Manager Jarr read written comments from residents Mr. Kevin Hector, Ms. Joanne Van Etten, Mr. Eric Olson, Ms. Suzanne O'Neill, Ms. Kate Cannon, Ms. Valerie D., Ms. Nicole Kass, Ms. Katie Coutinho, and Ms. Lisa Ritter supporting the Library's decision to use 845 Design Group for their reconstruction project. President Discipio thanked everyone for their comments and briefly reviewed the legality of the

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Library's decision. The law states that the Municipal Village and the Library are two separate entities, and no law was broken when the Library's Board made the decision to use 845 Design Group for their reconstruction project. President Discipio also addressed the issue of the perception of impropriety and stated but it wasn't indicative of corruption or Cronyism on the part of the Village's Board of Trustees. He stated that everyone had the right to agree to disagree but name calling and mudslinging on social media sites were unwarranted. Village Attorney Cathy Keating further reviewed the legality of the Library Board's decision. She reviewed state law and had spoken directly with the Library's attorney and found no evidence of a conflict of interest. Village Attorney Keating stated most of the comments were challenging the Library Board's decision and those concerns should be addressed with the Library's Board directly.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. *Approval of Minutes*
 - i. *Village Board Meeting – March 23, 2021*
 - ii. *Village Board Work Session Meeting – April 13, 2021*
- B. *Action - Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Pay Plan –Motion: To Approve A Resolution Approving Pay Plan And Schedule Of Authorized Positions For Fiscal Year 2021/22*
- C. *Action - Fiscal Year 2021 Police Pension Contribution – Motion: To Transfer An Amount Not To Exceed \$90,000 From the General Fund to the Police Pension Fund So As To Contribute The Full Actuary Determined Contribution For Fiscal Year 2021*
- D. *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*
- E. *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 Sheehan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Seidel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Julia Cedillo had one item to report on. Village Manager Cedillo reminded residents that the Village sends out an electronic newsletter every Friday which includes e-briefs and a comprehensive review of information regarding the Village. Residents were encouraged to sign up for the newsletter via the Village's website or by emailing info@lagrangepark.org.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Amanda Seidel read the monthly report for March 2021. The La Grange Park Sustainability Commission hosted two virtual events to celebrate Earth Day 2021, the Village's annual Community Volunteer Day will take place Saturday, May 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Staff is continuing to conduct due diligence and evaluate the proposals from five vendors to provide the Village with a new cloud-based phone system. This concluded the Administration Committee Report.

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Trustee Seidel read the Agenda Memo Item Collective Bargaining Agreement – Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) – Patrol Officers. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Seidel made a Motion: To Approve a Resolution Adopting and Authorizing Execution of Collective Bargaining Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding Between the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council and the Village of La Grange Park. The motion was seconded by Trustee Koncel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Jamie Zaura read the monthly report for March 2021. Following final walkthroughs and checks, Ino's Tacos opened for business the first week of March, Staff participated in a virtual meeting with architects, designers and other representatives from Plymouth Place and their Board to discuss proposed future development for the "east campus", where the "cottages" are now located, and building permits for the seasonal garden centers at Jewel and Clovers were processed and issued. This concluded the Building and Zoning Committee Report.

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee James Kucera read the monthly report for March 2021. Design work was started for the 2020 CDBG Grant Paving Program, the Village publicly opened sealed bids for the 2021 Sewer Repair Program on March 11th, and Sewertech, LLC started work for the 2020 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Project - Phase 2. 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 March 2021. The Police Department welcomed Probationary Police Officer Danielle Heinz on March 25th, Officer Frank Slabenak received state certification as a DRE (Drug Recognition Expert), The Foot Patrol Program will begin for all shifts of May 1st (weather permitting), and there was a friendly reminder to secure one's personal property at all times. Trustee Seidel moved on to the Fire Department Activities for March 2021. Various personnel participated in MABAS live burn training at the Darien-Woodridge Fire District training tower, monthly EMS continuing education training took place back in-person for the first time in many months, and Haz-Mat technicians attended a Haz-Mat Team training session at the USEPA response facility. This concluded the Public Safety Committee report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Michael Sheehan read the monthly report for March 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 IDOT Resolution – Woodside Road and Meadowcrest Road Resurfacing Project. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Adopt a “Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code” for the Expenditure of \$210,000.00 in MFT Funds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Trustee Sheehan read the Agenda Memo Item Community Development Block Grant – Approve a Subrecipient Agreement for Resurfacing Meadowcrest Road and Woodside Road. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Approve a Resolution Authorizing Execution of a CDBG Subrecipient Agreement By and Between the Village of La Grange Park and the County of Cook Department of Planning and Development for Street Resurfacing Project Number*

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2006-091 – Woodside Avenue and Meadowcrest Road, in La Grange Park, Illinois. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Trustee Sheehan read the Agenda Memo Item IDOT Resolution – Permeable Intersections. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Adopt a “Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code” for the Expenditure of \$353,630.00 in MFT Funds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Trustee Sheehan read the Agenda Memo Item Approve a Contract with Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Approve and Authorize the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract Between the Village and Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management in the Amount of \$24,075.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Koncel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. MONTHLY REPORT

Trustee Zaura read the Financial Update - As of March 31, 2021. The memo summarized the Village’s General Fund financial performance through March 31, 2021 and noted that the Village had completed 11 months of fiscal year 2021, which began May 1, 2020 and will run through April 30, 2021. This concluded the Finance Committee report.

Trustee Zaura read the Agenda Memo Item FY 2021-2022 Budget & Five-Year Plan Finance Committee Review and Recommendation. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Zaura made a Motion: 1) To Approve a Resolution Approving FY 2021-2022 Operating Budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Koncel and passed unanimously by roll call vote. Trustee Zaura made a Motion: 2) To Approve the Five-Year Plan FY 2021/22-2025/26. The motion was seconded by Trustee Seidel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Trustee Zaura read the Agenda Memo Item Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Amendments. *At the end of the discussion, Trustee Zaura made a Motion: To Approve a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera and passed unanimously by roll call 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 Kucera read the Commercial Revitalization Report. A public hearing was held on April 20th before the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider an application for a special use permit for outdoor dining at 23 E. 31st Street, the Community Park District kicked off the Memorial Park Multi-Use Court project with a ground breaking ceremony on April 14, and Staff recently submitted an official letter to the business owners and the property management company at the Village Market that outlined all code enforcement violations and the required timeframe for bringing the property into compliance. This concluded the Commercial Revitalization Committee Report.

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Discipio had several items to report on. President Discipio read the Proclamations – Arbor Day 2021, Building Safety Month (May), and Municipal Clerk’s Week (May 2nd through May 8th, 2021). President Discipio again thanked all residents for their participation in the Board Meeting. 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 move into Executive Session. *Trustee Sheehan made a Motion: To Move into Executive Session for the Purpose of: Discussing the selection of a person to fill a Village Commission/Committee according to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3). The motion was seconded by Trustee Koncel and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Kooi
Village Clerk