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Village Announces Intention to Appoint Austin Haacke as Next Finance Director

LA GRANGE PARK – The Village of La Grange Park is pleased to announce their intention to appoint Austin Haacke as La Grange Park’s next Finance Director and Village Treasurer at the December 13, 2022 Village Board Meeting. The Village anticipates that Mr. Haacke will begin employment on December 19, 2022.

“The Village went through an extensive search over several months to locate the right individual to lead our finance department,” said Village Manager Julia Cedillo. “Austin has a strong technical background and an excellent blend of professional experiences that made him our best candidate.”

Mr. Haacke brings over 7 years’ experience in local government finance from his tenure with the Village of Dwight, Illinois, where he has served in the position of Finance Director since 2015. During his time in Dwight, Mr. Haacke has directed the Village’s annual budget processes and overseen improvements in the Village’s financial management and reporting systems. He has also managed the human resources functions for the Village, including participating in labor negotiations with its bargaining units.

Serving as Dwight’s representative, Mr. Haacke is also the current Treasurer of the Illinois Municipal Insurance Cooperative, a protected self-insurance risk management program that is owned and managed by its municipal members. He has served as Dwight’s representative to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and been instrumental in oversight of the Village’s two tax increment finance (TIF) districts and the development of a third (yet to be adopted). Mr. Haacke has a Bachelor of Science in Financial Accounting from Illinois State University and an Associates in Arts degree from Joliet Junior College and is preparing to sit for the CPA exam in the near future.

“I am honored to serve the residents and businesses of the Village of La Grange Park as their next Finance Director,” said Austin Haacke. “It is an exciting time to join the leadership team and work with them to create a roadmap for Village operations and a financial plan for the Village’s future.”

La Grange Park conducted a national search for the Finance Director position after the previous Finance Director and Village Treasurer, Larry Noller, accepted a position as Finance Director for Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The Village has been assisted in the recruitment by GovHR USA, an executive recruitment and management consulting firm that specializes in local government.

“We are very excited to start this next chapter in La Grange Park’s history and look forward to welcoming Austin Haacke to our organization and community,” said Village President Jim Discipio.

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