

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following trustees present:

Butler, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

PRESENTATION OF
MINUTES

Mayor Abbott requested any corrections or additions to the minutes of the February 3, 2014 Village Board Meeting.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:
Minutes Accepted

Stole, Kapteyn, Butler, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis.

ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT

Administrator Wynsma announced the Village of Lansing has been awarded a DCEO Grant of \$500,000 for a new fire station. This grant is earmarked for the facility located at the former village hall. A new apparatus garage is proposed on the south part of the property which will be attached to the front portion of the building for meeting rooms, classrooms, etc.

In addition, Administrator Wynsma shared with the Board the latest version of the parking lot and landscape plan for the property located at Burnham and Ridge Road. Administrator Wynsma further explained the property will be landscaped as a gateway into the downtown area and funded by the Ridge Road TIF funds. Administrator Wynsma asked the board to review the plan and share their input at their earliest convenience in order to proceed.

Mayor Abbott disclosed the history of the property's negotiation and purchase.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Lansing Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp, presented a confidence motion regarding the Village Administrator that was requested by the Trustees.

Trustee DeLaurentis read a statement regarding his opinion of the Administrator and made a motion to take a confidence vote on the village administrator.

Mayor Abbott commented on Trustee DeLaurentis' statement and shared his opinion that the Administrator has done a good job.

Trustee Kapteyn shared statistics of Resolutions & Ordinances passed by the board which he said indicates the Administrator is doing his job well.

Trustee Butler shared her concerns and comments regarding things that indicate poor performance.

Trustee Skrbina stated that he believed this motion to be political and personal.

A motion was made by Trustee DeLaurentis to take a confidence vote concerning the Village Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Manno.

Mayor Abbott asked Administrator Wynsma if he would like to address the board.

Administrator Wynsma proceeded by sharing comments about his career in Lansing, his desire to work together with the board, his promise of dedication to Lansing and his appreciation of the support provided.

Mayor Abbott shared his thoughts and opinions regarding the motion and thanked Administrator Wynsma for his dedicated service.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 2 - Trustees:

Nays - 4 - Trustees:

Kapteyn, Skrbina

Butler, Stole, Manno, and DeLaurentis

Lansing Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp, introduced Resolution 915, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Approving an Agreement with The Illinois Department of Transportation for the Torrence Avenue & Ridge Road Land Acquisition*. This resolution is required by IDOT, and it represents that the village will pay the required local share of the project. This will be paid through the south Torrence Corridor TIF.

Trustee Stole stated his request that the Board be given more time to consider action items.

Administrator Wynsma explained the formalities and state requirements are the nature of these items. He further explained that *time is of the essence* on these perfunctory issues which are received with little notice.

Village Engineer, Jeff Pintar confirmed and explained the items were only received by Robinson Engineering between the last meeting and this meeting, and they are due back by March 2nd in order for the project to proceed on time.

Mayor Abbott expressed that while it's not always possible, he would try to have items appear on a Committee of the Whole agenda before being on a board agenda.

Trustee Kapteyn so moved.
Trustee Skrbina seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 5 -Trustees:

Nays – 1 - Trustees:

Resolution 915 Adopted

Kapteyn, Skrbina, Stole, Manno and DeLaurentis
Butler

Attorney Lapp continued by introducing Resolution 916, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing the Release for Public Inspection of Certain Minutes of the Executive Sessions of the Lansing Village Board*. This resolution releases the Executive Session minutes as approved during the last Executive Board meeting.

Trustee Kapteyn so moved.
Trustee Skrbina seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Resolution 916 Adopted

Kapteyn, Skrbina, Butler, Stole, Manno and DeLaurentis

Lansing Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp, introduced Resolution 917, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Granting the Approval of a Class 8 Tax Incentive for Bluetick Real Estate Holdings, LLC for the Property Commonly Known as 17940 Torrence, Avenue, Lansing, Illinois*. This resolution supports the restaurant owner's application to Cook County for a Class 8 incentive. This is the site of the former Popolano's Restaurant.

Trustee Stole interjected his future request to have Class 8's discussed in a Committee of the Whole meeting before an action vote. In addition, he requested a board established criteria for granting the Class 8's.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Skrbina seconded.

Mayor Abbott announced that in the future, all Class 8 incentive requests will come before the board for discussion at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Resolution 917 Adopted

Stole, Skrbina, Butler, Kapteyn, Manno, and DeLaurentis

Mr. Chris Paliga, owner of Bluetick Real Estate Holdings, LLD introduced himself and shared his enthusiasm of the village and the opening of his new restaurant located at the previous Popolano's location. In addition, he thanked the village for passing the Class 8 incentive.

Lansing Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp, also introduced Resolution 918, A *Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing the Funding for Improvement of the Intersection at Thornton-Lansing Road and Stony Island Avenue*. This resolution is required by IDOT and represents the village will pay the required local share of the project. This amount will be paid through the West Lansing TIF.

Trustee Kapteyn so moved.

Trustee Manno seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Resolution 918 Adopted

Kapteyn, Manno, Butler, Stole, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

Lansing Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp, introduced Ordinance 15-011 an *Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Prohibiting the Discharge of Sanitary and Industrial Waste Into Any Storm Sewer or Drainage Facility Constructed as a Part of the Thornton-Lansing Road Improvement*. This ordinance is required by IDOT for the Stoney Island intersection project. The ordinance prohibits the discharge of sanitary waste into storm sewers.

Trustee Kapteyn so moved.

Trustee Manno seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Ordinance 15-011 Approved

Kapteyn, Manno, Butler, Stole, Skrbina and DeLaurentis.

Lansing Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp, introduced Ordinance 15-012 an *Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Prohibiting Encroachments Within The State of Illinois Right-Of-Way Along the Thornton-Lansing Road Improvement..* This ordinance is required by IDOT for the Stoney Island intersection project. The ordinance prohibits encroachment onto the IDOT right-of-way.

Trustee Kapteyn so moved.
Trustee Manno seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Ordinance 15-012 Approved

Kapteyn, Manno, Butler, Stole, Skrbina and DeLaurentis.

Lansing Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp, introduced Ordinance 15-002 an *Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Abating Taxes on General Obligation Corporate Purpose Refunding Bonds Series 1996 Issue of \$5,575,000.00 as Ordinance No. 96-020.*

Mayor Abbott requested an omnibus vote to approved Ordinance 15-002 through 15-005 regarding the abating of taxes on refunding Bonds as listed below:

Ordinance 15-002 an *Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Abating Taxes on General Obligation Corporate Purpose Refunding Bonds Series 1996 Issue of \$5,575,000.00 as Ordinance No. 96-020.*

Ordinance 15-003 an *Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Abating Taxes on General Obligation Bonds Series 2009-B Issue of \$2,775,000.00 as Ordinance No. 08-014 (Section 3-C).*

Ordinance 15-004 an *Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Abating Taxes on General Obligation Bonds Series 2011 Issue of \$1,500,000.00 as Ordinance No. 11-011.*

Ordinance 15-005 an *Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Abating Taxes on General Obligation Bonds Series 2008A Issue of \$10,000,000.00 as Ordinance No. 08-014 (Section 3-A).*

Ordinance 15-006 an *Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Abating Taxes on General Obligation Bonds Series 2014 Issue Not To Exceed \$10,000,000.00 as Ordinance No. 14-047.*

Trustee Butler so moved.
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Butler, DeLaurentis, Stole, Kapteyn, Skrbina and Manno.

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Ordinance 15-002-6 Approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Trustee Butler made a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for the period ending January 31, 2015 in the amount of \$465,399.13.

General Prepaid Bills for February 5, 2015, in the amount of \$51,295.57.

General Prepaid Bills for February 12, 2015, in the amount of \$1,169,111.49.

General Bills for February 17, 2015, in the amount of \$469,204.52.

Manual Bills for December 31, 2014, in the amount of \$0.00.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Butler, DeLaurentis, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Motion passed

INSURANCE

No report provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Kapteyn announced the Stoney Island Flood Mitigation project went out to bid and announced the low bidder was LGS Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$1,385,485.00. He then made a motion to award the Stoney Island Flood project to LGS Plumbing.

Trustee Skrbina seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Kapteyn, Skrbina, Butler, Stole, Manno, and DeLaurentis.

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Award granted

Trustee Kapteyn reminded residents that the snow ordinance continues to be in effect. The ordinance is posted at the village hall, has been sent as a mailer, and is on the Lansing website.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report provided.

YOUTH CENTER
& LNN

No report provided.

AVIATION &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report provided

BUILDINGS & ADA

No report provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Lukanich – Attorney located at 7270 W. College Drive, Suite #101, Palos Heights, IL representing Jim Pollman, 1616 Thornton Lansing Road, Lansing, IL. Mr. Lukanich was asked by his client to voice his concerns and objections to the Stoney Island Flood Mitigation project. He presented objections and offered examination of his separate study performed by Vantage Point Engineering.

Bob Piekarski, 18310 Country Lane, Lansing, Illinois, expressed his concerns in the vicinity of the Stoney Island Flood Mitigation project. Mr. Piekarski is in favor of alleviating the flooding, but not by distributing the water to unincorporated Lansing. He shared his thoughts and alternatives to the proposed project.

Paul Steinweg, 17846 Commercial Avenue, Lansing, shared his concern about disorder and lack of decorum displayed in board meetings. He continued by suggesting authority of parliamentary law in order to provide fair and orderly conduct in social media and at meetings.

Scott Butler, (no address provided), Lansing, IL, shared his thoughts and concerns regarding the Mayor, the Administrator, the Village Attorney, and individual Trustees. In addition, he asked for the Mayor's support regarding his opinions.

Michael Hersom, 3137 178th Street, Lansing, Illinois, shared his appreciation of the "right to speak" and for the recent Committee of the Whole meetings. He inquired about the process and procedures of passing ordinances, resolutions and hiring.

Cheryl Ramirez, 17823 Wildwood, Lansing, IL reminded the audience of all the good deeds the on line group has performed for the residents of Lansing.

Mary Beth Palka, 2030 Hearth Circle, Lansing, Illinois questioned some of the comments of the trustees and also responded to previous public comments. In addition, she commented on specific village expenditures.

Jeff Zupan, 1846 182nd Street, Lansing, IL commented on communication between the administrators and trustees. He also suggested the board meetings be televised and suggested provisions be instituted for Class 8 incentives.

An unidentified attorney approached the microphone and offered his free legal advice to the Mayor.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Stole requested a brief explanation from Village Engineer, Jeff Pintar in response to the public comments regarding the Stoney Island Flood Mitigation project.

Village Engineer, Jeff Pintar commented on the public comments made regarding the Robinson Engineering report. He commented on the inaccuracies of the public comment and further explained the project. He continued to explain the Army Corps of Engineers and MWRD have both provided their approval. In addition, the project has received a generous MWRD grant, which also required extensive review of plans, wetlands delineated and additional approvals.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Butler, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Village Clerk