

**VILLAGE OF LANSING  
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
September 20, 2016**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following trustees present:  
Eidam, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis.

PRESENTATION OF  
MINUTES

Mayor Abbott requested any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Committee of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 16, 2016.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Stole so moved.  
Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays -0 -Trustees:

**Minutes Approved**

Stole, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Trustee Kapteyn offered a motion to approve the following:

Finance Report: Tuesday, September 06, 2016:

Payroll for period ending August 13, 2016, in the amount of \$502,414.84  
Payroll for period ending August 27, 2016, in the amount of \$508,940.19  
General Prepaid Bills for August 18, 2016, in the amount of \$24,050.57  
Manual Bills IDR List for August 19, 2016, in the amount of \$2,611.00  
General Prepaid Bills #1 for August 25, 2016, in the amount of \$99,310.58  
General Prepaid Bills #2 for August 25, 2016, in the amount of \$725.00  
Manual Bills for August 31, 2016, in the amount of \$175.00  
General Prepaid Bills for September 1, 2016, in the amount of \$81,852.41  
General Bills for September 6, 2016, in the amount of \$547,329.80  
Approve Reclassifications for August 25, 2016 (3) in the amount of \$0.00

Trustee Stole seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

Kapteyn, Stole, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 -Trustees:

**Motion Passed**

Finance Report: Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Payroll for the period ending September 10, 2016, in the amount of \$522,683.75  
General Prepaid Bills for September 8, 2016, in the amount of \$174,757.29  
Manual Bills for September 9, 2016, in the amount of \$36,050.00  
General Prepaid Bills for September 15, 2016, in the amount of \$32,226.92  
General Bills for September 20, 2016, in the amount of \$529,886.70

Trustee Stole seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

Kapteyn, Stole, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 -Trustees:

**Motion Passed**

INSURANCE

No report provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Manno offered a motion to approve the recommendation of the low bidder, D. Construction, Inc. who quoted \$672,517.51 for the Lansing 2016 Street Resurfacing Program.

Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

Manno, Kapteyn, Eidam, Stole, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 -Trustees:

**Motion Passed**

Trustee Manno continued by offering a motion to approve the recommendation of the low bidder, Trine Construction Corporation who quoted \$618,755.95 for the Lansing Water Main Replacements located at Glen Oak Avenue and Wright Street.

Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

Manno, Kapteyn, Eidam, Stole, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 -Trustees:

**Motion Passed**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Skrbina offered a motion to approve Ordinance 16-033, *An Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Chapter 20, Emergency Management” in the Village of Lansing.* Mayor Abbott commented that the amendment will include the transport of patients to the additional location of Franciscan Health Munster in Munster, Indiana.

Trustee Eidam seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

Skrbina, Eidam, Kapteyn, Stole, Manno and DeLaurentis,

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 -Trustees:

**Motion Passed**

Trustee Skrbina reported the Fire Department responded to 332 calls in August, of which 269 were ambulance calls. The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 107 inspection in August. Lieutenant Jim Perreault was certified as a Fire Officer 1 and Firefighter Steve Cremonesi was certified as a Fire Service Vehicle operator. The Department also assisted in retired Chief Harris Van Drunen’s funeral providing ambulance coverage and the fire truck at the cemetery services.

The Police Department honored Christi Metzger for her 25 years of service as a Crossing Guard for the Village of Lansing.

On August 24, 2016, Officer Alex Ascolani and Officer Tim Casson were sworn in as new police officers for the Village of Lansing. Both officers are filling positions that were vacated earlier in the year. Dispatcher Steven Lundy began his new employment on September 1, 2016 as a new 911 Dispatcher, filling a position that was vacated in the past month.

YOUTH CENTER & LNN

Trustee Eidam reported the Youth Center's average daily attendance of 56, with currently 141 members registered. The *Teen Conservation Leadership Conference* held at IIT and Brookfield Zoo was attended by five club members, Staff Crystal and Director Jenna. The goal of encouraging and educating youth leaders in conservation was emphasized and proved beneficial to attendees. America's Financial Choice donated pre-packaged school supplies to the youth center who passed the lower grade supplies on to the Lansing Food Pantry for distribution.

Building Commissioner, TJ Grossi, spoke to the question of the new stairs being constructed at the Youth Center explaining the safety design changes to the stairs have required additional time, but are expected to be completed soon.

AVIATION &  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Stole presented a motion to adopt Resolution 976, *A Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement for Façade Improvement – Ridge Road TIF (3325 Ridge Road), in the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois*. The façade improvement is for Jack's Pub.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 –Trustees:

Nays – 0 –Trustees:

**Motion Passed**

Stole, DeLaurentis, Eidam, Kapteyn, Skrbina, and Manno

Trustee Stole presented a motion to approve Ordinance 16-037, *An Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement between the Village of Lansing and National Pasteurized Eggs, Inc., An Illinois Corporation (2963 Bernice Road, Lansing, Illinois.)*. Trustee Stole mentioned the Public Hearing that preceded the Committee of the Whole meeting pertained to the NPE redevelopment agreement. He further explained he previously suggested and spoke with Attorney Lapp regarding non-substantive changes that would be included in the ordinance. He asked for any questions from the Board. There were none.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

Stole, DeLaurentis, Eidam, Kapteyn, Skrbina, and Manno

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas – 6 –Trustees:

Nays – 0 –Trustees:

**Motion Passed**

Trustee Stole offered a motion to approve Ordinance 16-034, *An Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Granting A Special Use Permit under the Requirements of the Village of Lansing Zoning Ordinance*. This ordinance grants a special use permit to UNBEL, LLC located at 2109 Bernice Road, Lansing, Illinois.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

Stole, DeLaurentis, Eidam, Kapteyn, Skrbina, and Manno

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas – 6 –Trustees:

Nays – 0 –Trustees:

**Motion Passed**

Trustee Stole offered a motion to approve Ordinance 16-035, *An Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Granting A Special Use Permit under the Requirements of the Village of Lansing Zoning Ordinance*. This ordinance grants a special use permit to New 2 You of Lansing, Inc. located at 18230 Torrence Avenue, Lansing, Illinois.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

Stole, DeLaurentis, Eidam, Kapteyn, Skrbina, and Manno

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas – 6 –Trustees:

Nays – 0 –Trustees:

**Motion Passed**

Trustee Stole updated progress with the following Summary of Key Developments:

- Enterprise Zone has been approved.
- Midwest Storage – Storage tenants have been cleared out. Quonset hut will be demolished.

- Bernice Road Code Enforcement – Targeting enforcement of maintenance of commercial corridor.
- 19064 Burnham Avenue – Potential buyer to rehab property and open a business.
- Fox Pointe – Preliminary engineering is near completion, along with ComEd, AT&T, Fountain Technologies and landscaping design.
- History Plaza – Work was delayed due to MWRD permitting. Preconstruction meeting to be held with work beginning soon. Targeted for completion Spring, 2017.
- 17932 Torrence Demolition & Parking project – Slated to be completed by September 30, 2016.

Business updates included meetings with Walmart sharing that sales continue to exceed expectation and the former Trinity Lutheran School being occupied by the Lighthouse Christian Academy.

The Village welcomes the new businesses: UNLOCKaLOCK Escape Room, The Bunker, Simply Gorgeous Boutique and La Deliciosa Michoacana.

#### BUILDINGS & ADA

The Building Department reported the issuance of 330 permits with a valuation of \$3 million dollars and 343 inspections were conducted. There have been 759 residential permits submitted in the past 3 months, realizing over a \$3.2 million dollar investment into Lansing homes.

A \$1.2 million dollar build-out project for Octapharma Plasma has begun as well as National Pasteurized Egg’s renovation with an investment of an additional \$150,000. Additionally, Culver’s Restaurant has submitted plans for review to re-image their restaurant.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Maureen Grady Perovich, 17150 Wentworth, Lansing, IL thanked Mayor Abbott for contributing to the Honor Flight Mail Call by writing a personal thank you letter to Mr. Dalla Costa She also thanked the Trustees, and anyone else who contributed by writing a letter to such an honorable Korean War Veteran.

Robert Malkas, 3553 192<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lansing, IL told the audience he is having a “Conscience Crisis” explaining his regrets of a previous decision to no longer provide hand-outs at Board Meetings. Therefore he decided to distribute eight memos written within the past six months. Mr. Malkas also indicated he is working on additional memos of various airport topics and compliance. Mr. Malkas continued to suggest that a candidate’s question and answer meeting be scheduled for the upcoming village election.

Mike Fish, expressed a heartfelt “thank you” to everyone in the village for their cards, letters, gifts, prayers, well wishes and understanding while he was going through extensive medical tests and procedures. The audience responded with a standing ovation.

Mr. Randall Bragg, 2910 Bernice, Lansing, IL shared his auto repair business’s lack of sufficient parking space. He expressed his safety concerns, general loss of parking spaces, alley parking, high tax bills and frustration with the traffic and condition of Bernice Road. He asked for any possible suggestions, solutions or help from the village.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Eidam addressed the Bethel Church event held on August 27th at Lansing’s Fox Pointe location. She explained her concerns with the event being held on village property rather than scheduled to be held at one of Lansing’s parks. Trustee Eidam stated the action was irresponsible and not in the best interest of Lansing.

Mayor Abbott responded explaining the same event was held and allowed last year, therefore, he was comfortable with granting it again this year. He expressed the church’s desire for the event to be a special community event, not a specific church event. Mayor Abbott also explained that a Special Event Policy to allow for application, permits, etc. is currently being drafted.

Vivian Payne, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, shared that key Department Heads have drafted a comprehensive Special Event Policy & Application document. Ms. Payne explained that Lansing is one of the only communities in the area without a policy for special events held on public property or right of ways.

Trustee DeLaurentis suggested the Bethel event could have been held on the church property.

Trustee Kapteyn and Trustee Skrbina supported the church’s desire to centrally locate this type of community outreach event.

Trustee Kapteyn shared a resident’s concern of the lack of sidewalks and street lights located in the vicinity of the high tension wires near 176<sup>th</sup> Street. The situation will be inspected and resolved.

Trustee Manno shared a residents concern about the 186<sup>th</sup> & Clyde Street retention pond. Trustee Manno was reassured that it is on the Public Work’s list and will be addressed.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Trustee Eidam so moved.  
Trustee Manno seconded.

All Trustees agreed by saying Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga  
Lansing Village Clerk  
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