

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 18, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:50 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 October 4, 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 - 5 -Trustees:

Nays -1 -Trustees:

Minutes Approved

Stole, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina and Manno

Eidam

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report provided.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Lansing Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 16-038, *An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois to Borrow Funds from The Public Water Supply Loan Program*. Attorney Lapp stated the ordinance allows for the Village to borrow money required to be used for repair and replacement of the water meters.

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved.

Trustee Skrbina seconded.

Mayor Abbott was pleased to announce the Village has received a considerable reduction of the interest rate to 1.64%.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 -Trustees:

Motion Passed

DeLaurentis, Skrbina, Eidam, Kapteyn, Stole and Manno

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Trustee Kapteyn offered a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for the period ending October 8, 2016, in the amount of \$514,448.03
Manual Bill List for September 30, 2016, in the amount of \$175,000
General Prepaid Bills for October 6, 2016, in the amount of \$218,816.39
Manual Bill List for October 12, 2016, in the amount of \$36,050.00
Manual Bill IDR List for October 12, 2016, in the amount of \$1,449.00
General Prepaid Bills for October 13, 2016, in the amount of \$13,576.74
General Bills for October 18, 2016, in the amount of \$505,395.48

Trustee Stole seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 -Trustees:

Motion Passed

Kapteyn, Stole, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

Mayor Abbott announced a change to the Agenda regarding the Executive Session being held after the Regular Board Meeting. The change is to remove the discussion of Personnel and only address Litigation.

INSURANCE

No report provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Manno reminded residents to use toters or paper lawn bags, *not* plastic bags when disposing of grass and leaves. If additional toters are needed, please call Public Works. Friday, December 2 is the last day leaves will be picked up.

Trustee Manno thanked TJ Grossi for facilitating the clean-up at Wentworth Avenue and the bike trail, alerted the Building Department that one of the barricade lights located near Coolidge School needed to be replaced and reminded residents to call Public Works for pothole repairs.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Skrbina presented a motion to approve the *Replacement of the 911 Telephone System*.

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

Chief Murrin announced the “Prescription Take Back” event scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.at the Police Station.

Fire Chief Verkaik was pleased to announce the purchase of the department’s new ambulance. He was also happy to be making the announcement on the *40th Anniversary of the EMS Program*. Chief Verkaik sincerely thanked the original paramedic class, subsequent classes, the police, the bosses, the community and the overall program itself for all the dedication and commitment to create the EMS program of today. He shared the growth of the 40 year program and its intensive development. In closing, Chief Verkaik stated the paramedics are still dedicated to saving lives and protecting property in the very best possible way. Mayor Abbott complimented the paramedic program and shared his appreciation for their outstanding commitment and dedication.

YOUTH CENTER & LNN

No report provided.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Stole presented a motion for an approval to execute a *Grant Agreement with IDOT for Installation of Airport Security Fencing*.

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

BUILDINGS & ADA

No report provided.

Building Commissioner, TJ Grossi, announced the replacement rain barrels distributed by MWRD have a new *look*. He reminded residents the Rain Barrel Program is an MWRD Program and the village is simply a conduit of the program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Malkas, 3553 192nd Street, Lansing, IL provided his disagreement and concerns with the village’s decisions and actions regarding Chicago Business Air, Shannon’s Landing and Associated Air. He continued sharing his concern about the term of the concession agreements with Lynn Que’s and Windy City Aero. He concluded by stating the airport is a federally funded facility, not a business.

Mayor Abbott retorted explaining the businesses were no longer operating at the airport due to years of non-payment of rent and each owed very large sums of money to the village. Mayor Abbott expressed the village’s desire to assist in each businesses recovery and tried to work with them for the past seven years. Trustee Stole and John DeLaurentiis, Airport Manager, supported Mayor Abbott’s explanation with instances of meetings, discussions and attempts to resolve the issues, and stated an obligation and responsibility to the residents to finally take action.

Mary Beth Palka, 2030 Hearth Circle, Lansing, IL praised the Board for the previous airport discussion sharing her appreciation of the transparency of the entire discussion. Ms. Palka also shared her opinion of the double standards displayed when trustees require residents to have previous experience in order to serve on committees or hold an office

Darlene Kadar, 3547 192nd Street, Lansing, IL asked the Board their plan for replacement of the businesses that were no longer resident at the airport and asked who would be paying the airport bills in their absence.

Trustee Stole and Mr. DeLaurentiis reaffirmed the fact that those businesses had not been paying rent, so nothing has changed. The issues have just recently been finalized and the airport is moving forward at this time.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Trustee DeLaurentis explained the airport issue information could not be shared or spoken about due to the restriction of being under litigation. Only after finalization could this particular topic be discussed.

At 8:25 p.m., Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss Litigation.

Trustee Eidam so moved.
Trustee Manno seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:
Nays – 0 -Trustees:
Agreed

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

At 9:03 p.m., Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to return to the Regular Board Meeting.

All Trustees agreed by saying Aye.

Mayor Abbott then asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved.
Trustee Manno seconded.

All Trustees agreed by saying Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Lansing Village Clerk
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