

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 2, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidam called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE

Mayor Eidam opened the meeting by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following Trustees present:
Zeldenrust, Grady-Perovich, Hardy, Skrbina, Manno, DeLaurentis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Eidam asked if there were any questions or discussion on the minutes of the regular board meeting held September 18, 2018. No questions or discussion.

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Grady-Perovich so moved.
Trustee Hardy seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustees

Minutes Approved

Grady-Perovich, Hardy, Zeldenrust, Skrbina, Manno, DeLaurentis

MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Recognize the Retirement of Lansing Police Department Sgt. Timothy Glinski

Police Chief Dennis Murrin introduced Sgt. Tim Glinski, who will be retiring this month. Sgt. Glinski joined the Lansing Police Department in 1993 and has been in charge of various divisions within the department. He has also been in charge of planning a number of National Night Out events in the Village and Crime Free Housing classes. Chief Murrin commended Sgt. Glinski for the work he has done with Special Olympics, and presented him with an appreciation plaque. Sgt. Glinski thanked the Village and his family for all of the support he received during his time with the department.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

None

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

None

FINANCE & POLICE DEPT.

A. Approval of Bills & Payroll

Trustee Zeldenrust motioned to approve the following:

Payroll for period ending September 22, 2018, in the amount of \$543,901.62
Manual EBC Bills for August 31, 2018, in the amount of \$239.70
General Prepaid Bills for September 17, 2018, in the amount of \$16,225.28
General Prepaid Bills for September 24, 2018, in the amount of \$9,432.17
General Prepaid Bills for September 26, 2018, in the amount of \$1,000.00
General Bills for October 2, 2018, in the amount of \$501,374.10

Trustee Hardy seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustees

Bills & Payroll Approved

Zeldenrust, Hardy, Grady-Perovich, Skrbina, Manno, DeLaurentis

A. Ordinance #18-033 – Authorizing the Lansing Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to Amend the Rules and Regulations Regarding Applicant Educational Requirements

Trustee Zeldenrust made a motion to adopt ordinance #18-033, authorizing the Lansing Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to amend the rules and regulations regarding applicant educational requirements. Trustee Zeldenrust read the ordinance changes.

Trustee Hardy seconded.

Trustee Manno asked Chief Murrin if this would be in effect for the current testing period and Murrin stated that it would not.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustees

Ordinance #18-033 Adopted

Zeldenrust, Hardy, Grady-Perovich, Skrbina, Manno, DeLaurentis

Chief Murrin announced that Coffee with a Cop will be tomorrow from 7 am to 10 am at Troost. Chief Murrin also updated the Board on a series of copper wire thefts that have been taking place in Lansing and surrounding communities. Detective Tony Curtis worked the case, and in a matter of days was able to get an identity of the offender and vehicle. This information was shared with the Hammond Police Department, and Det. Curtis was able to secure an affidavit to place a tracking device on the offender's vehicle. Through the tracking device, the Lansing Police Department was able follow and catch the offenders in the act and make an arrest. A recent article in The Times newspaper failed to mention that the Lansing Police Department was instrumental in the apprehension of the offenders. Chief Murrin stated that he would like to publicly commend Detective Curtis at a future board meeting.

AIRPORT

None

FIRE DEPT., IT & LNN

Acting Chief Tempelman announced that October is Fire Prevention month. He also informed the Board that the Fire Department just hired a new Firefighter and will be hiring another next week.

PUBLIC WORKS & ADA

A. Authorize Access to Transit Engineering Study

Trustee Skrbina made a motion to authorize the access to transit engineering study.
Trustee Manno seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees
Nays – 0 Trustees
Motion Approved

Skrbina, Manno, Zeldenrust, Grady-Perovich, Hardy, DeLaurentis

B. Authorize 2019 Street Resurfacing Engineering

Trustee Skrbina made a motion to authorize the 2019 street resurfacing engineering.
Trustee Manno seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees
Nays – 0 Trustees
Motion Approved

Skrbina, Manno, Zeldenrust, Grady-Perovich, Hardy, DeLaurentis

BUILDING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. Ordinance #18-034 – Granting a Special Use to Allow the Operation of a Used Vehicle Sales Business on a Lot Less Than 1 Acre in Size at 2444 Ridge Road (Fantastic Auto Group)

Trustee Hard made a motion to adopt ordinance #18-034, granting a Special Use to allow the operation of a used vehicle sales business on a lot less than 1 acre in size at 2444 Ridge Road for Fantastic Auto Group. Trustee Hardy stated that the applicant must sign-off on the terms and conditions for the Special Use permit, which include the seal-coating and striping of the parking lot, eradication of weeds on the property and repair of the light posts.
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Trustee Manno asked if there was a deadline of when the special conditions must be met. Administrator Podgorski stated that a Business License would not be issued until all of the conditions were met. Trustee Hardy asked the applicants, who were present in the audience, if they understood the conditions of the Special Use and they acknowledged that they did.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees
Nays – 0 Trustees
Ordinance #18-034 Adopted

Hardy, DeLaurentis, Zeldenrust, Grady-Perovich, Skrbina, Manno

YOUTH CENTER & INS

Youth Center Director Jenna Comer-Hill announced that they will be hosting a Rummage Sale, however a final date has not been set because they would like to collect a few more items. Comer-Hill is asking anyone if they have anything that they would normally sell in a garage sale, she will gladly take those donations. Items can be dropped off at the Center between the hours of 3:30 and 8 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pastor Regina Titsworth and newly appointed member of the Human Relations Commission expressed concerns regarding the Halloween decoration incident in the Village last week. Mrs. Titsworth explained that several residents have also contacted her with concerns about the situation and while she believes that the folks responsible for putting up the decorations did not mean to offend anyone, she would still like to talk to them to explain how others in the community were offended by the display. Mrs. Titsworth felt it was important for the Village to embrace everyone, because she feels Lansing is a wonderful place to raise a family. Mayor Eidam responded by explaining that the Village handled the situation as quickly as possible and that she felt bad that folks were offended because there was no ill intent by the family that put up the display.

Peter Krilich, Police & Fire Commissioner, thanked Chief Murrin and the entire Board for approving the amendment to the ordinance that updates the rules and regulations regarding educational requirements for Police Department new hires.

Josephine Dickerson questioned why the discussion regarding massage parlors was not brought up during the meeting. Mayor Eidam explained that the discussion regarding massage parlors will take place during the Committee of the Whole meeting, immediately following this board meeting. Ms. Dickerson asked who she could speak with regarding the structure of Village government. Mayor Eidam explained that all 6 Trustees are *Trustees at Large* and they represent all residents of the Village. Ms. Dickerson asked if she could then call any of the Trustees if she needed her subdivision paved, and Mayor Eidam stated that she could simply call the Village Administrator, Mr. Podgorski.

Larry Thomas thanked the Village for the way it handled the Halloween decoration incident. He stated that as a black man, he was not offended by the decoration, however he was offended by the way others perceived the decoration. He felt it was nothing more than a Halloween decoration and should not have been perceived as being racist. Mr. Thomas stated that he has dealt with racism in the past, but this was not a racist issue in his eyes, only by people wanting to make it racist. He does not believe the family did anything wrong because they were simply decorating their yard for a holiday.

Bill Stubitsch from the Lansing Fire Department, thanked Mayor Eidam for coming to the fire station last Friday to look at their new equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Zeldenrust thanked the Public Works Department for picking up the debris left in front of a home that the *Love for Lansing* group helped clean-up several weeks ago. Zeldenrust also thanked the volunteers that came out to help the homeowner.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Hardy announced that the Copper Muggers will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast this coming Saturday at the American Legion from 8-11 am. The breakfast is free for current or retired members of the armed forces, otherwise it is only \$5.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Trustee Manno so moved.

Trustee Hardy seconded

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees

Nays - 0 - Trustees

Meeting Adjourned

Manno, Hardy, Zeldenrust, Grady-Perovich, Skrbina, DeLaurentis

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Payne
Lansing Village Clerk
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