

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ON DECEMBER 15, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following trustees present:
Eidam, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina and DeLaurentis.
Trustee Manno was absent with notice.

PRESENTATION OF
MINUTES

Mayor Abbott requested any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 1, 2015.

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 – 0-Trustees:

Minutes Approved

Stole, Kapteyn, Eidam, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Abbott introduced Mr. Joe Schwieterman, from the Chadwick Institute, who presented the Village of Lansing and the Lan-Oak Park District with the Municipal Development Award. The Institute along with *Trails for Illinois* are honoring those municipalities that are planning and designing trail ways that run through downtown areas of their town. Mr. Schwieterman congratulated and presented a trophy to the Village of Lansing and the Lan-Oak Park District for their leadership, fundraising and planning efforts in furthering the Pennsy Greenway bike path project.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp, introduced Ordinance 15-041, *An Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Chapter 2, Administration in the Village of Lansing*. The Ordinance amends Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-138 of the village code specifying two Regular Board meetings per month (the first and third Tuesday of the month) and a Committee of the Whole meeting preceding every Regular Board meeting.

Attorney Lapp requested a motion to approve Ordinance 15-041.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 5 -Trustees:
Nays - 0 – Trustees:
Motion Passed

Stole, DeLaurentis, Eidam, Kapteyn, and Skrbina

Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp, introduced Resolution 960, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Approving an Agreement with The Illinois Department of Transportation and the Village of Lansing for the Torrence Avenue & Ridge Road Improvement.* Attorney Lapp explained the Resolution authorizes the Mayor and Village Clerk to enter into an agreement with IDOT regarding the village's participation in the intersection improvement project at Ridge Road & Torrence Avenue.

Attorney Lapp suggested a motion would be in order.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 5 -Trustees:
Nays - 0 – Trustees:
Motion Passed

Stole, DeLaurentis, Eidam, Kapteyn and Skrbina

Attorney Lapp briefly explained the current village ordinance prohibiting the hiring of employees who would be supervised by someone related to them. Such a situation can be overcome if the village authorizes a vote of the corporate authorities to approve the hiring. Attorney Lapp continued explaining Mr. Dennis Murrin III has been selected to serve in the position of Community Service Officer for the Lansing Police Department where his father is the current Police Chief. Therefore, a board vote is necessary to allow for the hiring of Dennis Murrin III.

Attorney Lapp suggested a motion would be in order to approve the hiring of Dennis Murrin III to the position of Community Service Officer.

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved.
Trustee Skrbina seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 5 -Trustees:
Nays - 0 – Trustees:
Motion Passed

Stole, DeLaurentis, Eidam, Kapteyn and Skrbina

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Trustee Kapteyn made a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for period ending December 5, 2015, in the amount of \$501,065.89
General Manual Bills for November 30, 2015, in the amount of \$35,277.50
General Prepaid Bills for December 1, 2015, in the amount of \$150,812.50
General Prepaid Bills for December 3, 2015, in the amount of \$35,671.44
General Prepaid Bills for December 10, 2015, in the amount of \$35,544.62
General Bills for December 15, 2015, in the amount of \$612,050.72

Trustee Stole seconded.

Trustee Eidam questioned AED training classes, the purchase of 911 radios and authorization of municipal office expenses.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 5 -Trustees:
Nays – 0 Trustees

Kapteyn, Stole, Eidam, Skrbina and DeLaurentis.

Motion Passed

INSURANCE

No report provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

No report provided.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report provided.

YOUTH CENTER
& LNN

Trustee Eidam congratulated the actors and participants of the production, *A Christmas Carol*, and thanked all those who attended the Youth Center play on December 5, 2015.

AVIATION &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report provided.

BUILDINGS & ADA

Trustee DeLaurentis wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maureen Grady Perovich, 17150 Wentworth, Lansing, IL, shared her concern that various public comment issues mentioned in the past have not been addressed. The issues included the annual business license fee, the police department report, lobbyist report, bills and payroll. She provided her thoughts regarding trustee responsibility when approving bills for payment.

Michael Hersom, 3171 178th Street, Lansing, IL, commented on the *two meetings a month* decision, and inquired if the first board meeting of the year will be held on January 5th. He also suggested a review and recap report be provided to all residents.

Debbie Albrecht, 2938 188th Place, Lansing, IL shared her appreciation of the village and the residents. She thanked Mayor Abbott, John Wilson and the residents for their perseverance and dedication to the town.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Eidam questioned why the village attorney had not provided a draft ordinance regarding the mayor's salary as requested at the November 17th Committee of the Whole meeting. Mayor Abbott explained the drafting of the ordinance was postponed as it was suggested additional information and updated statistics would be beneficial in making a final decision. Mayor Abbott is awaiting receipt of the updated SSMMA (South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association) report for further evaluation. Mayor Abbott is planning to discuss both the mayoral and trustee salaries at the same time.

Mayor Abbott indicated the next board meeting be held January 5, 2015. Trustees agreed.

At 8:04 p.m., Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn to an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Property Acquisition, Property Donation and Probable Litigation. Mayor Abbott added that no final decisions would be forthcoming.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 5 –Trustees:
Nays – 0 Trustees

Stole, Kapteyn, Eidam, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

Mayor Abbott and Trustees returned from the Executive Session to the Regular Board meeting at 9:09 p.m. Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following trustees present:

Eidam, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 5 - Trustees:
Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Stole, Kapteyn, Eidam, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Lansing Village Clerk
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