

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidam called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m.

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 comments or discussion on the minutes of the December 19, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting. There were none.

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Manno so moved
Trustee Zeldenrust seconded

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0

Minutes Approved

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Public Comment Policy

Administrator Podgorski explained that he has been working with the Board to draft a new public comment policy. A generic policy was distributed to Board members, and in November a short survey was distributed with questions relating to the common elements of a public comment policy. Podgorski read the results of the survey which included issues such as time limits, when public comment should be placed on the agendas and whether the public should be required to sign-in before speaking. Mr. Podgorski stated that he will weave the survey results into the generic policy and craft a policy for the Boards deliberation at the next meeting.

Trustee Zeldenrust commented that a public comment policy was being addressed for better communication, however he wanted folks to know that if there is a pressing issue or something that a resident wants addressed immediately, they should call or email the Village or elected officials.

Trustee Grady-Perovich expressed that it would be a good idea to have public comment at the beginning of regular meetings so that folks would have an opportunity to give their remarks prior to a Board vote, and she also commented that she was not in favor of requiring sign-in before speaking.

B. Vehicle Sticker Fes

Administrator Podgorski opened discussion by stating that staff has identified our vehicle sticker fees as being below average for the area. He continued by reading some of the comparison fees charged by surrounding communities, with Lansing being on the low end at \$30.00. The last increase in vehicle sticker fees was in 2008. Podgorski explained that the Board also has before them an administrative request to allow the Village to begin selling stickers on May 1st each year, rather than the second Monday of May. Administrator Podgorski is proposing a \$15 increase in sticker fees. He reviewed projected general fund salary increases for 2018, as well as additional projected funds that will be necessary to match the COPS grant for hiring three new police officers. The \$15 sticker increase would generate approximately \$210,000 in additional revenue, which would cover about one half of the projected salary increases.

Trustee DeLaurentis asked if the motorcycle and truck sticker fees would also be increased, and Treasurer Frye explained that her revenue projections included a \$15 increase for all sticker classifications with the exception of the senior rates, which remained at the same rate.

Trustee Grady-Perovich asked if there was going to be a comprehensive plan established for the enforcement of sticker purchases with this fee increase. There was discussion regarding the purchase of a registered vehicle list for Lansing from the Secretary of State's office, as well as additional enforcement by the Police Department.

Trustee Hardy expressed that he is not in favor of a sticker rate increase for seniors.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

No report

FINANCE & POLICE

No report

AIRPORT

No report

FIRE, IT & LNN

No report

PUBLIC WORKS & ADA

No report

BUILDING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. Napleton Honda, 17220 Torrence Avenue-Request for Support of Cook County Tax Incentive Class 8 Renewal

Trustee Hardy introduced Mr. Rick Brandstetter, Director of Real Estate for Napleton Honda. Mr. Brandstetter gave the Board an overview of Napleton’s business operations in Lansing and appealed to the Board for renewal of the Class 8 property tax incentive. Brandstetter stated that if the renewal was not granted, it would result in a property tax increase of \$3.3 million dollars over the 12 year period. He also commented on the proximity to Indiana and their competitive market.

Trustee Hardy asked that consideration of the Class 8 renewal be placed on the agenda for February 6, 2018. Trustee DeLaurentis stated he had no problem with it and Trustee Grady-Perovich asked if additional renewals can be granted. It was stated that only one renewal of the Class 8 was allowed.

YOUTH CENTER & INSURANCE

No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marilyn Akey commented about a neighbor that had attempted to purchase a vehicle sticker but was unsuccessful, and asked about penalties for not purchasing stickers in previous years. Mayor Eidam stated there were no penalties for not purchasing stickers in previous years, and that penalties are only assessed for the current sticker year.

Mary Beth Palka commented that the Village had many more police officers back when road blocks were utilized for sticker violations. She also commented that since agendas are only required to be posted 48 hours in advance of a meeting, the timing of residents being able to contact someone from the Village to speak during public comment, would not be sufficient.

Mike Gaffney stated that it was important to him for the Board to be engaged with residents during public comment and he hopes that there will not be too many restrictions in the public comment policy.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:43 p.m. to go into Executive Session to consider potential litigation, the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved
Trustee Grady-Perovich seconded

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees: DeLaurentis, Grady-Perovich, Zeldenrust, Hardy, Skrbina, Manno
Nays – 0
Meeting Adjourned to Executive Session

CALL TO ORDER FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Eidam called the Committee of the Whole meeting back into session at 9:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:19 p.m.

Trustee Hardy so moved.
Trustee Manno seconded.

All Trustees were in favor by stating 'Aye'
Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Payne
Lansing Village Clerk
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