

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 20, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. immediately following the Public Hearing for the TIF Redevelopment Agreement for National Pasteurized Egg.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Abbott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call. Roll call revealed the following trustees present: Eidam, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Abbott asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the August 16, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting. There were none. Mayor Abbott accepted the minutes as presented.

**DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Appointment of Brian Hardy as Chairman to the Planning & Zoning Board**

Mayor Abbott shared his intention to appoint Brian Hardy as the new Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Board. He will be taking the place of Mr. Russ Oberman who did a great job and will certainly be missed. Mayor continued mentioning that Brian has served as a Commissioner for over 6 years and is very qualified to do the job. He asked the Boards approval of his appointment.

There were no objections to the appointment and Brian Hardy's appointment will be included on the next Board Meeting Agenda.

**B. Appointment of Melanie Jongsma to the Planning & Zoning Board**

Mayor Abbott also shared his intention to appoint Ms. Melanie Jongsma to the Planning & Zoning Board to fill the unexpired term of Brian Hardy, through 2017. Melanie attends Village Board meetings regularly and has shown a desire and willingness to serve her community. Mayor Abbott inquired of the Board if there were any objections.

Trustee Eidam had no objection, but presented a question to the Mayor. She questioned the Mayor's change from a previous decision to withdraw Ms. Jongsma's name from a previous appointment. Mayor Abbott explained that throughout the months he had further spoken with Ms. Jongsma and realized her desire to become involved and serve the community, therefore, supporting his decision.

Mayor Abbott stated the appointment of Melanie Jongsma will be included on the next Board Meeting Agenda.

**C. Draft Resolution 975 – Authorizing Class 8 Status for VNE Property LLC 17913-17 Torrence Avenue, Lansing, IL**

Economic Development Director, Travis Bandstra, explained the proposed option that was presented to the Board at a previous executive session.

To update the audience, Mr. Bandstra shared the plan for the VNE Property LLC (South Side Control) located at 18001 Torrence Avenue to swap their current location with a property the Village of Lansing currently owns located at 17913 - 17917 Torrence Avenue (previously Bad Boyz Toyz). Additionally, the financial gap between the two properties resulted in the agreement that South Side Control would pay for the demolishing of the 18001 Torrence property, therefore accomplishing the goal of the Village.

The owner, Eric Jensen was introduced and explained that he has outgrown his current space and the current building is at the end of its useful life. The plan is to totally rehab the building located at 17913-17917 Torrence Avenue with major improvements and renovation throughout. It was also noted VNE Property LLC (South Side Control) is requesting a Class 8.

Mr. Jensen asked for Trustee questions. There were none.

Mr. Bandstra stated the sales contract, purchase agreement and Resolution 875 authorizing a Class 8 will be presented at the next Regular Board Meeting.

**D. Business Promotion Video Presentation**

Travis Bandstra and Fabian Newman presented the new Lansing Promotional Video that has been produced by LNN and Fabian Newman. The video focuses on the business community and will be resident on the Village of Lansing website in addition to being used at trade shows, as a tool to attract businesses to Lansing and used at additional venues and sites.

A viewing of the video proved to be very well received by the audience. The video shared high quality footage of the town and shared the satisfaction and success of current business owners located here, cooperation of village government with the businesses, convenience of access to expressways and presented a welcoming and positive view of Lansing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Maureen Grady Perovich, 17150 Wentworth Avenue, Lansing, IL provided her opinion of the process of selecting people to serve on committees. She would like an explanation of the current requirements and selection of criteria when filling these positions. Ms. Perovich shared her qualifications and past experience on Police & Fire committee.

Mary Beth Palka, 2030 Hearth Circle, Lansing, IL complimented Fabian Newman and LNN for the video presentation. She also share her disagreement with the previous comment about committee selection and supported the appointment of Ms. Jongsma.

Melanie Jongsma, 18649 Villa Court, Lansing, IL also complimented Fabian on the Business Promotion Video and inquired if the video was uploaded to Utube and the Village Facebook page. Fabian replied that the video has been uploaded to those sites.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:22 p.m., Mayor Abbott adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Kooyenga  
Lansing Village Clerk  
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