

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Abbott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRAYER

Mayor Abbott introduced Pastor Dave Prince and Pastor Andy Smith from Living Word Church who led the audience in prayer.

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 September 20, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting. There were none. Mayor Abbott accepted the minutes as presented.

DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Draft Ordinance 16-038 – Authorizing the Village to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program

Village Engineer, Jeff Pintar, presented draft Ordinance 16-038 explaining that after extensive study it is advisable, necessary and in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to remove and replace residential, commercial and industrial water meters within the Village of Lansing. Mr. Pintar further indicated that after meeting with Village Treasurer, Arlette Frye, it was determined there were insufficient funds currently available to pay for the costs of the project. The Illinois Environment Protection Agency offers low interest loans and has authorized the Village to borrow the needed funds from

the *IEPA's Public Water Supply Loan Program*. The loan repayment including the cost of construction and installation, engineering, legal, financial and related expenses will be payable through the village's water funds.

Mr. Pintar indicated the 9,400 water meter replacement project would commence in the upcoming winter months and hopefully be completed by spring. The new style static water meters will contain no moving parts, will allow for monthly billing, remote reading of the meters and offer a life span well beyond the life of the loan.

Mr. Pintar fielded questions from the Trustees and requested Trustees to authorize the low interest IEPA loan.

Mayor Abbott indicated Ordinance 16-038 will be included on the Agenda for the next Board Meeting.

B. Replacement of 911 Telephone System

Director of Communication, Brian Weis, spoke to the audience regarding the replacement of the Village's 911 telephone system. He explained the Emergency Telephone Safety Board (ETSB) has been informed that the current 911 system is being declared "end of life" by the manufacturer and being replaced with VESTA 911. Director Weis continued explaining his research, request for quotes and proposals with vendors including AT&T. After reviewing, the ETSB voted to secure the services of AT&T in the amount of \$180,866.45. The ETSB believes it is in the best interest of the village to continue to use the sole provider of 911 services (AT&T) as the vendor of this critical equipment.

He reassured the audience that the transition would be a smooth transition with slight modification to the users and no disruption to service.

Director of Communication, Brian Weis answered questions regarding operator additional training, effects of lightning on the system, emergency back-up and the suggestion to provide 911 service to other towns.

Mayor Abbott indicated replacement of the 911 service will be included on the next Board Meeting's Agenda.

C. Approval to Execute a Grant Agreement with IDOT for installation of Airport Security Fencing

Airport Manager, Mr. John DeLaurentiis, requested authorization to execute a Participation Agreement with IDOT Division of Aeronautics, for Airport Perimeter Security and Wildlife Fencing. He continued explaining the importance that the FAA and TSA have placed on the repair and rehabilitation of operational surfaces and airport security fencing. Mr. DeLaurentiis also shared the TSA has noted the unfenced section on the far south and southwest boundaries and all along Burnham Avenue. The IDOT Division of Aeronautics issued a request for bids to complete the fencing. An alternate bid for an upgrade to wrought iron fencing around the Ford Hangar was included. Airport Staff concurred with IDOT to award to Fence Masters, Inc. of Chicago Heights and also include the upgrade from standard cyclone fencing to wrought iron fencing around the Ford Hangar. Airport Staff's recommendation is for the Board's authorization to execute the Participation Agreement along with the upgrade option.

D. Economic Development Marketing Presentation

Mr. Chris Manheim, President of Manheim Solutions, provided a presentation of Lansing's Economic Development Strategic Marketing Plan. As consultants, Manheim Solutions provided strategic information and steps to target key audiences. The target sectors included site selection consultants, real estate developers, commercial real estate brokers, prospective and existing businesses owners, national, regional and local media, residents and community organizations. Additionally, Mr. Manheim provided a detailed analysis of the strengths and weaknesses within Lansing's Retail/Commercial and Industrial sector.

Mr. Manheim shared future goals, tactics and implementation through regional marketing, industrial marketing, tradeshow, media and community branding. He explained that many of the action steps have been completed, others are in progress and some are slated for the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment provided.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Travis Bandstra spoke of the vacant Kmart store which is owned by Sears. He asked the trustees for their thoughts, goals, priorities or major considerations for the property. Trustees suggested a big box retail store, a grocery anchor store, car dealerships or well-known restaurant would be among their choices.

Additionally, the overall poor condition, lack of maintenance and the neglected IDOT gated area at the west end of Bernice Road was discussed, along with the suggestion to improve Bernice Road and clean up that area.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m., Mayor Abbott adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Lansing Village Clerk
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