

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2015

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CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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.

OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Bob Neuman from Lansing Assembly of God opened the meeting with prayer.

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MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENT – Mayor Abbott announced the Item D Class 8 Tax Incentive for 19261 Burnham Avenue discussion is being removed from the Agenda for this evening’s meeting.

A. Ethics Ordinance Revisions – Mikal Stole (for Arlette Frye):

Trustee Stole explained the process of the revisions to the Ethics Ordinance and the decision to present the Ethic Ordinance revisions before the completion of the Employee Handbook.

A memo outlining the Policy Review Committee’s recommendation for changes to the current Ethics Ordinance was provided to the Trustees. Trustee Stole explained the two major changes. Those changes to the ordinance included the annual requirement of those individuals required to file an annual disclosure statement and the altering of the language as it relates to hiring of relatives/nepotism. In addition, a minor grammatical change and a title correction were duly noted.

Trustee Stole asked for the Board’s approval to place the Ethics Ordinance Revision on the agenda for the October 20th Board Meeting.

B. Purchase of New Ambulance – Chief Verkaik:

Chief Verkaik presented the board with a list of five potential ambulances he would recommend the village purchase for their department. He explained the five listed ambulances are all very good ambulance choices, however, he recommend the purchase of the lowest priced ambulance, priced at \$185,734. Chief Verkaik

also shared additional costs are required for graphics and stretchers. In addition, Chief Verkaik expressed his desire to act quickly as the completion and delivery time for a new ambulance is approximately nine months.

Mayor Abbott indicated the recommended ambulance purchase will be on the next Board Meeting Agenda.

C. Discussion Regarding Amendment to Ordinance 12-032 – Trustee Eidam:

Trustee Eidam opened a brief discussion regarding the increase of the Mayor's salary. It was agreed upon that a more educated approach with additional trustee discussion would be necessary to evaluate a change in the Mayor's salary.

Trustee Eidam shared her thoughts and discussion regarding her desire to reduce the salary of the Village Clerk. Comments and additional opinions were shared by Clerk Kooyenga, Trustees Kapteyn and Stole.

It was suggested by Trustee Eidam that the Trustees should direct their comments and thoughts regarding the amendment to Attorney Lapp by October 27, 2015.

D. Class 8 Tax Incentive for 19261 Burnham Avenue – Director Bandstra

As Mayor Abbott announced at the onset of the meeting, this item was removed from the discussion.

E. Ordinance 15-028 Amending West Lansing TIF (Extension) – Attorney Lapp

Attorney Lapp explained the perfunctory obligation of the Village of Lansing to file an ordinance requesting a tax extension to the West Lansing TIF District. In December, 2014, legislation extended the West Lansing TIF. In order for the Cook County Clerk's office to process and continue to extend the incremental tax for the next twelve years, an Ordinance is required to be in place.

Mayor Abbott asked the Board if they were in agreement to include Ordinance 15-028 on the agenda for the next meeting. All Trustees agreed.

F. IDOT Motor Fuel Tax Resolutions – Jeff Pintar:

Mr. Jeff Pintar, Village Engineer updated the Board of the MFT Resolutions that are annually authorized for the expenditure of funds from the MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) account. The first Resolution will be an authorization designated for the

maintenance of streets and highways including salt purchase and road maintenance materials. The second Resolution authorizes MFT funds to be used for obligations of debt services of multiple bonds from previous road resurfacing projects.

Mayor Abbott indicated the Resolutions will be included on the next board meeting agenda.

G. Intergovernmental Agreement with Schrum School District 157 – Jeff Pintar:

Jeff Pintar shared a presentation and aerial view showing the new Schrum School location in reference to Lansing's existing sewer. He continued by indicating the aerial view showed the proposed school location which is on top of the existing Lansing sewer. Mr. Pintar further explained the decision for the Lansing sewer to be re-routed around the perimeter of the new school.

Mr. Pintar answered questions and further discussion including the history of the sewer, condition of the sewer, safety issues, options and implementation of the re-routing project were conducted by the Mayor and Trustees.

An Intergovernmental Agreement with School District #157, outlining costs and more specific details of the project is being considered.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS – There was none.

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:35 p.m., Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas – 6- Trustees: Stole, Kapteyn, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis
Nays - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Lansing Village Clerk

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