

**VILLAGE OF LANSING  
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JANUARY 16, 2018**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eidam called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE**

Mayor Eidam opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Eidam announced that the regular board meetings will now be held prior to committee of the whole meetings.

**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 Regular Board Meeting held December 19, 2017.

Trustee Grady-Perovich stated that the minutes reflected a change in the board meeting schedule which would be voted on at this meeting, however the change is not on this evening's agenda for approval. Administrator Podgorski stated that the change in schedule will be on the agenda for approval at the February 6, 2018 meeting.

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Manno so moved.

Trustee Hardy seconded.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees:

***Minutes Approved***

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Eidam announced that Emily Klehm from the South Suburban Humane Society was unable to attend the meeting, however she asked that the Mayor relay some good news for Lansing residents. Mayor Eidam explained that the Humane Society will be providing low-cost spay and neuter services for dogs of Lansing & Hammond residents. The service includes a rabies vaccine and micro-chipping. The cost to Lansing residents will be \$20.00. PetSmart charities has provided a \$59,000 grant for the services and within one week, 56 Lansing residents have already called to schedule appointments. The Mayor announced that flyers are available after the meeting to anyone interested.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Administrator Podgorski explained the reason for having the regular meetings prior to the committee of the whole meetings is because now the Board will have the opportunity to vote on items that were previously

discussed before considering any new agenda items. Another reason for the change was so that any new appointments or folks that were in attendance to hear approvals on something, would not have to sit through long presentations that typically take place during the committee meetings.

**A. Ordinance #18-001 Authorizing and Approving an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the Property Commonly Known at 3308-3346 181<sup>st</sup> Place (Clock Tower Building) Within the Village of Lansing Ridge Road TIF District**

Administrator Podgorski stated that this was discussed back in November. The parking lot of this property, along with adjacent areas were identified for use as additional parking to the Fox Pointe development, and the Village had an agreement with the owner to construct the lot. The owner has subsequently changed his mind due to property tax issues, and would like to sell the entire property. The Village obtained an appraisal on the property for \$300,000 and has negotiated purchase for this amount. Podgorski continued by explaining that the Village will have the option to cancel the sale agreement should any unforeseen circumstances arise after the leases are reviewed and the property has been inspected. No decision has been made yet on whether future plans include demolition of the building.

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion.

Trustee DeLaurentis made a motion to adopt Ordinance #18-001. Trustee Hardy seconded.

Trustee Grady-Perovich asked if the final sale agreement included all of the changes marked in red on the copy she received and Administrator Podgorski stated that it did and unfortunately there was not a 'clean' copy of the sales agreement.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees:

***Ordinance 18-001 Adopted***

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

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT**

**A. Resolution #1028 Amending the Village's Employee Harassment and Discrimination Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment**

Attorney Welch explained that the resolution before the Board was necessary because of new state statute that requires specific language with regard to sexual harassment. The amended policy contains clean-up language as required by the statute.

Trustee Grady-Perovich asked if the Village had another designee in place of the Personnel Services Coordinator, being as the position is vacant and the policy references this position. Administrator Podgorski stated that all department heads would serve in that capacity. Grady-Perovich asked if the Village had a Compliance Officer and Podgorski stated that in the absence of a Personnel Services Coordinator, he serves as the Compliance Officer.

Trustee Zeldenrust made a motion to approve Resolution #1028.  
Trustee Skrbina seconded.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees:

***Resolution #1028 Approved***

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

**FINANCE & POLICE DEPT.**

**A. Bills & Payroll**

Trustee Zeldenrust motioned to approve the following:

Payroll for period ending December 16, 2017, in the amount of \$546,693.16  
Payroll for period ending December 30, 2017, in the amount of \$549,154.24  
General Prepaid Bills for December 18, 2017, in the amount of \$33,188.58  
General Prepaid Bills for December 26, 2017, in the amount of \$172,963.91  
Manual BL EBC Bills for December 31, 2017, in the amount of \$204.25  
Manual INS/IDR/WMC Bills for December 31, 2017, in the amount of \$49,228.00  
General Prepaid Bills for January 2, 2018, in the amount of \$8,634.70  
General Prepaid Bills for January 8, 2018, in the amount of \$12,693.74  
General Bills for January 2, 2018, in the amount of \$310,639.90  
General Bills for January 16, 2018, in the amount of \$967,852.01  
Reclassification for December 31, 2017, in the amount of \$0.00  
Trustee Hardy seconded.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees:

***Motion Passed***

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

Trustee Zeldenrust read the December monthly reports for the Finance Department and Police Department, as provided.

**AIRPORT**

Trustee DeLaurentis read the December monthly report for the Airport, as provided.

**FIRE DEPT., IT & LNN**

Trustee Manno read the December monthly reports for the Fire Department, IT and LNN, as provided.

**PUBLIC WORKS & ADA**

**A. 2018 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Televising-Authorize Solicitation of Bids**

Trustee Skrbina made a motion to authorize the solicitation of bids for the 2018 sanitary sewer cleaning and televising.  
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees:

***Motion Passed***

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

**B. Water Main Replacement/Street Resurfacing of 177<sup>th</sup> Place from Wentworth to Maple – Authorize Engineering**

Trustee Skrbina made a motion to authorize engineering for the water main replacement/street resurfacing of 177<sup>th</sup> Place from Wentworth to Maple.

Trustee Manno Seconded

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees:

***Motion Passed***

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

Trustee Skrbina read the December monthly report for Public Works, as provided.

**BUILDING & ECON. DEV.**

**A. Braggs Automotive, 2910 Bernice Road – Authorize Application for Participation in Bernice Road Façade Program & Amount of Grant Assistance Requested at \$28,058.00**

Trustee Hardy made a motion to authorize the application for participation in the Bernice Road Façade Program for Braggs Automotive, 2910 Bernice Road, with amount of grant assistance requested at \$28,058.00. Trustee Manno seconded.

Trustee Zeldenrust applauded the efforts of Mr. Braggs for undertaking the façade improvement project on his building and commented about how impressed he was with the automotive shop.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees:

***Motion Passed***

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

Trustee Hardy read the December monthly report for the Building Department, as provided.

**YOUTH CENTER & INS**

Trustee Grady-Perovich read the December monthly reports for the Youth Center and Insurance, as provided.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Malkas gave a shout out to the Lansing Journal and commented that the 2018 airport improvement program is out and Lansing has the possibility of receiving a striping project. He also commented on the airport lighting.

Darrell Rossi questioned why he was going to be charged \$200 by the Village for a pick-up of branches in front of his home following some tree trimming he had done, and why he received a bill for \$300 for calling a Lansing ambulance to take his wife to the hospital. Mr. Rossi felt that the property taxes he pays should cover these services. Mayor Eidam asked Mr. Rossi to speak to Mr. Ken Reynolds following the meeting regarding the charges for tree trimming. The Mayor asked Fire Chief Verkaik to comment regarding the ambulance bill. Chief Verkaik stated that all residents are charged for transports and refusals, however the rates are considerably less

than if they were to call a private ambulance service. Treasurer Frye asked that Mr. Rossi provide additional information after the meeting and she will see what could be done.

Mary Beth Palka commented on a 'report card' that was completed for the first 7 months of this administration being in office and gave grades for the elected officials.

Darlene Kadar commented that the new Santa house is wonderful and offered her suggestion to use the house for the Easter Bunny as well.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Skrbina asked how far along we were on the delineators for the railroad quiet zones. Jeff Pintar stated that the delineators have been purchased and should be delivered shortly, however nothing will be installed until the spring.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee DeLaurentis reported that the Historical Society's Festival of Lights had 560 visitors this year and raised \$288 in donations for the Puerto Rico relief fund. Trustee DeLaurentis also commented on his recent experience meeting Curtis Granderson at the First United Methodist Church.

Trustee Zeldenrust asked Chief Murrin about the snow parking ordinance that was put into place several years ago and Chief Murrin commented that the ordinance is very difficult for the residents to understand and it has not been enforced, however the police work with residents to move their vehicles if Public Works notifies them of problems getting down the streets to plow. Trustee Zeldenrust also praised Jeff White and Illiana High School for organizing/hosting a fundraiser for a family in Lansing that had mounting medical bills.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved.  
Trustee Grady-Perovich seconded

### **ROLL CALL**

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

**Meeting Adjourned**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Payne  
Lansing Village Clerk  
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