

**VILLAGE OF LANSING  
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ON JANUARY 5, 2016**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following trustees present:  
Eidam, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis.

PRESENTATION OF  
MINUTES

Mayor Abbott requested any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 15, 2015.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Stole so moved.  
Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0-Trustees:

**Minutes Approved**

Stole, Kapteyn, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Abbott reminded the audience about the Tax Property Appeal Seminar being held Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Police Department. Commissioner Dan Patlack from the Cook County Board of Review will conduct the seminar. The seminar is open to all residents and is free of charge.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

No report provided.

COMMITTEE REPORTS  
FINANCE

Trustee Kapteyn made a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for the period ending December 19, 2015, in the amount of \$484,271.17  
General Prepaid Bills for December 17, 2015, in the amount of \$537,058.91  
General Wire Transfer for December 21, 2015, in the amount of \$4,000.00  
General Prepaid Bills for December 24, 2015, in the amount of \$1,079.85  
General Direct Debit for December 31, 2015, in the amount of \$185.00  
General Prepaid Bills for December 31, 2015, in the amount of \$1,934.36  
General Bills for January 5, 2016, in the amount of \$554,842.88

Reclassification of Account Codes for December 16, 2015, in the amount of \$0.00

Trustee Stole seconded.

Mayor Abbott commented that the property (located next to the fire department on Burnham Avenue) has been purchased as agreed upon at a previous Executive Session. The purchase amount of \$250 was included in the December 21 wire transfer amount.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees

**Motion Passed**

Kapteyn, Stole, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis.

INSURANCE

No report provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Skrbina reported the Fire Department responded to 306 calls in December of which 226 were ambulance calls. Deputy Chief Tempelman is currently working on a FEMA Assistance Firefighter's grant. If the grant is awarded, the funds will be used to replace and increase the fire hose inventory and appliances.

Fire Chief Verkaik recognized and introduced Lt. Keith Zigterman who was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to the position of Fire Inspector in December. Additionally, he introduced Firefighter Karl who was promoted to Engineer at that same time.

Chief Verkaik continued by proudly commending Firefighter Karl for his outstanding paramedic accomplishment in a life-saving situation. After describing the event, a standing ovation and hearty applause was given for Firefighter Karl's accomplishment.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report provided.

YOUTH CENTER  
& LNN

Trustee Eidam relayed the December activities of the Youth Center and also the annual Lock-In event on March 4<sup>th</sup> and plans for a Kid's Garage Sale on May 14th. Jenna Comer Hill, Youth Center Director, stated the annual Senior Tax Services program will begin in February and added that while the program is held at the Youth Center, the Youth Center does *not* schedule appointments for the senior tax program.

AVIATION &  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Stole reported that Staff is in the process of compiling a ten-year capital project planning process for the four TIF Districts in the village. The plan will run through the final expiration of Ridge Road & West Lansing TIF districts.

Trustee Stole continued reporting that the Planning & Zoning Board denied a variance to *My House Realty* for replacement of their existing sign with an electronic reader board. Another Planning & Zoning Hearing is scheduled for January 13 with petitioner, Napleton Honda, seeking to demolish the former US Bank building to create additional parking for the dealership.

Lastly, Trustee Stole explained the village is *not* responsible or involved in setting the opening date for new businesses. However, Bohemian Joe's is currently *planning* to open their restaurant the week of January 11, 2016.

BUILDINGS & ADA

Trustee DeLaurentis was proud to announce the Building Department issued almost 2,900 permits resulting in \$19 million dollars of investment in the community during 2015. Additionally, over 3,500 inspections were performed and 2,200 code enforcement files were created. Trustee DeLaurentis continued reporting a \$2 million dollar increase in investment of residential properties over the previous year. In the past year there were multiple commercial projects that included remodels, facades, and interior work, as well. Multiple vacant properties became occupied and site redevelopment contributed to an astounding year for the Building Department.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn to an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following: IAFF Bargaining Agreement, Personnel and Litigation. Mayor Abbott stated there would be no action taken after returning from the Executive Session.

Trustee Stole so moved.  
Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 –Trustees:  
Nays – 0 Trustees

Stole, Kapteyn, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

Mayor Abbott and Trustees returned from the Executive Session to the Regular Board meeting at 9:09 p.m. Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following trustees present:

Stole, Kapteyn, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Trustee Stole so moved.

Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

All Trustees agreed by saying Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga  
Lansing Village Clerk  
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