

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JANUARY 20, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 9:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following trustees present:

Butler, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

PRESENTATION OF
MINUTES

Mayor Abbott asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 16, 2014 Village Board Meeting.

There were none.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Stole so moved.

Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Minutes accepted

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT

Mr. J. Wynsma, Village Administrator, updated the board regarding the pursuit of Quiet Zone designations for all 5 of Lansing's railroad crossings. The expectation is for the designations to be completed within a 12-18 month time frame.

Administrator Wynsma commented on the hazmat tanker truck chemical spill and the excellent job from the Hazmat Team, Fire, Police and Public Works departments.

Administrator Wynsma expressed the Village's concern for the tragedy of Sgt. Hoving's home fire during the past week. In addition, he announced a benefit being held February 15, 2015 at J.J. Kelly's to help defray some of the Hoving family's costs during this time.

Administrator Wynsma continued by announcing Assistant Fire Chief Verkaik's request of the board to consider supporting the suggestion to amend the application requirement. It is suggested that an applicant will be required to have achieved the designation of firefighter EMTP before the time of his actual hiring. Discussion

ensued with the board agreeing to have the attorney prepare the ordinance revision for the next board meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney, Tim Lapp had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
FINANCE

Trustee Butler made a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for the period ending December 20, 2014 in the amount of \$466,047.11
Payroll for the period ending January 3, 2015 in the amount of \$490,562.09
General Prepaid Bills for December 18, 2014, in the amount of \$183,892.91.
General Prepaid Bills for December 24, 2014, in the amount of \$107,538.73.
General Prepaid Bills for December 31, 2014, in the amount of \$6,517.12.
General Bills for January 6, 2015, in the amount of \$561,704.14.
General Prepaid Bills for January 8, 2015, in the amount of \$213,701.39.
General Prepaid Bills for January 15, 2015, in the amount of \$820.13
General Bills for January 20, 2015, in the amount of \$652,274.22,
(Trustee Butler did not approve the Matrix invoice of \$4,440.00
as she did not agree with the findings of the report)
Manual Bills for October 31, 2014, in the amount of \$105,000.00
Manual Bills for December 31, 2014, in the amount of \$263,514.00

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Motion passed

Butler, DeLaurentis, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno

INSURANCE

Trustee Butler had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Kapteyn reminded residents that the Village's new Snow Parking Ordinance is in effect. The Ordinance applies to 2 inches or more of snowfall. Trustee Kapteyn continued by introducing and welcoming Mr. Steve Gunty who is currently serving as Public Works interim Superintendent. In addition, Trustee Kapteyn thanked Mike Fish for his service and dedication while filling in as Superintendent.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Skrbina reported that the Fire Department responded to 4,506 calls this past year which is an increase of 776 calls over the previous year. In the month of December there were 391 calls. It was also reported that Lieutenant Krygsheld

received certification from the Illinois State Fire Marshal in Vehicle and Machinery Operations.

Trustee Skrbina announced the Lansing Police Department is sponsoring the Lansing Citizen's Police Academy which is being conducted February 23 – May 5, 2015. For more information, call Officer Butler at 708-895-7140.

YOUTH CENTER & LNN

Trustee Manno reported the Youth Center had a busy month with well attended activities including a mock snowball fight, dodge ball, pool tournaments, video game tournaments, crafts and experienced cultural holiday traditions. It was also reported that the Youth Center's average daily attendance is 35 youths.

In addition, the AARP Tax Program for seniors and hosted by the Youth Center will begin February 3rd. Special thanks was given to Papa Sam who has volunteered at the program for 20 the past years.

AVIATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Stole had no report.

BUILDINGS & ADA

Trustee DeLaurentis informed the audience of the Building Department's reported activities and announced the total number of building permits issued at 2,600 resulting in \$29 million dollars of investment into the community. In addition, goals for the upcoming year were shared along with upcoming building department projects. In addition, permit clarification regarding furnace repair and replacement was explained. A permit is only required if a furnace is being replaced.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Malkas, 3553 192nd Street, Lansing, Illinois, distributed a memo sharing his opinions, reflections and personal interpretations of numerous subjects.

Michael Hersom, 3137 178th Street, Lansing, Illinois, stated his thoughts regarding Committee of the Whole meetings and the election. In addition, he commented on the snow removal ordinance, tractor trailer parking and weight load limits, the Code Red Alert system and Ordinance 13-023.

Marilyn Aiken, 3540 Monroe, Lansing, Illinois, inquired about needed sidewalk repairs in her neighborhood.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee DeLaurentis made a motion to amend 65 ILCS 5-3.1-35-15. It was explained by Attorney Lapp that State statute can only be amended by the State Legislature.

Trustee DeLaurentis made a motion to have a confidence vote regarding the village administrator on the agenda for the February 3, 2015 board meeting.

Trustee Manno seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 4 - Trustees:

DeLaurentis, Manno, Butler, Stole

Nays - 2 - Trustees:

Kapteyn, Skrbina

Motion passed

Trustee Butler requested information regarding the village administrator's contract and car allowance. Mayor Abbott indicated that the board approved contract would be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Abbott adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Butler, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno, and DeLaurentis

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Village Clerk