

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following trustees present:

Butler, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Abbott introduced Pastor Holyer of Trinity Lutheran Church who offered a prayer.

PRESENTATION OF
MINUTES

Mayor Abbott requested any corrections or additions to the minutes of the January 20, 2014 Village Board Meeting and the Committee of the Whole Minutes dated January 20, 2015.

Trustee Butler asked to amend the minutes to include the reason for not approving the Matrix invoice.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes.

Trustee Stole so moved.

Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Amended Minutes Accepted

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT

Village Administrator, J Wynsma updated the board regarding the board's interest in undertaking the acquisition and road repair project located on the Lansing Country Club property.

Administrator Wynsma shared with the audience the realigning of the Ridge & Torrence intersection project. The project is currently going through the IDOT process and the village is awaiting the final approval in order to begin.

Administrator Wynsma updated the audience on the implementation of the snow parking ordinance. The concern for public safety and alley access for residents and rescue vehicles was discussed. Administrator Wynsma reminded residents to please assist the Fire Department by digging out fire hydrants situated on their parkways.

Administrator Wynsma announced the final sale of the VFW property and the plans to demolish that property in the spring.

Administrator Wynsma completed his report by announcing that plans for the Popolano's Restaurant site are underway. The restaurant will be significantly remodeled and plans to be open for business in the near future.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Lansing Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp, introduced Ordinance 15-008 an *Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing the Lansing Board of Fire and Police Commission Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Training Levels of Candidates for the Position of Firefighter in the Village of Lansing*. This ordinance amends the Fire Department eligibility requirements to include both firefighter and paramedic certifications.

Trustee Skrbina so moved.
Trustee Stole seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:
Nays - 0 - Trustees:

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

Ordinance 15-008 Adopted

Mr. Lapp requested a motion to call forward and hire two certified police officers. This motion formally requests that the Lansing Board of Fire and Police Commissioners call up the next two eligible certified police officers.

Mr. Lapp asked for a motion to call forward and hire two certified police officers.

Trustee Skrbina so moved.
Trustee Stole seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:
Nays - 0 - Trustees:

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

Motion Approved

Attorney Lapp presented the Village Administrator confidence motion.

Trustee Skrbina made a motion to table the Administrator's confidence vote and conduct a discussion in the Executive Session scheduled this evening.

Trustee Stole seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:
Nays - 0 - Trustees:

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

Motion Approved

Lansing Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp, introduced Ordinance 15-007 an *Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property Owned by the Village of Lansing*. This ordinance authorizes the sale or disposal of the vehicles each department has designated as surplus.

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved.
Trustee Manno seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Ordinance 15-007 Approved

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

Lansing Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp, introduced Ordinance 15-001 an *Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Designating Surplus Funds in the West Lansing Tax Increment Financing District and Providing for the Distribution of Those Funds*. This ordinance provides for the declaration of a surplus of \$1M to be dispersed by the county to the respective entities.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Butler seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Ordinance 15-001 Approved

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Trustee Butler made a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for the period ending January 17, 2015 in the amount of \$476,955.07.
General Prepaid Bills for January 22, 2015, in the amount of \$15,182.10.
General Prepaid Bills for January 29, 2015, in the amount of \$908.88.
General Bills for February 3, 2015, in the amount of \$1,447,176.64.
Manual Bills for January 23, 2015, in the amount of \$3,861.50 CR
Manual Bills for January 30, 2015, in the amount of \$0.00.

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 reported that the Board will be asked to approve the Bond Abatement Ordinances abating the 2014 Tax Levy for certain G.O. Bonds. The Village annually approves these ordinances to abate the tax levy for bonds which are to be paid from sources other than tax revenues.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Kapteyn reported the Public Works Department has been extremely busy responding to plowing demands in the past week. In addition, 30 sewer related requests from property owners and 20 water related excavations were also responded to. Trustee Kapteyn announced that plowing of alleys is scheduled for tomorrow. Salt supply is adequate and yet challenging to keep from hardening while storing. Public Works was commended for their efforts.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Skrbina reported the Fire Department responded to 348 calls in January and 274 of those calls were ambulance calls. The calls included a large structure fire, a chimney fire and vehicle extrication on the expressway.

Trustee Skrbina reported the Police Department collected over \$13,000 in administrative tow fees for the month of January. Also announced were the purchase of eight new tactical bullet proof vests which are expected to cost under \$20,000 and the purchase of new gas masks for all sworn officers. This equipment will all be paid for with funds from the Asset Forfeiture account.

YOUTH CENTER & LNN

Trustee Manno announced the Youth Center's many events during the month of January. These events included Ms. Marcia's Retirement Party, viewing Season 1 of the Fosters, a Giant Connect Four extravaganza, and Sibling Days. It was also reported the Youth Center's average daily attendance is 43 youths.

In addition, the AARP Tax Program for seniors and hosted by the Youth Center has been rescheduled to commence on February 10th.

AVIATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Stole reported that the Ford Hangar is preparing for at least 6 events to be held at that location. Scheduled events include the Visible Music Spring Concert, the Annual Pancake Breakfast & Fly-In, the National EAA Ford TriMotor Aircraft Weekend, the Hop Duster Brew & Food Fest, the 2nd Annual Fetching Market and Visible Music's Christmas Concert.

Trustee Stole continued reporting that the Airport is in the process of qualifying and selecting an IDOT Certified Engineering firm to provide the next 5 years of engineering services to the Airport.

Additionally, Trustee Stole announced the façade grant projects for Kilroy's and Gus Bock.

BUILDINGS & ADA

Trustee DeLaurentis informed the audience of the Building Department issuing 177 permits with a total valuation of \$189,598 of investment into the properties of Lansing. In addition, the department performed 162 inspections, both residential and commercial properties.

Trustee DeLaurentis continued reporting that the Building Department has received two sets of plans for interior build outs (Tops & Bottoms and Factory 2 You) in the Landings Shopping Center.

The Building Department also received plans for review from the Lan-Oak Park District for demolition of the Bock Park Pool Facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Malkas, 3553 192nd Street, Lansing, Illinois, distributed his 23rd memo with opinions and suggestions on numerous subjects. Mr. Malkas shared his appreciation of the time Representative Marcus Evans spent discussing ongoing Illinois issues at the informational Library meeting. In addition, he commented on the village's Moody Bond Rating, the airport and related issues.

Patty Eidam, 18750 Chicago Avenue, Lansing, Illinois, read her thoughts and stated her opinions regarding the administration of village government throughout the years.

Michael Hersom, 3137 178th Street, Lansing, Illinois, inquired about salaries of village employees. In addition, he questioned the status of the Lobbyist report.

Rich Melia, 2828 Forest Lane, Lansing, Illinois shared his opinion that his street was not plowed sufficiently during the past week's snow storm. He requested that in the future, cul-de-sac's not be plowed last.

Maureen Perovich, 17150 Wentworth, Lansing, Illinois, asked about the status of the meetings with the Police Department regarding the recommendations of the Matrix Report.

Mary Beth Palka, 2030 Hearth Circle, Lansing, Illinois stated her opinions regarding fuel policies for the Administrator, requested the cost of the Pavement Management Study and stated the circulation of petitions concerning the Administrator.

Michael Krusza, 2612 Indiana Avenue, Lansing, Illinois thanked neighbors and residents who volunteered during last week's snow event in shoveling sidewalks, snow plowing resident's driveways and streets. Mr. Krusza suggested the village offer snow removal for Lansing's local businesses within the downtown area. In addition, he inquired about the possibility of having town meetings.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Butler requested that the vote of confidence regarding the Administrator be conducted immediately after the Executive Meeting. Trustee Butler's request was agreed upon by all Trustees and the Mayor.

Trustee DeLaurentis requested the Lobbyist report be included on the agenda for the next board meeting. In addition, he requested an update on the Matrix Report within the next week or two and inquired on the status of the proposed Public Works facility.

Trustee Stole inquired about the status on the hiring of a Fire Chief.

Trustee DeLaurentis quoted Roberts Rules of Order regarding motion and action votes. Attorney Lapp explained that according to State statute, action votes are

required to be on the agenda. Trustee DeLaurentis requested a second opinion from Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, Dicianni & Krafthefer, P.C.

At 9:02 p.m., Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to go into Executive Session with the possibility of action being taken afterwards.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Stole, Kapteyn, Butler, Kapteyn, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

Mayor Abbott reconvened out of the Executive s Session at 12:02 a.m. and back into the Regular Board meeting at 12:04 a.m. Mayor Abbott asked for a Roll Call for attendance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following trustees present:

Butler, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

Mayor Abbott announced that a decision had not been made while in the Executive Meeting.

Trustee DeLaurentis made a motion to include a Confidence Vote on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Trustee Stole seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas - 4 - Trustees:

Nays - 2 - Trustees:

Butler, Stole, Manno and DeLaurentis

Kapteyn, Skrbina

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:08 a.m.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Stole, Kapteyn, Butler, Kapteyn, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Village Clerk