

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 20, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE

Mayor Eidam opened the meeting by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 questions or discussion on the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held March 6, 2018. No questions or discussion.

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Grady-Perovich so moved.

Trustee Manno seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees

Minutes Approved

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Resolution #1031 – Reappointing Hector Caballero as Member to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor Eidam announced that Mr. Caballero's appointment will expire on December 31, 2022, and she asked for a motion to approve.

Trustee Zeldenrust so moved.

Trustee Grady-Perovich seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees

Resolution #1031 Approved

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

B. Resolution #1032 – Reappointing Mike Fish as Member to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor Eidam stated that this resolution was identical to the previous one, and that Mr. Fish's appointment will also expire on December 31, 2022. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve.

Trustee Grady-Perovich so moved.

Trustee Manno seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

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

Nays – 0 Trustees

Resolution #1032 Approved

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Ordinance #18-008 – Abating Real Estate Tax Levied for the Tax Levy Year 2017 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,775,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009B

Administrator Podgorski explained that the abatement ordinances were an annual exercise and he apologized for not having them on a Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion prior to this evening. He explained that when a municipality receives a general obligation bond, property taxes must be levied to pay the principal and interest on the bonds in order to receive the lowest possible interest rate. If the municipality has sources of other funds to pay the principal and interest, they can adopt abatement ordinances that tell the county not to levy taxes for those repayments. If the municipality does not have supplementary funds, then the county would levy additional property taxes to pay all or a portion of the principal and interest on the bonds. Podgorski stated that Trustees had before them three ordinances for abating property taxes; two that will abate 100% of the principal and interest on bonds, and one that abates a portion of the principal and interest. The first ordinance is for debt service on \$2,775,000 general obligation bond Series 2009B, and the amount owed is \$144,713.00. Ordinance 18-008 conveys to the county that the Village of Lansing has supplementary funds available to make the principal and interest payment, and the entire amount owed this year will be abated.

Podgorski asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 18-008.

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved.

Trustee Zeldenrust seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

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

Nays – 0 Trustees:

Ordinance #18-008 Adopted

B. Ordinance #18-009 – Abating Real Estate Tax Levied for the Tax Levy year 2017 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011

Administrator Podgorski explained that this ordinance also abates the full amount owed this year on general obligation bond Series 2011, which is \$186,575.00. Podgorski stated that if the board was in agreement, a motion would be in order to adopt Ordinance #18-009.

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved.

Trustee Zeldenrust seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

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

Nays – 0 Trustees:

Ordinance #18-009 Adopted

C. Ordinance #18-010 – Abating Real Estate Tax Levied for the Tax Levy year 2017 to Pay Debt Service on \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014

Administrator Podgorski stated that the amount owed this year on bond Series 2014 is \$1,800,000.00, and that Trustees were given documentation from the Finance Department on projections of sales tax revenue reductions expected to be incurred this year. Podgorski asked Treasurer Frye to walk the Board through an explanation of the projections. Frye indicated that the projections were for approximately \$420,000 in sales tax revenues lost due to the closing of Best Buy and Ultra Foods, as well as new state legislation that was passed which now withholds 2% of the Home Rule sales tax, estimated to be about \$21,500.00. The state is also reducing municipalities’ portion of the Local Government Distributive Funding (LGDF), estimated to be approximately \$165,000, all totaling just over \$600,000. Podgorski explained that the ordinance as presented, is abating \$1.2 million of the \$1.8 million owed, which will increase property taxes slightly more than what the Village levied last fall. This abated amount can be adjusted up to the entire \$1.8 million, and Podgorski asked for discussion or questions from the Board members. Trustee DeLaurentis stated that he did not have a problem with the \$1.2 million abatement. Trustee Zeldenrust thanked Administrator Podgorski and the Finance Department for compiling all of the projections, and commented that he trusts the judgment of the Administrator’s recommendation. Trustee Grady-Perovich asked what the projected impact per household will be and Podgorski stated that it would be very difficult to estimate because the amount would be shared between residential households and businesses. Trustee Hardy commented that while this is a difficult decision, he is in favor of the ordinance so that the Village can keep the great services offered to residents. Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #18-010.

Trustee Grady-Perovich so moved.

Trustee Hardy seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

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

Nays – 0 Trustees:

Ordinance #18-010 Adopted

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

No Report

FINANCE & POLICE DEPT.

A. Bills & Payroll

Trustee Zeldenrust motioned to approve the following:

Payroll for period ending March 10, 2018, in the amount of \$517,763.36
General Prepaid Bills for March 5, 2018, in the amount of \$17,404.45
General Prepaid Bills for March 12, 2018, in the amount of \$3,405.44
General Bills for March 20, 2018, in the amount of \$726,289.73
Trustee Hardy seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees:

Bills & Payroll Approved

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

Trustee Zeldenrust read the Finance Department February monthly report. Trustee Zeldenrust also reported that the hours of the Municipal Center will change beginning April 1, 2018. There will no longer be Saturday hours, except for the months of May and June, however Tuesday business hours will be extended from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Trustee Zeldenrust also read the Police Department February monthly report. He then called upon Chief Murrin, who gave an update of the departments' use of Naloxone, which reverses the effects of opioids on the brain.

B. Authorize Waiver of Bids and Award Police Department Roof Repair to Coleman Roofing/Bruno's Tuckpointing in the Amount of \$34,000

Trustee Zeldenrust made a motion to authorize the waiver of bids and award of the Police Department roof repair to Coleman Roofing and Bruno's Tuckpointing, the authorized warranty service provider with the lowest bid in the amount of \$34,000.

Trustee Hardy seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees:

Motion Approved

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

AIRPORT

Trustee DeLaurentis read the Airport February monthly report.

FIRE DEPT., IT & LNN

Trustee Manno read the Fire Department, I.T. Department and LNN February monthly reports.

A. Authorize Waiver of Bids and Execution of the Techno Consulting, Inc. Proposal for Services for First Phase of I.T. Infrastructure Upgrade at Police Department

Trustee Manno made a motion to authorize the waiver of bids and execution of the Techno Consulting, Inc. proposal for services for the first phase of the I.T. infrastructure upgrade at the Police Department. Trustee Grady-Perovich seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees:

Motion Approved

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

PUBLIC WORKS & ADA

A. Authorize Engineering for the 2018 Street Resurfacing Plan

Trustee Skrbina made a motion to authorize engineering for the 2018 street resurfacing plan.
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:
Nays – 0 Trustees:
Motion Approved

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

B. Resolution #1033 – Authorizing Participation in the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program & Execution of the 2018 Program Year Application

Trustee Skrbina made a motion to authorize participation in the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program and execution of the 2018 program year application.
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Village Engineer Jeff Pintar gave a brief presentation and history on the grant program. Pintar explained that the Village applies for this grant on an annual basis for \$400,000 to be used for capital improvement projects. In year’s past, the Village was awarded about \$70,000-\$80,000 in these grant funds, and more recently the Village has received about \$200,000 every other year, however it has been two years since Lansing has received any funding. The CDBG grant funds can only be used in low to moderate income areas of the Village, based on census tracts. The Village has 6 residential areas that fall into this category.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:
Nays – 0 Trustees:
Resolution #1033 Approved

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

Trustee Skrbina read the Public Works February monthly report.

BUILDING & ECON. DEV.

A. Ordinance #18-011 – Amending Article V of Chapter 24 of the Lansing Municipal Code Regarding Schedule of Fines/Penalties

Trustee Hardy made a motion to approve Ordinance #18-011, amending article V of chapter 24 of the Lansing Municipal Code regarding schedule of fines and penalties.
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:
Nays – 0 Trustees:
Ordinance #18-011 Adopted

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

B. Ordinance #18-012 – Denying a Special Use to Allow Operation of a Massage Parlor Within the CBD Downtown District at 3674 Ridge Road

Trustee Hardy made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-012, denying a Special Use to allow operation of a massage parlor within the CBD downtown district at 3674 Ridge Road.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees:

Ordinance #18-012 Adopted

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

Trustee Hardy read the Building Department February monthly report.

YOUTH CENTER & INS

Trustee Grady-Perovich read the Youth Center February monthly report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Eidam announced that she received notification from Rick Seymour and Sally Reynolds that they received the \$5,000 donation from Curtis Granderson for this year's Roundball Classic Tournament. Granderson had committed to matching the funds raised, up to \$5,000, and the tournament brought in \$5,715.00. The additional \$5,000 was split between the same 4 charitable organizations that were presented checks at a board meeting several weeks ago.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Trustee Manno so moved.

Trustee Grady-Perovich seconded

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Meeting Adjourned

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Payne
Lansing Village Clerk
/vp