

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON MARCH 17, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Abbott opened the Public Hearing and introduced, Village Engineer, Jeff Pinter. Mr. Pinter announced the purpose of the annual Phase Two NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Public Hearing. The hearing is required in order to notify the board and residents of what the village is doing to combat pollutants from entering into our waterways. Mr. Pinter explained the six steps of prevention including outreach, public participation, illicit discharge & elimination, construction run off control, post construction run off patrol and pollution patrol prevention. Questions from the audience were answered by Mr. Pinter.

Mayor Abbott thanked Mr. Pinter and closed the Public Hearing.

ROLL CALL:

Butler, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

PRESENTATION OF
MINUTES

Mayor Abbott requested any corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 3, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting and the Regular Board Meeting minutes.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2015 Committee of the Whole and the Regular Board meeting.

Trustee Stole so moved.

Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Minutes Accepted

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT

Village Administrator, J. Wynsma introduced Economic Development Coordinator, Mr. Travis Bandstra who informed the audience of the Village's partnering with LNN to produce a promotional video to encourage economic growth within the village. The video is currently being viewed on Utube and the village website. Mr. Bandstra shared the video with the audience which received positive compliments and a hearty applause.

Mr. Wynsma presented Lansing's Round Ball Tournament coordinators, Ms. Sally Reynolds and Mr. Rick Seymour, who presented awards to the champions and donations to local Lansing charities. This year \$4,444.54 was raised by the event with a grand total of over \$18,000 that has been donated to Lansing charities since the Round Ball Classic's inception six years ago. In addition, sincere gratitude was expressed to all the many sponsors and volunteers who contributed so generously.

Village Administrator, J Wynsma introduced Resolution 919, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, to Urge the Governor and General Assembly to Protect Full Funding of Local, Government Distributive Fund Revenues.*

Mayor Abbott requested that Administrator Wynsma read the proposed Resolution 919 to the audience.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Manno seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Resolution 919 Adopted

Stole, Manno, Butler, Kapteyn, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

Administrator Wynsma informed the board of a letter sent by Mayor Abbott to our legislative delegation requesting them to revisit HB 1392 and to amend so as to not make it illegal to require performance of citation issuance.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Lansing Village Attorney, Mr. Tim Lapp, introduced Ordinance 15-013, an *Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Amending the Village of Lansing Code of Ordinances to Authorize the Trustees to Retain Independent Legislative Counsel and to Retain Counsel.* This ordinance authorizes the Trustees to retain a separate attorney or legal consultant.

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved.
Trustee Manno seconded.

Mayor Abbott shared his opinion and disagreement regarding the hiring of an additional attorney.

Trustee DeLaurentis shared his opinion of the board's legal right to hire an additional attorney.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 4 -Trustees:

DeLaurentis, Manno, Butler and Stole.

Nays - 2 -Trustees:

Kapteyn, Skrbina,

Ordinance 15-013

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Trustee Butler made a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for the period ending February 28, 2015 in the amount of \$495,485.25.
Special Payroll- Police Contract Settlement in the amount of \$366,840.27

General Prepaid Bills for March 5, 2015, in the amount of \$7,425.71.
General Prepaid Bills for March 6, 2015, in the amount of \$5,618.57.
General Prepaid Bills for March 12, 2015 in the amount of \$2,642.80
General Prepaid Bills for March 17, 2015 in the amount of \$862,308.23

Reclassification of Account Codes

Approve Manual Bills for March 2, 2015 in the amount of \$0.00
Approve Manual Bills for March 5, 2015 in the amount of \$0.00.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Butler, DeLaurentis, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Approved

INSURANCE

No report provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Kapteyn introduced Resolution 920, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorize the Submission of the Annual CDBG Application*. This motion authorizes the 2015 CDBG application for \$400,000 to be used for street resurfacing.

Trustee Kapteyn so moved.

Trustee Skrbina seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Kapteyn, Skrbina, Butler, Stole, Manno and DeLaurentis

Nays -0 - Trustees:

Resolution 920 Adopted

Trustee Kapteyn announced the DCEO levee improvements at Bernice Road and River Drive. After submission of bids, review and opening, Holland Asphalt was the lowest bidder at \$41,596.00.

Trustee Kapteyn made a motion to accept and award the lowest bid submitted by Holland Asphalt.

Trustee Kapteyn so moved.
Trustee Skrbina seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Bid Awarded

Kapteyn, Skrbina, Butler, Stole, Manno and DeLaurentis

Trustee Kapteyn continued by presenting the Downtown TIF Landscaping bid. After submission of bids, review and opening on Thursday March 12, 2015, the lowest responsive bid for the project is C&T Lawn & Landscape.

Trustee Kapteyn made a motion to accept the lowest responsive bid for the Downtown Landscaping Project to be awarded to C&T Lawn & Landscape in the amount of \$41,387.00.

Trustee Skrbina seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Bid Awarded

Kapteyn, Skrbina, Butler, Stole, Manno and DeLaurentis

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Skrbina announced and thanked the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners for hiring two full time police officers, Michael Mayer and Keith Haan.

Chief Murrin also thanked the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners and in addition, thanked them for the recent promotion of Sgt. Al Phillips to Lieutenant.

YOUTH CENTER
& LNN

No report provided.

AVIATION &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report provided.

BUILDINGS & ADA

No report provided.

Trustee DeLaurentis inquired as to why the trustees were not informed about the hiring of the two police officers. Administrator

Wynsma explained the announcement originated from the Police & Fire Commission who informed the Police Department, and commented that he had not been informed earlier.

Trustee DeLaurentis shared his thoughts regarding the lobbyist announcement and the board's inability to discuss his performance before the withdrawing of his proposal.

Trustee DeLaurentis continued by reading Resolution 906 and commenting that the property located at 1650 Thornton-Lansing Road is not owned by MWRD. After, his investigation and walk of the property, Trustee DeLaurentis is of the opinion that alternative solutions should be considered.

Additional difference of opinion regarding the necessity of amending Resolution 906 ensued between Attorney Lapp and Trustee DeLaurentis.

Further clarification and discussion regarding water runoff and its impact to the Sportsman's Club lake was explained by Village Engineer, Jeff Pintar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Maureen Perovich requested responses to questions and suggested agenda topics for future board meetings. Responses requested included personnel contract renewals, press release issuance, Committee of the Whole meetings, Matrix report, and past employee's recognition.

Resident, 17773 Locust, Lansing, Illinois inquired about piles of dirt and parked machinery behind Phillip's Chevrolet.

Mr. Mark Lukanich, 7270 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, Illinois presented a report prepared by Vantage Point Engineering. Attorney Lukanich offered his findings and concerns regarding the proposed Stony Island Flood Mitigation Project and the potential effect on Mr. Polmen's lake.

Mr. Robert Malkas, 3553 192nd Street, Lansing, Illinois, inquired whether the lobbyist, Al Ronan submitted a final report. In addition, Mr. Malkas commented on the statement of the village's Moody rating being increased through projected airport revenue.

Ms. Patricia Eidam, 18750 Chicago Avenue, Lansing, Illinois announced the Lansing Autumn Fest kick-off meeting being held on Wednesday, March 25th, 2015. In addition, Ms. Eidam shared her opinion of the board meeting minutes.

Bob Piekarski, 18310 Country Lane, Lansing, Illinois expressed his inability to receive answers to questions he has regarding the drainage ditch issue and his disappointment with the handling of the endeavor.

Mike Hersom, 3137 178th Street, Lansing, Illinois commented on the opening of Walmart, the façade program, new businesses, businesses that have left the area and vacant buildings and requested statistics and status of local businesses. He suggested an additional board meeting in the month of April.

Mary Beth Palka, 2030 Hearth Circle, Lansing, Illinois expressed her opinion of discrepancies of FOIA responses. In addition, she provided her opinion of the new business acquisitions, cost of the Public Works consultant, Human Resources and the status of the village.

Michael Krusza, 2612 Indiana Avenue, Lansing, Illinois offered 3 minutes of his *public comment time* to Mark Lukanich who addressed the railroad ditch clean up issue and the lift station permit issued by the Metropolitan Sanitary District. Mr. Krusza thanked the volunteer group and mentioned the upcoming Village Clean Up day scheduled for April 25, 2015.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Julie Butler thanked the audience and members of the Fire & Police Commission for the recent hiring of police officers. She presented questions regarding status of Matrix, the Matrix bill, the new Fire Chief, the lobbyist, the updated employee handbook, a list of heads of departments indicating residency, the HB 1392 letter and an update on the streets proposed to be resurfaced.

Trustee Manno asked about the training of the new police officers and also the hiring of fire fighters. Administrator Wynsma shared that the police officers have completed training and mentioned the fire department is in the process of applying for a 3 year staffing grant for their department.

Trustee DeLaurentis apologized for a previous Wentworth Avenue comment and also suggested placing a “hold” on the Stony Island project. In addition, Trustee DeLaurentis asked for *public comments* to be answered either at the board meeting or provided a response within a week. Mayor Abbott agreed to the suggestion.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Kapteyn seconded

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Village Clerk

/dk