

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF  
MINUTES

Mayor Abbott requested any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 15, 2016.

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 proclaimed Friday, April 8, 2016, as Fallen Heroes Memorial Day. After reading the proclamation, Mayor Abbott called upon all citizens to recognize and remember the sacrifices of Officer Kenneth Novak, Jr., LCPL Philip J. Martini and all those lost in the line of duty protecting the citizens of Lansing and our country.

Trustee Eidam shared there will be a special exhibit in honor of Fallen Heroes Day at the Lansing Historical Society. The exhibit honors all fallen heroes with a focus on Officer Kenneth Novak, Jr. and LCPL Philip J. Martini.

Mayor Abbott continued to announce and declare April 17-23, 2016 as Flood Awareness Week.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

No report provided.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Trustee Kapteyn offered a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for period ending March 12, 2016, in the amount of \$488,980.18  
Payroll for period ending March 26, 2016, in the amount of \$503,583.74  
General Prepaid Bills for March 17, 2016, in the amount of \$59,670.99  
General Prepaid Bills for March 24, 2016, in the amount of \$9,474.88  
General Wire Transfer for March 29, 2016, in the amount of \$70,000.00  
General Direct Debit Bill for March 31, 2016, in the amount of \$635.00  
General Bills for April 5, 2016, in the amount of \$584,537.86  
Reclassifications for March 29, 2016, in the amount of \$0.00

Trustee Stole seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees

**Motion Passed**

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

Trustee Kapteyn continued requesting approval of Resolution 965, *A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of \$700,000 from Fund 90/West Lansing TIF Capital Projects Fund to Fund 91/South Torrence Corridor TIF Projects Fund*. The details of the resolution were discussed at a previous Committee of the Whole meeting.

Trustee Kapteyn so moved.

Trustee Stole seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0-Trustee:

**Motion Passed**

Kapteyn, Stole, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

Trustee Kapteyn continued announcing that vehicle stickers are scheduled to go on sale May 9<sup>th</sup> and health insurance open enrollment is currently underway.

INSURANCE

No report provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Manno announced the low bid awarded to Hook’s Concrete for the *2016 Concrete Restoration Project*, Archon Construction for the *Water Main Extensions Project* and Gallagher Asphalt for the *2015 CDBG Street Resurfacing Project*.

Trustee Manno offered a motion to accept the 2016 Concrete Restoration Program bid in the amount of \$92,876.65 from the low bidder, Hook’s Concrete.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:  
Nays - 0 - Trustees:  
**Motion Passed**

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

Trustee Manno continued by offering a motion to accept the Lansing Water Main Extensions Project bid in the amount of \$209,750.00 from the low bidder, Archon Construction.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:  
Nays - 0 - Trustees:  
**Motion Passed**

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

Lastly, Trustee Manno offered a motion to accept the 2015 CDBG Street Resurfacing bid in the amount of \$437,039.70 from the low bidder, Gallagher Asphalt.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:  
Nays - 0 - Trustees:  
**Motion Passed**

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

Trustee Manno read the Public Works report that included water service appointments, water excavations, sewer related requests, JULIE location requests, chipper/branch service and toter service requests. In addition he announced that Public Works received delivery of a 2016 Case Pay loader. He also announced the pick-up of Yard Waste toters will begin April 1<sup>st</sup>.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Skrbina reported the Fire Department statistics that included 292 calls in March, of which 215 were ambulance calls. He shared the Fire Department submitted the SAFER grant application to FEMA in an effort to finance personnel. He welcomed and stated that Firefighter/Paramedic Trevor Banske has been hired and working since March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

Trustee Skrbina announced the Lansing Police Department will participate in the US Drug Enforcement Prescription Take Back initiative on April 30, 2016. The Cadets are hosting Touch-A-Truck on April 23, 2016 at the Lansing Airport with all proceeds benefiting the police cadet program. Additionally, the Police Department grant writing team has identified several grants they will be pursuing in the upcoming months.

YOUTH CENTER & LNN

Trustee Eidam reported the Youth Center's average daily attendance for March was 41 students. Also reported was the end of the AARP tax season on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Center is actively preparing for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade party, in order to familiarize and encourage the *almost* 6<sup>th</sup> graders to join in on all the fun.

AVIATION &  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Stole offered a motion to adopt Resolution 968, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing the Village to Enter Into a Concession Agreement with Lynne Ques for a Restaurant for the Lansing Municipal Airport.*

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:  
Nays - 0 - Trustees:  
**Motion Passed**

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

Trustee Stole continued by offering a motion to adopt Ordinance 16-013, *An Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Amending Chapter 8 Alcoholic Beverages, and The Village Of Lansing Fee Schedule In the Village of Lansing.* Trustee Stole commented the ordinance allows for a new liquor license classification for the airport restaurant.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:  
Nays - 0 - Trustees:  
**Motion Passed**

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

Trustee Stole reminded the audience of the Fox Pointe Public Open House scheduled for Monday evening, April 18, from 6:30 – 8:30 in the Library’s Community Room. He also announced a Planning & Zoning hearing scheduled for April 13 with Fine Tune Auto requesting a setback variance and a continued discussion on sign ordinance changes. Trustee Stole shared the planned façade updates scheduled for 2016, which included Beggars Pizza, Mancino’s and Kilroy’s.

Trustee Stole’s airport report included the announcement that fuel sales have been good with low prices and improved weather. An approximate 14,000 gallons of fuel since November, 2015, has been purchased and the amount of fuel sold continues to increase.

#### BUILDINGS & ADA

Trustee DeLaurentis reported the Building Department issued 219 Permits with a total valuation of \$860,045 of investment into the properties of Lansing. Also performed were 232 inspections, both residential and commercial. Trustee DeLaurentis added that Code Enforcement Officers have had 235 code interactions with residents regarding various property maintenance issues. The Building Department has recently completed and approved the interior remodel plans for the Lansing Library.

Building Commissioner, TJ Grossi, shared a great response and interest in the Rain Barrel Program. Because of the Rain Barrel Program, 70 residents have disconnected their gutters which helps to alleviate the volume of water directed to the storm/sanitary sewers.

Mayor Abbott thanked and congratulated Lansing’s Building Commissioner, TJ Grossi, for recently passing the exam to become a *Certified Flood Plain Manager*. Mayor Abbott proudly stated that Commissioner Grossi is one of 513 Illinois individuals distinguished with this designation. An applause of congratulation and appreciation was offered for Commissioner Grossi’s accomplishment.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Michael Gaffney, 17142 Grant Street, Lansing, IL referred to the Sun Times newspaper article regarding the Lansing Airport being subsidized by the village. He shared his opinion that there is a need to privatize the airport due to the amount of dollars the village spends to subsidize the airport.

Mr. Robert Malkas, 3553 192<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lansing, IL presented his questions regarding the terms of the concession agreement between the airport and the restaurant. Questions regarding whether the agreement is an “exclusive right” agreement, what are the terms of the agreement, does the agreement address Cook County taxes and who is responsible for elevator repairs and monthly maintenance, liability insurance, signage, late hour snow removal, roof maintenance, heating & air conditioning?

Mr. Jeff Zupan, 1846 182<sup>nd</sup>, Lansing, IL requested the name and spelling of the company that was awarded the bid for the Water Main Extension project.

### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Stole addressed Mr. Gaffney's comment as it relates to the airport by sharing that the Sun Times article mischaracterized the airport in many instances and oversimplified its economic impact, financial position and value. Trustee Stole suggested Airport Manager, John DeLaurentiis, further address the audience.

Mr. John DeLaurentiis informed the Board and audience regarding the origins and motives behind the BGA/Sun Times newspaper article and its links to special interests and ongoing litigation at the airport. He detailed the sources of the misinformation and testimony provided to the BGA with facts supported by documents, memos and newspaper articles dating back more than 20 years. Additionally, Mr. DeLaurentiis stated the Village has maintained a policy of *not* highlighting the airport's long history of mismanagement; however, due to the ongoing misinformation and needed reform, a factual response is crucial.

Mr. DeLaurentiis continued to inform the audience of the airport history and how issues have evolved to the present day. He described the inherited problems encountered and the need for problems to be systematically resolved in order for the airport to thrive and move forward.

Mr. DeLaurentiis emphasized that upon his employment as the Airport Manager, his orientation has been to *look forward toward solutions for the future* and that it is time to set aside agendas and work together for the betterment of the Village and the Airport.

Trustee Manno requested the reason for the orange fencing at the site of the previously demolished swimming pool property and also inquired about the truck parking problem on Bernice Road.

At 9:40 p.m., Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn the Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Eidam so moved.  
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

### ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0-Trustees:

**Approved**

Eidam, DeLaurentis, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina and Manno

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga  
Lansing Village Clerk  
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