

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON APRIL 21, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 8:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following trustees present:

Butler, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

PRESENTATION OF
MINUTES

Mayor Abbott requested any corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 17, 2015 Village Board Meeting.

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

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:
Nays – 0 Trustees
Minutes Accepted

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

ATTORNEY'S
REPORT

Village Attorney, Tim Lapp, requested a motion to authorize the Voluntary Resignation and Release Agreement regarding the Village Administrator.

Trustee Stole made a motion to table the Voluntary Resignation and Release Agreement for the Village Administrator. Trustee Stole stated there is no agreement to approve, at this time.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL

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

Stole, DeLaurentis, Butler, Skrbina, Manno and Kapteyn

Attorney Lapp continued to request a motion to authorize IMRF Benefit Protection Leave. Attorney Lapp further indicated that this motion goes hand in hand with the previous item presented.

Trustee DeLaurentis made a motion *not to authorize* (to deny) IMRF Benefit Protection Leave, at this time.

Trustee Manno seconded.

Attorney Lapp clarified that the motion is to deny the authorization and that an aye vote is a vote not to approve the benefit plan.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Attorney Lapp introduced Resolution 924, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Purchase of 18015 Torrence Avenue, Lansing, Illinois*. Economic Development Director, Travis Bandstra indicated the purchase of 18015 Torrence Avenue as the first step of a larger redevelopment project.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL

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

Stole, DeLaurentis, Butler, Skrbina, Manno and Kapteyn

Attorney Lapp presented Resolution 925, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Reimbursement for Facade Improvement located at 3455 Ridge Road, Lansing, Illinois*. Mr. Bandstra shared the extensive Gus Bock Hardware’s façade improvement plans and scope of work. In addition, Mr. Bandstra introduced Gail Barenie, JMA Architects, who further detailed and answered trustee questions. Attorney Lapp indicated that a motion would be in order to approve Resolution 925, authorizing the reimbursement.

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved.
Trustee Stole seconded.

ROLL CALL

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

DeLaurentis, Stole, Butler, Skrbina, Manno and Kapteyn

Attorney Lapp indicated Resolution 923- Section 125 Plan was not necessary to announce, due to being tabled for discussion earlier in this evening’s meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
FINANCE

Trustee Butler made a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for the period ending March 14, 2015 in the amount of \$466,978.45.
Payroll for the period ending March 28, 2015 in the amount of \$456,392.77.
Payroll for the period ending April 11, 2015 in the amount of \$487,994.77.
General Prepaid Bills for March 19, 2015, in the amount of \$174,135.79.
General Prepaid Bills for March 26, 2015, in the amount of \$160,032.87.
General Prepaid Bills for April 2, 2015, in the amount of \$205,194.01.
General Bills for April 7, 2015, in the amount of \$417,002.56.
General Prepaid Bills for April 9, 2015, in the amount of \$7,557.70.
General Prepaid Bills for April 16, 2015, in the amount of \$361,341.63.
General Bills for April 21, 2015, in the amount of \$562,189.39.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees:

Approved

Butler, DeLaurentis, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno

Trustee Butler inquired about the status of the unapproved Matrix bill and requested an answer to stated questions. Treasurer Frye explained that because the invoice was not approved at the village board meeting, it was pulled from processing and the department is awaiting further direction. Ms. Frye indicated the Finance Department has had no contact with the vendor, nor heard anything from the vendor at this point.

INSURANCE

No report provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Kapteyn had no report, but reminded the audience of the upcoming Clean-Up Day, Saturday, April 25th at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Skrbina announced the Lansing Fire Department responded to 363 calls in March, 2015. He continued explaining that 241 of those were ambulance calls. In addition, the department along with other communities offered auto/mutual aid on eleven occasions. Four members of the department attended a 4 day fire investigation training.

The Police Department Cadet program will be hosting "Touch a Truck" on April 25th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Lansing Airport. The event allows children to observe and touch a variety of vehicles, watch a K-9 demonstration, ride a train and have a child car seat safety check conducted. Proceeds from the event benefit the Lansing Police Cadet program.

YOUTH CENTER
& LNN

Youth Center Director, Jenna Comer-Hill shared the most recent events and happenings at the Youth Center. Ms. Comer-Hill and her staff are preparing for the 5th grade parties in April and May. The 5th grade parties are a great way to invite the upcoming 6th graders to experience the Youth Center and all it has to offer to the children.

AVIATION &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report provided

BUILDINGS & ADA

Trustee DeLaurentis provided the Building Department report, announcing that 241 permits were issued in the past month. A total valuation of \$1,113,398.33 of investment was realized through investment in the town. In addition, 222 inspections, both residential and commercial were reported. The Building Department is dedicated to providing inspection services and permits in a timely manner for the residents. Two Building Department employees attended the Illinois Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers Conference.

Building Commissioner, TJ Grossi announced the permit fee holiday is scheduled to begin May 18, with permit applications accepted through July 10, 2015. This year the building department is offering the permit fee holiday program to both commercial and owner occupied residential homes. The commercial properties are limited to only the exterior beautification of the property, not infrastructure, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Malkas, 3553 192nd Street, Lansing, Illinois announced that he and “friends of the airport” are petitioning a meeting with Mayor Abbott and the Trustees. Mr. Malkas stressed that the request for a meeting is not to criticize, but to offer ideas, suggestions and understand the plans for the future. Mr. Malkas proceeded to distribute a memo to the Mayor and Trustees.

Charles Deringer, 150 Grace Lane, Chicago Heights, Illinois shared his opinion of resident participation at Committee of the Whole meetings. In addition, he commented on resident’s lack of participation regarding storm water issues and water related flooding projects.

Michael Hersom, 3137 178th Street, Lansing, Illinois, commented on the positive processes at work in Lansing and thanked the library for hosting the trustee forum. Additionally, he commented on the leaf vacuum, lack of answers to public comments, the taping of board meetings, agenda items tabled at board meetings and responsibilities of newly elected trustees. Lastly, he applauded Trustee Butler for her past years of hard work as a trustee.

William Knight 17907 Exchange Avenue, Lansing, Illinois, provided appreciation of the police department and shared his personal concerns of liability and insurance

protection of police officers. Mayor Abbott directed Mr. Knight to Chief Murrin to further clarify those concerns immediately after the meeting.

Mary Beth Palka, 2030 Hearth Circle, Lansing, Illinois offered her opinion of village personnel and recent election results.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Butler reiterated her requests for information and answers to questions previously submitted. Trustee Butler asked that responses be provided before the next board meeting.

Mayor Abbott announced he was exercising his right to veto Ordinance 15-013.

Mayor Abbott stated he was not in favor of the village hiring or paying for two attorneys to serve the town. He shared his confidence in the current attorney and believes two attorneys are not necessary.

Trustee DeLaurentis commented that Mayor Abbott previously indicated he was not planning to veto Ordinance 15-013. In addition, he indicated the trustees can overturn the veto at the next meeting.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.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, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Village Clerk

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