

**VILLAGE OF LANSING  
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON MAY 5, 2015**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 8:24 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 Committee of the Whole meeting of April 21, 2015.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Stole so moved.

Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees

**Minutes Approved**

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

Mayor Abbott requested any corrections or additions to the Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 21, 2015.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Stole so moved.

Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees

**Minutes Approved**

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

ATTORNEY'S  
REPORT

Attorney Lapp introduced Resolution 926, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Approving and Authorizing A Resignation and Release Agreement, of the Village Administrator, J. Randolph Wynsma*, Village Attorney, Tim Lapp indicated that he examined the agreement and asked the board for a decision regarding their action.

Mayor asked for a motion

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved.  
Trustee Manno seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 5 -Trustees:  
Nays - 1 – Trustees

**Motion Passed**

DeLaurentis, Stole, Manno, Butler and Kapteyn  
Skrbina

Attorney Lapp introduced Resolution 927, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, and Authorizing and Approving IMRF Form 6.32 Benefit Protection Leave, of the Village Administrator.* Village Attorney, Tim Lapp indicated Resolution 927 authorizes approval of the IMRF Benefit for a period of 6 months following the authorized absence of Administrator, J. Randolph Wynsma. Attorney Lapp asked for a motion to approve Resolution 927.

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved.  
Trustee Stole seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:  
Nays - 0 – Trustees

**Motion Passed**

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

Attorney Lapp introduced and asked for a motion to accept Ordinance 15-016, *An Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Establishing Fees for Paramedic Services Rendered by The Village of Lansing.*

Trustee Stole so moved.  
Trustee Manno seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:  
Nays - 0 – Trustees

**Motion Passed**

Stole, Manno, Butler, Kapteyn, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

Attorney Lapp presented Resolution 921, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing A Transfer of Funds.* Attorney Lapp explained this Resolution authorizes the transfer of \$1,000,000 from Fund 90/West Lansing TIF Capital Projects Fund to Fund 91/South Torrence Corridor TIF Projects Fund. Attorney Lapp requested a motion.

Trustee Stole so moved.

Trustee Butler seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays - 0 – Trustees

**Motion Passed**

Stole, Butler, Kapteyn, Skrbina, Manno and Kapteyn

Attorney Lapp presented Resolution 922, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Dissolving Special Service Areas 88-1, 88-2, 88-3, 90-1, 92-1, 92-2, 93-1, 93-2 and 93-4.* Attorney Lapp explained that these areas were established in the late 80's and early 90's and were requested by Cook County to be dissolved and removed from the records. Attorney Lapp asked for a motion.

Trustee Butler so moved.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays - 0 – Trustees

**Motion Passed**

Butler, DeLaurentis, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina and Manno

Attorney Lapp presented Resolution 923, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Village of Lansing to Enter Into a Plan Adoption and Service Agreement with Employee Benefits Corporation.* Attorney Lapp asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 923.

Trustee Butler so moved.

Trustee Manno seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays - 0 – Trustees

**Motion Passed**

Butler, Manno, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

Attorney Lapp presented Ordinance 15-015, *An Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Granting a Special Use Permit under the Requirements of the Village Of Lansing Zoning Ordinance.* Attorney Lapp explained the Special User Permit is requested by the Harvest Thrift Center for the property located at 18220 – 18230 Torrence Avenue, and discussed at the previous Committee of the Whole meeting. He asked for a motion to pass Ordinance 15-015.

Trustee Stole so moved.

Trustee Butler seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 5 - Trustees:  
Nays - 1 – Trustees

**Motion Passed**

Stole, Butler, Kapteyn, Skrbina and Manno  
DeLaurentis

Mayor Abbott expressed his sincere disappointment and sadness regarding the decision to approve the resignation of J. Wynsma. Mayor Abbott commended Mr. Wynsma for his dedication and great job he has done for the village.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Trustee Butler made a motion to approve the following:

\$456,197.78

Payroll for the period ending April 25, 2015 in the amount of

- General Prepaid Bills for April 21, 2015, in the amount of \$7,436.70
- General Prepaid Bills for April 23, 2015, in the amount of \$37,184.32
- General Prepaid Bills for April 30, 2015, in the amount of \$80,897.17
- General Prepaid Bills for May 1, 2015, in the amount of \$18,614.78.
- General \*FY\* Bills for May 5, 2015, in the amount of \$208,322.99
- General Bills for May 5, 2015, in the amount of \$107,281.74

Relclassification of Account Codes:

Manual Bills for April 23, 2015, in the amount of \$0.000

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott thanked Trustee Butler for her service, dedication and expertise while serving as a Village Trustee for the past four years.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

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

**Approved**

Butler, DeLaurentis, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno

INSURANCE

No report provided.

Trustee Butler thanked Mayor Abbott and the Board for the experience and opportunity to serve on the Board.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Kapteyn complimented Public Works for their fantastic job in the community and extra effort with the Good Neighbor Day parade. In addition, he thanked Vivian Payne for her efforts and great work at organizing the Clean Up Day event.

Interim Director of Public Works, Stephen Gunty, updated the audience with additional clean up at the police firing range, the cooperative efforts with Cook County Sherriff's SWAP program and Calumet City and the MWRD's little Calumet River Clean Up project. Mr. Gunty continued with an explanation and demonstration of the Public Works training in First Aid, CPR and AED that had recently been conducted at the Public Works facility.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Skrbina announced the Lansing Police Department Cadet Program would like to thank Mr. John DeLaurentiis and the staff of the Lansing Airport for their support in the "Touch a Truck" Event, which realized over \$1900 benefitting the Cadet Program. In addition, the Police Department & Fire Department thanked Father Bill McFarlane for hosting the annual Blue Mass service on April 24. Two future events were also announced, "Coffee with a Cop" on May 19, 2015 at the IHOP Restaurant and "Cop on Rooftop" at Dunkin' Donuts on May 29<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Trustee Skrbina continued announcing the Lansing Fire Department responded to 280 calls in April, of which 209 were ambulance calls. In addition, new rescue equipment was provided with a FEMA grant: a hydraulic power unit, cutter, ram, spreader and vehicle stabilization equipment. A gear washer was also purchased by the department using the Foreign Fire Insurance Fund.

Several members of the Fire Department attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis, IN for information and training.

#### YOUTH CENTER & LNN

Trustee Manno reported the Youth Center hosted their first 5<sup>th</sup> grade party encouraging the *almost* 6<sup>th</sup> graders to join in on the fun. Spring Break also proved to be a great success at the Center! The average daily attendance for the past month was 48 youths! It was also reported that the Youth Center is currently interviewing for a summer position.

#### AVIATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Stole updated the audience regarding the status of Lansing Airport's fuel service. Trustee Stole requested that prior to trustee's voting on the agreement, a formal presentation including a layout of the transition, facilitation and financial feasibility of the project be provided.

Trustee Stole continued with positive economic developments by reporting that Lansing's new Walmart is exceeding sales expectations, Ultra Foods has indicated business has been very steady and they have undertaken a \$1.8 million dollar interior renovation and IHOP has steadily increased sales since their relocation. He also reported that Popeye's has pulled their franchise, however it has been reported that a second restaurant has expressed interest in that space.

Additionally, Trustee Stole suggested and inquired of the trustees, the possibility of Jack's Restaurant and the village agreeing to a two part façade project.

Trustee Stole announced the GIS map is now available on the Village Of Lansing website. Trustee Stole explained the GIS map is an interactive and informative tool that resident's will find very helpful.

#### BUILDINGS & ADA

Trustee DeLaurentis presented the Building Department report, announcing that 220 permits were issued in the month of April. A total valuation of \$3,533,621.00 of investment was realized through investment into Lansing properties. In addition, 209 inspections, both residential and commercial were reported. Trustee DeLaurentis reminded the residents that grass and weeds are to be no higher than 6" and branches that are not placed in a toter are to be placed in the front of the home.

Notable current projects include a permit issued for the Ultra Foods store renovation, the First National Bank interior remodel, construction approval for a 10,000 square foot retail space at The Lansing Square and Park District renovation of two parks. The Permit Fee Holiday will begin on May 18 and continue until July 10, 2015.

Trustee DeLaurentis expressed his thanks to Trustee Butler and wished her well in her retirement from the Board of Trustees.

Trustee DeLaurentis made a motion to modify the agenda and place a motion to override the veto of Ordinance 15-013, before the swearing in of the new trustees.

Mayor Abbott agreed.

Trustee DeLaurentis made a motion to reconsider the adoption of Ordinance 15-013, not approved by the Village President and pass the Ordinance notwithstanding the Mayor's refusal to approve.

Trustee Stole seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

#### ROLL CALL

Yeas - 4 -Trustees:

Nays - 2 – Trustees

**Motion Passed**

DeLaurentis, Stole, Butler, and Manno

Kapteyn, Skrbina

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Patty Eidam, Lansing, Illinois stated her opinion of procedures followed by the Village Clerk and the Administration and quoted the Code of Ordinances, Section 2-172.

Village Clerk, Donna Kooyenga addressed Ms. Eidam's opinions and validated her practiced procedures as the current village clerk.

Michael Hersom, 3137 178<sup>th</sup> Street, Lansing, Illinois, reminded the board to budget funds for two currently vacant positions and inquired about village vehicles parked in the back parking lot of the village hall.

Mayor Abbott explained the cars parked in the parking lot are only for village purposes and therefore, are parked behind the village hall after 5pm and on weekends.

Resident, 18326 School Street, Lansing, IL shared his concerns about rental scams and safety issues. Mayor Abbott asked TJ Grossi to speak to the homeowner after the meeting.

Michael Krusza, 2612 Indiana Avenue, Lansing, IL expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Police Officers for the programs offered Lansing residents and for dedication to the community. Mr. Krusza requested the board to address the return of the leaf program.

Chloe Butler, Lansing, IL asked who to speak to regarding a variance that would allow her to keep a 36" therapy horse in her backyard!

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Village Clerk, Donna Kooyenga administered the Oath of Office to newly elected trustees; Mike Skrbina, Patricia Eidam and Anthony DeLaurentis.

Following the Oath of Office, Mayor Abbott announced the Committee Assignments to the audience.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Stole explained that after conferring with Attorney Lapp, it was unnecessary to hold an Executive Session that he had previously requested. Trustee Stole suggested the Executive Session be cancelled if agreed upon by the Board and Mayor.

The Mayor and Trustees agreed to cancel the Executive Session.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Trustee Stole so moved.

Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 - Trustees

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga  
Village Clerk

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