

**VILLAGE OF LANSING  
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ON JUNE 7, 2016**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF  
MINUTES

Mayor Abbott requested any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 17, 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:

Stole, Kapteyn, Eidam, Manno and DeLaurentis

**Minutes Approved**

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Abbott commented on a resident's statement regarding the amount of car dealerships in Lansing. Mayor Abbott explained the Village of Lansing receives a large amount of sales tax from car dealerships. He continued explaining the village encourages more auto dealerships as they are extremely beneficial to our town.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report provided.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Trustee Kapteyn offered a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for the period ending May 21, 2016, in the amount of \$500,702.61  
General Prepaid Bill for May 19, 2016, in the amount of \$5,765.34  
General Prepaid Bills for \*FY\* May 19, 2016, in the amount of \$32,247.35  
General Direct Debit Bill for May 19, 2016, in the amount of \$1,051.00  
General Prepaid Bills for May 26, 2016, in the amount of \$12,820.67  
General Prepaid Bills for \*FY\* May 26, 2016, in the amount of \$13,541.00  
General Direct Debit Bill for May 31, 2016, in the amount of \$175.00  
General Prepaid Bills for June 2, 2016, in the amount of \$597.88  
General Bills for June 7, 2016, in the amount of \$201,881.22  
General Bills for \*FY\* June 7, 2016, in the amount of \$629,050.33

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

INSURANCE

No report provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Manno reported the water service appointments, water excavations, sewer related requests, JULIE location requests, chipper/branch service and refuse toter requests. Monthly additional accomplishments included B-box repairs, three employees completing Emergency Management training, on-going pothole repairs, completion of Phase 1 of the concrete program, beginning Phase 2 of the concrete program, completion of the Lansing water main extension project and attendance at a pre-con meeting for the 2015 CDBG Street project.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Skrbina made a motion to *Authorize the Police Chief to Implement the New Towing Fees* as presented in the May 17, Committee of the Whole meeting. Trustee Skrbina reiterated the increase in the current primary towing fee of \$125 to \$150 and the secondary towing fee of \$50 to \$65.

Trustee Eidam seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

Skrbina, Eidam, Katpteyn, Stole, Manno and DeLaurentis

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 -Trustees:

**Motion Passed**

Trustee Skrbina continued reporting the Fire Department’s response to 251 calls in May, of which 188 were ambulance calls. Lieutenant Zigterman became certified as a Fire Inspector 1. Also reported was the new software has been installed and in service, the winners of an essay contest were given a ride in a fire engine, and the aerial truck was utilized in the Memorial Jr. High Egg Drop.

Rick Eriks retired as a Paid on Call Firefighter after 22 years of service. He was honored for his service at a celebration held May 25, 2016.

Trustee Skrbina reported that Sgt. Gabe Barajas conducted School Crisis drills at the local schools over the past several weeks. The Police Department collected over \$3100 at the “Cop on Roof Top” event. Other successful events include the first” Soda with a Cop” for junior high schools students and the Beat 2 Neighborhood Watch meeting held on May 19, 2016. Beat 4 will meet on June 8, Beat 3 on June 13 and Beat 1 on June 15.

Training participants included Officer William Mason who attended a Street Crimes training program, and Officer Kyle Smith who attended a Firearms Instructor training.

YOUTH CENTER & LNN

Trustee Eidam shared the Youth Center events: the hosting of four Year End parties and the beginning of the summer play rehearsals for the upcoming performance, *The Worst Play Ever*. Also reported was the average daily attendance of 42 youths and registration of 32 new 6<sup>th</sup> grade members. Trustee Eidam shared that one of the Youth Center’s previous members has now been hired to serve as a Youth Center staff person.

AVIATION

Trustee Stole announced May airport events that included the two day Fetching Market with 800 in attendance on Friday evening and 1400 on Saturday. Trustee Stole offered a special thanks and appreciation to the Lansing PD Cadets, the Civil Air Patrol Cadets, Public Works, Vivian Payne, the Airport staff and Airport Manager, John DeLaurentiis, for their outstanding work in helping to make the events a huge success.

Trustee Stole updated the various modifications to the restaurant space. The modifications underway include the completion of the dumpster pad, the restaurant bathrooms, finalizing the elevator service agreement and the repair and rebuild of the atrium and doors. A *soft* opening date will be announced at a later date.

Additionally, IDOT Aeronautics will be requesting bids on the Airport Security fencing project. Two contractors have already requested the plans and specs for the project that is estimated at \$304,000, of which 90% is funded federally and 5% each by the state and Lansing.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Stole stated a Planning & Zoning hearing was held on May 11 providing an approval of the setback variance for Fine Tune Automotive. Additionally, a Planning & Zoning hearing is scheduled for June 8 as Jack's Pub is requesting a sign variance and Planet Fitness is requesting a special use permit and sign variance. Also scheduled for that meeting is a discussion regarding the proposed changes to the sign ordinance.

#### BUILDINGS & ADA

Trustee DeLaurentis reported the Building Department issued 500 violations in the month of May. The Building Department is requesting patience with the maintenance of the vacant properties as the Village is working with the banks to ensure properties are secured as well as maintained. The process of gaining access to private property, in order to maintain those properties, is a lengthy legal process. The Building Department is doing their very best to legally maintain such properties, at this time.

Trustee DeLaurentis updated the progress of the Lansing Public Library, explaining the permit for their renovation has been issued. The Library is planning on an \$800,000 renovation of the interior of both the upstairs and the downstairs.

The Building Department has issued 270 Permits with a total valuation of \$2,284,377.88 of investment into the properties of Lansing.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Albrecht, 2928 188<sup>th</sup> Place, Lansing, IL, shared her excitement regarding the library remodeling project that is currently underway. She explained the library will have new carpeting, furniture, a portable stage with lighting, study rooms, and individual areas repurposed for a teen space and a community space in order to better accommodate the needs of the students and residents.

Rachael Vische, 18515 Oak Avenue, Lansing, IL, requested support in favor of the opening of a vapor shop business in Lansing. She shared the benefits of having a vapor shop located in the community.

Brian Reese, 1247 West Fred Street, Whiting, IN, expressed interest in relocating his current vapor shop business from Munster to 3321 Ridge Road in Lansing. He was informed that Lansing has a four-month moratorium to determine zoning restrictions, yet encouraged the trustees to consider his business relocation to Lansing before July 1.

Mary Beth Palka, 2030 Hearth Circle, Lansing, IL announced an upcoming rally being held for the purpose of supporting the Lansing Police Officers on Tuesday, June 21 from 6-7pm at the Lansing Police Station. She shared her support of vapor shops and indicated her support of Lansing's new car dealerships.

Mike Gaffney, 17142 Grant Street, Lansing, IL, shared his support of the Police Department and his gratitude for the dedicated service the police officers provide.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Manno mentioned the *Welcome To Lansing* sign located at 170<sup>th</sup> & Torrence is in need of maintenance.

Trustee DeLaurentis announced that the first annual Cruise Night of the season is being held this Saturday evening, June 11, and inquired about the status of the light pole speakers.

At 8:10 p.m., Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss the Sale of Real Property and Personnel.

Trustee Manno so moved.  
Trustee Eidam seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

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

**Motion Passed**

Manno, Eidam, Kapteyn, Skrbina, Stole and DeLaurentis

At 9:30 p.m., Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to return to the Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Eidam so moved.  
Trustee Manno seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

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

**Motion Passed**

Eidam, Manno, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Trustee Eidam so moved.  
Trustee Manno seconded.

All Trustees agreed by saying Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga  
Lansing Village Clerk  
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