

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JUNE 2, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 8:15p.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 Committee of the Whole meeting of May 19, 2015.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Eidam seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 5 -Trustees:

Stole, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis.

Nays – 0 Trustees:

Abstain – 1 Trustee:

Kapteyn

Minutes Approved

Mayor Abbott requested any corrections or additions to the Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 19, 2015.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Eidam seconded.

Trustee Eidam asked that it be noted in the June 2, 2015 board meeting minutes that the Hammond Times *incorrectly* stated that at the May 19, 2015 board meeting, Trustee Eidam abstained from voting and Mayor Abbott broke the tie in favor of approving the Harvest Thrift Store's request for a Class 8 classification. To correct that statement and to clarify, Trustee Eidam voted in favor of the Class 8 request and Mayor Abbot simply exercised his right to vote.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 5 -Trustees:

Stole, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis.

Nays – 0 Trustees:

Abstain – 1 Trustee:

Kapteyn

Minutes Approved

MAYORS
REPORT

Mayor Abbott announced his appointment of Ken Verkaik as Fire Chief and Mike Tempelman as Assistant Fire Chief. In addition, Mayor Abbott shared his appreciation of Ken's acting as the temporary Fire Chief for the past months. Mayor Abbott suggested a motion would be in order to approve the appointment of Ken Verkaik, as Fire Chief.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Manno seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays - 0 -Trustees:

Motion Passed

Stole, Manno, Eidam, Kapteyn, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

Mayor Abbott announced his intent to appoint Mike Tempelman as Assistant Fire Chief. Mayor Abbott shared that Mike has served on the Fire Department for many years. Mayor Abbott suggested a motion would be in order to approve the appointment of Mike Tempelman as Assistant Fire Chief.

Trustee Manno so moved.
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays - 0 -Trustees:

Motion Passed

Manno, DeLaurentis, Eidam, Stole, Kapteyn and Skrbina

OATH OF OFFICE

Village Clerk, Donna Kooyenga administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Fire Chief Ken Verkaik and Assistant Fire Chief Mike Tempelman.

A hearty applause was provided for Fire Chief VerKaik and Assistant Fire Chief Tempelman.

Mayor Abbott announced his intent to appoint a lieutenant, an engineer and two new firemen in the very near future.

ATTORNEY'S
REPORT

Attorney Lapp introduced Ordinance 15-018, *An Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Approving a Plat of Dedication For a Public Street in the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois (Phillips Chevrolet)*. This Ordinance is for the relocation and replacement of the sidewalk in front of Phillip's Chevrolet.

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved.
Trustee Stole seconded.

ROLL CALL

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

DeLaurentis, Stole, Eidam, Kapteyn, Skrbina and Manno

Attorney Lapp introduced Resolution 15-019, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Amending the Provisions of the Lansing Village Code Relating to the Village Administrator*. This Ordinance amends the duties and authority of the Village Administrator.

Trustee DeLaurentis so moved.
Trustee Stole seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 5 -Trustees:
Nays – 0 Trustees
Abstain – 1 Trustee:
Motion Passed

DeLaurentis, Stole, Eidam, Skrbina and Manno.

Kapteyn

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Trustee Kapteyn made a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for Period Ending May 23, 2015, in the amount of \$459,376.45
General Prepaid Bills for May 21, 2015, in the amount of \$3,756.25
General Prepaid *FY* Bills for May 21, 2015, in the amount of \$19,253.71
General Prepaid Bills for May 27, 2015, in the amount of \$115,000.00
General Prepaid Bills for May 28, 2015, in the amount of \$21,316.49
General Bills for June 2, 2015 in the amount of \$111,304.69
General *FY* Bills for June 2, 2015, in the amount of \$47,784.43

Trustee Eidam asked for clarification regarding the Library payroll calculations. A detailed response by Village Treasurer, Arlette Frye indicated the Library is not a Library District, but in fact is a component unit. The accounting differences between the two designations were explained in detail by Treasurer Frye.

ROLL CALL

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

Kapteyn, Stole, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

Treasurer Frye offered explanation of the reclassification of account codes and the Finance Departments process.

Reclassification of Account Codes:

Manual Bills for April 30, 2015, run #1 in the amount of \$0.00
Manual Bills for April 30, 2-15, run #2 in the amount of \$0.00
Manual Bills for April 30, 2015, run #3 in the amount of \$0.00
Manual Bills for May 18, 2015, in the amount of \$0.00
Manual Bills for May 19, 2015, in the amount of \$0.00
Manual Bills for *FY* May 26, 2015, in the amount of \$0.00
Manual Bills for May 28, 2015, in the amount of \$0.00

Trustee Stole seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 – Trustees:

Approved

Kapteyn, Stole, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

INSURANCE

No report provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Manno read a description of the Public Works Department and its activities which included water service appointments, water related excavations, sewer related issues, JULIE location service, Chipper/Branch requests and toter service requests.

Trustee Manno continued by presenting a motion to approve Resolution 933, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing the Purchase of Cast Iron Grates from Ironsmith for the Ridge Road Corridor*. Resolution 933 authorizes the purchase of Ridge Road TIF tree grate replacements.

Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees:

Nays - 0 – Trustees:

Motion Passed

Manno, Kapteyn, Eidam, Stole, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Skrbina announced the Police Department Cadet program will conduct their graduation of seven new cadets on June 11, 2015. He also thanked the Public Works Department for assistance in the K-9 facility clean-up project. Trustee Skrbina announced the Police Department

conducted the tobacco compliance checks of local businesses and was pleased to report that all business are in compliance. In addition, Sgt. Hoving and Officer Butler were commended for re-establishing the Citizen Police Academy that resulted in the graduation of 17 residents within the program.

In addition, Special Arrest Commendation and a Certificate of Commendation were awarded to Officers Brian Doornbos, Robert Garcia, Todd Kulacz and Michael Mayer for their rapid response and subsequent foot pursuit during a May 19, 2015 armed robbery.

Chief Murrin expressed appreciation to all who donated time and contributions to the success of the third annual Cop On A Roof Top that raised over \$2600 for Special Olympics.

Trustee Skrbina continued announcing the Fire Department responded to 300 calls in May, of which 232 were ambulance calls. The Fire Department received and placed into service new rescue equipment provided by a FEMA grant. The Department participated in and benefited from a multi-company live fire training along with the South Holland Fire Department.

YOUTH CENTER & LNN

Trustee Eidam reported the Youth Center's average daily attendance for May was 38 youths who participated in a variety of activities and fun. Trustee Eidam continued announcing the building maintenance needs of the youth center; more specifically the need to replace two air conditioners and the repair or replacement of the front entrance stairs. Youth Center Director, Jenna Comer-Hill was happy to report that the air conditioners had been replaced that day and also her decision to repair rather than replace the front stairs.

AVIATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Stole encouraged the audience to attend two upcoming Pancake Breakfast's being held at the Ford Hangar: June 14th and July 16th. Many additional events are being scheduled for this summer at the Ford Hangar.

Trustee Stole shared that the Director of Economic Development, Travis Bandstra has been continuing to field new businesses for the façade program. In addition, Mr. Bandstra has conducted retail retention meetings with local businesses, attended the ICSC trade show and provided input for the updated version of Lansing's business promo video. Trustee Stole thanked John DeLaurentiis for his presentation to Cook County Commissioner Stanley Moore, CMAP staff and Cook County Planning & Economic Development staff in order to promote development of the Lansing Municipal Airport.

Trustee Stole was pleased to announce three new business openings: Rainbow Apparel, Computer Systems Institute and Illiana Music.

BUILDINGS & ADA

Trustee DeLaurentis announced the Building Department issued 302 permits with a valuation of \$1,629,911 of investment into Lansing properties. Of the 302 permits issued, 95 qualified for the Permit Fee Holiday. Code Enforcement officers were extremely busy due to a 46% increase over last year's code enforcement files. Trustee DeLaurentis reminded the residents that low hanging trees should be trimmed to 8 feet over sidewalks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melanie Jongsma, 18649 Villa Court, Lansing, IL thanked the Village for the opening of the new Walmart super store and expressed her appreciation of having the convenience of such a great store that contributes to Lansing residents and the towns economic welfare.

Don Johnson, 18751 Henry Street, Lansing, IL shared his concerns regarding an RV parking situation in his neighborhood and it's noncompliance to the village ordinances.

Michael Hersom, 3137 178th Street, Lansing, Illinois, questioned the expected date of completion of the budget. Mayor Abbott shared upon completion of the budget it will be presented to the Board for discussion and availability to the public.

Judy Trevisan, 3533 E. 190th Place, Lansing, IL asked for assistance regarding her concern of a neighbor with extremely long, uncut grass and a large dog living unattended inside the neighbor's home.

Mary Beth Palka, 2030 Hearth Circle, Lansing, IL requested status of the lobbyist report, the downtown tree replacement project, the final cost of the Matrix report and the Police Chief's recommendations to the report and who will be receiving the liquor license and carry the insurance of the Lansing Airport.

Michael Krusza, 2612 Indiana Avenue, Lansing, IL commented on Fire Station #2's sleeping quarters, suggested a Fox Pointe Ice Skating Rink, shared his concerns of bicycle harassment, park clean up and recommended a light bulb supplier for the village.

Jeff Zupan, 1846 182nd Street, Lansing, IL offered a suggestion of adding provisions to businesses awarded Class 8 incentives by requiring them to hire a specific percentage of their employees as Lansing residents. Mr. Zupan also suggested the installation of EV stations at Fox Pointe.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Manno shared an email received from August Stovall (a past Lansing Cadet) requesting the Lansing Police department and Paramedic's permission to allow a film crew to ride along in their vehicles in order to produce a *sizzle* film real. The film would *not* be aired, but be used to "pitch" to the network for a potential reality show. Trustee Manno asked for permission to comply with August Stovall's request. Mayor Abbott suggested a meeting with the Fire & Police Chiefs for discussion of the proposed project and indicated a response would be provided within 3 days. Attorney Lapp indicated insurance

requirements, responsibilities and liabilities need to be considered in the decision.

Trustee Kapteyn received notice that the Opticom system at Ridge & Burnham is not working. Trustee Kapteyn asked Police and Fire to be aware and please report any outages to Public Works as soon as possible.

Trustee Skrbina reminded the audience that the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Night Time Bike Ride on Friday, July 24 and indicated complete details are available on the Lansing Website.

MAYOR’S STATEMENT

Mayor Abbott addressed a social media discussion that recently appeared online suggesting to residents “Don’t shop at the new Lansing Walmart”. Mayor Abbott expressed disappointment of the non-supportive comments toward a business that financially contributes immensely to Lansing, through sales tax funding. Mayor Abbott continued informing the audience that sales tax funding from Walmart and Phillips Chevrolet will contribute 11 million dollars to be used for Lansing’s road repairs. The Mayor was quick to point out that it is necessary for resident’s to support Walmart, Phillips Chevrolet and *all of our local businesses* in order to accomplish the goal of the improvement of Lansing roads.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

Trustee Stole so moved.

Trustee Kapteyn seconded

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Village Clerk

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