

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 8:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Abbott announced that prior to the Board Meeting, a Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of providing information regarding the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016.

Mayor Abbott inquired as to whether the Board Members or the general public had any questions or comments regarding the Appropriation Ordinance.

There were no questions from the Board.

Mr. Michael Hersom, 3137 178th Street, Lansing, IL thanked the Board and staff for the opportunity to preview the ordinance. He commented on General Administration, Personnel, Planning & Development line item details within the budget.

Treasurer, Arlette Frye, clarified that line items are used as an aid in the budget process. She further explained that line item details are *not* budgetary controls. Treasurer Frye concluded by saying the Board is approving the Appropriation Ordinance which is the legal spending limit.

Mayor Abbott closed the Public Hearing at 9:14 p.m.

Mayor Abbott opened the Village Board Meeting and asked for a roll call.

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 June 16, 2015.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the minutes, as corrected.

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 Abbott requested any corrections or additions to the Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 16, 2015.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the minutes, as corrected.

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.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Abbott proudly announced the 13-year-old Babe Ruth baseball team has won the North District State Championship, The team will be going to Janesville, Wisconsin to hopefully move on to the World Series.

Mayor Abbott recapped the Airport's weekend of events that included the arrival of the Tri Motor aircraft and actor, Gary Sinise, who donated \$15,000 to the Veterans Memorial. Mayor Abbott thanked the Airport staff for their great job assisting at those events.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Lapp presented Resolution 937, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Village of Lansing to Enter into an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation.* This Resolution is a biennial Hold Harmless Agreement between IDOT and the Village of Lansing. Attorney Lapp suggested a motion would be in order.

Trustee Manno so moved.

Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays - 0 – Trustees:

Motion Passed

Manno, Kapteyn, Eidam, Stole, Skrbina and DeLaurentis

Attorney Lapp introduced and suggested a motion for Resolution 934, A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Purchase of 17932 Torrence Avenue, Lansing, Illinois.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

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

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

Motion Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Trustee Kapteyn made a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for Period Ending June 20, 2015, in the amount of \$479,359.80
Payroll for Period Ending July 4, 2015, in the amount of \$494,057.61
General Prepaid Bills for June 18, 2015, in the amount of \$542.00
General Prepaid *FY* Bills for June 18, 2015, in the amount of \$75,886.12
General Prepaid Bills for June 25, 2015, in the amount of \$7,092.02
General Prepaid Bills for July 2, 2015, in the amount of \$37,924.50
General Prepaid *FY* Bills for July 2, 2015 in the amount of \$4,995.00
General Bills for July 7, 2015, in the amount of \$411,792.91
General *FY* Bills for July 7, 2015, in the amount of \$550,643.27
General Prepaid Bills for July 9, 2015, in the amount of \$10,647.56
General Prepaid Bill for July 10, 2015, in the amount of \$360.00
General Prepaid Bills for July 14, 2015, in the amount of \$9,000.00
General Prepaid Bills for July 16, 2015, in the amount of \$1,783.18
General Bills for July 21, 2015, in the amount of \$650,498.69
General *FY* Bills for July 21, 2015, in the amount of 31,893.63

RECLASIFICATION OF ACCOUNT CODES:

Manual Bills for April 30, 2015, in the amount of \$0.00
Manual Bills for May 31, 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:

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

Motion Passed

Trustee Kapteyn introduced and presented a motion to adopt Ordinance 15-025 with a revised addition for the annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2016.

Trustee Stole seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked if there were any questions or comments.

Trustee Eidam requested the consideration of going back to the process of having more Trustee involvement in budget planning. A brief discussion ensued and Mayor Abbott agreed to have the Trustees invited to attend their assigned Department's future budget meeting.

Trustee DeLaurentis questioned the fuel bidding procedure, asking if the village is required to annually go out for bid for fuel. Treasurer Frye explained that it is prudent and a good practice to evaluate at least biennially, but it is not required by State statute.

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 provided Public Works statistics indicating a marked increase from the previous year in water excavations, sewer and manhole related responses, totter service requests, chipper and branch related services. In addition, Trustee Manno reported participation in ongoing projects, conferences, training and intergovernmental meetings. Two current Public Works improvement projects have gone out to bid. The upcoming projects are the 2015 Street Resurfacing Program and the Bernice Road Water Main Replacement project. Recommendations will be submitted to the Board at the August 4, 2015 Village Board meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Skrbina introduced and presented a motion to adopt Ordinance 15-024, *An Ordinance of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Chapter 50, Fire Prevention And Protection, In the Village of Lansing, Illinois.*

Mayor Abbott explained that the amended Ordinance changes the assignment of the title from the Assistant Fire Chief to Deputy Chief.

Trustee Eidam seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees

Motion Passed

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

Trustee Skrbina reported the Lansing Fire Department participated in the Library's Block Party, attended the WEB Emergency Operations Center Training and the National Fire Protection Association Expo.

During the month of June, the Fire Department responded to 250 calls, of which 266 were ambulance calls. They also responded to 6 auto/mutual aid calls.

Trustee Skrbina announced the Lansing Police Department has submitted the 2015 COPS grant application. If awarded the grant, it will afford the opportunity to hire additional police officers. Police officers attending training throughout the past month were Sgt. Barajas, Sgt. Hoving, Sgt. Biron, Sgt. Bailey and Officers Tim Harvey, Brian Dornbos, Bill Kowalski and Mike Lazowski.

The Police Department is inviting residents to join in the National Night Out event Tuesday, August 4, 2015 between 5-9 pm. The event is an effort to promote police community relationships and crime prevention activities. The Police Department has planned activities, free food, demonstrations and giveaways for the event.

Mr. John Connor was recently hired as a police officer. Mr. Connor is currently attending the 480 hour police training academy held at the Illinois State Police Academy.

YOUTH CENTER
& LNN

Trustee Eidam reported the Youth Center is accepting new memberships and several groups have visited the Center in June. Trustee Eidam reported the average daily attendance is 35 youths.

Trustee Eidam noted that she has not received a report from LNN, and mentioned she would like to receive an LNN report. Mayor Abbott offered to contact LNN regarding that request.

AVIATION &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Stole offered a motion to adopt Resolution 938, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing Reimbursement for Façade Improvement - Ridge Road TIF, Lansing, Illinois*. Resolution 938 authorizes the façade reimbursement for Unlimited Service Automotive, located at 3210 Ridge Road, Lansing, IL.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays – 0 Trustees

Motion Passed

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

BUILDINGS & ADA .

Trustee DeLaurentis reported the Permit Fee Holiday has ended after issuing 421 qualifying permits during that event. The 421 permits resulted in a total of \$1.8 million investments into Lansing properties.

Notable projects during the month: Ultra Fresh Foods renovation, First National Bank located on Ridge Road and Gus Bock Ace Hardware.

Trustee DeLaurentis reminded residents that all Building Department employees have Village ID's and Badges. If anyone comes to your home or business claiming to be a Building Department employee, ask to see their ID. Every Code Enforcement Officer and Inspector is required to wear an ID badge that is visible to the public. In addition, if a resident is uncertain, they are encouraged to call the Building Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bob Malkas, 3553 192nd Street, Lansing, IL briefly stated his desire to provide information, comments and history to assist the board and the treasurer in making decisions regarding the annual budget and the airport. Mr. Malkas mentioned he would be submitting budget questions to the treasurer and board.

Mr. Gregory Gremba, 19246 Grant Street, Lansing, IL read a letter regarding his opinion and personal suggestions regarding the village ordinance pertaining to the position of the Village President.

Michael Hersom, 3137 178th Street, Lansing, IL received clarification regarding the earlier tower discussion and the cost to the village. He also expressed his advice to the Board regarding cost & liability when making decisions.

Melanie Jongsma, 18649 Villa Court, Lansing, IL thanked the village representatives and commented on the professionalism and commitment displayed as she becomes further informed about the village and its procedures.

Mike Krusza, 2612 Indiana Avenue, Lansing, IL commented on the IDOT clean-up and offered his assistance regarding the weeds, tall grass and debris alongside various roads and vacant lots.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Eidam announced that Bob Bergren, past Village Trustee, had passed away. Mayor Abbott also mentioned Mr. Bergren's wife is also very ill.

Trustee Manno inquired about the light poles status for the Ridge Road business corridor. Village Engineer, Jeff Pintar explained the add-on of the "up lights" required additional wiring that has delayed the process.

Mr. Grossi responded to the inquiry regarding the lack of maintenance surrounding the Lansing Engine Works property as a result of the process of their eviction.

Maintenance of a vacant property across from Salem Cross apartments, the sidewalk along the Wentworth railroad tracks and the three “quiet zone” railroad track designations were discussed and responded to by Mr. Pintar.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn to the Executive Session at 9:58 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, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis.

Returning from the Executive Session at 10:25 p. m., Mayor Abbot asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the settlement Agreement with Associated Air, as discussed in the Executive Session.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:
Nays – 0 Trustees

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

Motion Passed

Mayor Abbot asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 p.m.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

All Trustees agreed by saying Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Lansing Village Clerk

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