

**VILLAGE OF LANSING  
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON AUGUST 18, 2015**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Committee of the Whole meeting of August 4, 2015.

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:

**Minutes Approved**

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

Mayor Abbott requested any corrections or additions to the Regular Board Meeting minutes of August 4, 2015.

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:

**Minutes Approved**

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

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Abbott read a proclamation and commended the accomplishment of Joshua Burkeen in earning the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. The extensive requirements and community accomplishments in achieving such an honor was commended by Mayor Abbott and Director of the Youth Center, Jenna Comer Hill. In addition, Ms. Comer Hill shared and complimented Joshua’s dedicated contribution to the Youth Center and the community.

Village Clerk, Donna Kooyenga shared the process of the Beautification Award including advertising, nomination and judging of the 30+ properties nominated. As the winners were presented certificates and gift cards, photos of each property were displayed for the audience.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Attorney Lapp presented Resolution 942, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Village of Lansing to Sell Property to IDOT*. This Resolution authorizes the village to sell property to IDOT at the location of Thornton/Lansing Road & Stony Island.

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, DeLaurentis, Eidam, Kapteyn, Skrbina and Manno

Attorney Lapp introduced and suggested a motion for Resolution 943, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Village to Make Application for 2015 No Cash Bid Property*. This Resolution is regarding five vacant land parcels.

Trustee Eidam asked for further discussion and explanation before voting. Director of Economic Development, Travis Bandstra, provided a brief explanation of the *No Cash Bid* procedure and explained the benefits to the Village. Village Attorney, Tim Lapp contributed additional comments.

No additional questions were requested and the process proceeded.

Trustee Stole so moved.  
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:

Nays - 0 – Trustees:

**Motion Passed**

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

Attorney Lapp introduced and suggested a motion for Resolution 944, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Village of Lansing to Make Application for 2015 No Cash Bid Property*. This Resolution is specific to four vacant properties with buildings located on the property.

Trustee Stole so moved.  
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.

Attorney Lapp introduced and suggested a motion for Resolution 945, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Village of Lansing to Make Application for 2015 No Cash Bid Property*. This Resolution is authorizing application for eight unincorporated vacant land properties.

Trustee Stole so moved.  
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.

Attorney Lapp introduced and suggested a motion for Resolution 946, *A Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Village of Lansing to Make Application for 2015 No Cash Bid Property*. This Resolution is in regard to approximately sixty parcels of vacant property north of Bernice Road.

Trustee Stole so moved.  
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.

Attorney Lapp introduced and suggested a motion for Resolution 947, A *Resolution of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, Approving the Appointment of Mr. Ken Pilota as Special Counsel for No Cash Bid/Tax Deed Work*. The Resolution approves the hiring of an attorney specific to the specialized legal work involved in the No Cash Bid process.

Trustee Stole so moved.  
Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

Trustee Eidam shared her disappointment in not having sufficient information or discussion on this matter.

Trustee Stole inquired whether legal costs were included in the previous quotation of costs. Attorney explained legal fees were included.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas - 4 -Trustees:  
Nays - 2 – Trustees:

Stole, DeLaurentis, Kapteyn, and Skrbina  
Eidam and Manno

**Motion Passed**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

Trustee Kapteyn made a motion to approve the following:

Special Payroll for Period Ending August 1, 2015, in the amount of \$5,328.12  
Payroll for Period Ending August 1, 2015, in the amount of \$490,950.63

General Prepaid Bills for August 6, 2015, in the amount of \$20,560.63  
General Prepaid \*FY\* Bills for August 6, 2015, in the amount of \$1,066.30  
General Prepaid Bills for August 13, 2015, in the amount of \$7,807.72  
General Bills for August 18, 2015, in the amount of \$934,911.18  
General Wire Transfer for August 18, 2015, in the amount of \$120,000.00

Reclassification of Account Codes for April 30, 2015 (3), in the amount of \$0.00  
Reclassification of Account Codes for July 31, 2015, in the amount of \$0.00

Trustee Stole seconded.

Trustee Eidam expressed that in the future, she would like notification and explanation of all employees receiving raises over 2%.

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call:

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas - 6 -Trustees:  
Nays – 0 Trustees

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

**Motion Passed**

INSURANCE

No report provided.

PUBLIC WORKS

No report provided

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report provided

YOUTH CENTER  
& LNN

No report provided

AVIATION &  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Stole updated the audience on the progress of the airport fuel supply business along with the expectation of being fully operational by the end of September. In addition, Trustee Stole highlighted the upcoming events at the Ford Hangar which included the Fetching Market event on September 11 & 12 and the Historical Society Meeting scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Stole shared Economic Development events which included the Grand Re-Opening of Ultra Fresh Foods. In addition, Trustee Stole clarified that rain barrels for the Rain Barrel program will not be available for residents until April 2016.

BUILDINGS & ADA

No report provided

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Gaffney, 17142 Grant Street, Lansing, IL shared his personal investigation of the type of trees currently being planted in the Ridge Road business corridor as not being conducive for an urban setting.

Bob Malkas, 3553 192<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lansing, IL distributed a detailed research report he prepared and asked that the Trustees to read the report and consider his research and comments when making future decisions.

Lynda Griffin, 18140 Charlotte, Lansing, IL requested a status of the railroad track *Quiet Zone* and was informed by Village Engineer, Jeff Pintar that the IDOT process is a risk base analysis process which is an extremely lengthy IDOT regulation.

Mary Beth Palka, 2030 Hearth Circle, Lansing, IL provided her opinions regarding employee raises, sink holes and Ridge Road improvement projects.

Michael Hersom, 3137 178<sup>th</sup> Street, Lansing, IL shared his concerns regarding an area needing clean- up on his block, Illinois land banks and small town gathering events.

Melanie Jongsma, 18649 Villa Court, Lansing, IL shared her enjoyment of attending the Village Board Meetings and hearing the positive comments regarding the Beautification Award and general pride in Lansing.

Roger Evanina, 18308 De Jong Lane, Lansing, IL commented regarding property taxes, sales tax and the effect of taxes on senior citizens.

Diane Costello, 3518 192<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lansing, IL questioned why there was not a committee report commenting on Lansing's National Night Out Program.

Resident, 18352 Torrence Avenue, Lansing, IL inquired why the Triangle Transport Alley Vacation was not included in this evening's meeting as was indicated in the August 4<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. Mayor Abbott explained the attorney was waiting for additional owner's documents in order to finalize.

Maureen Grady-Perovich, Lansing, IL updated the audience of her attempt and interest in offering seasonal flu shots to Lansing residents for the winter flu season. Since that time, Ms. Perovich became aware that Thornton Township will be offering flu shots and partnering with Walgreens and various surrounding towns. Ms. Perovich volunteered her services and suggested the location of the Youth Center be considered for a Lansing location.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Abbott recommended the extending of Phillip Chevrolet's original sales tax agreement by adding an additional year to their Class 8, thereby amending the agreement from seven years to eight years. In addition, Mayor Abbott shared with the Board that he would like to have the Phillips Chevrolet extension request listed on the agenda for the September 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Jeff Pintar, Robinson Engineering, answered questions and shared the status and challenges surrounding the Ridge Road light pole speakers.

Trustee Stole shared his preference to have two Village Board meetings every month and when necessary, alter that schedule. He indicated his plan to schedule a meeting with Mayor Abbott and Attorney Lapp to further revise the Ordinance.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 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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