

**VILLAGE OF LANSING  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eidam called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call revealed the following Trustees present:  
Zeldenrust, Grady-Perovich, Hardy, Skrbina, Manno, DeLaurentis

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Eidam asked if there were any questions or discussion on the minutes of the August 21, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting. There were none.

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Manno so moved  
Trustee Hardy seconded

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0

*Minutes Approved*

Manno, Hardy, Zeldenrust, Grady-Perovich, Skrbina, DeLaurentis

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. Human Relations Commission Recommended Appointees**

Mayor Eidam announced that several weeks ago the Trustees all received copies of resumes and applications for the nine recommended appointees. Mayor Eidam read the names of the recommended appointees, as listed on the agenda and she is recommending that Lionel Valencia be appointed as Chairman of the Commission. The Mayor asked for the appointees in attendance to stand, and Micaela Smith was the only one present. Mayor Eidam asked the Trustees if they have any questions. Trustee Zeldenrust commented that he was impressed with the quality of candidates that applied for the Commission and Trustee Hardy thanked everyone for their work in forming this Commission. Mayor Eidam thanked Mr. Reynolds for all the work he put into forming the Commission and stated that the appointments will be on the agenda for the next board meeting on September 18.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

No report

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT**

No report

**FINANCE & POLICE**

**A. Collection Fees Proposed Ordinance**

Trustee Zeldenrust read a memo provided by Treasurer Frye regarding the collection of fees. When State Statute was changed several years ago to allow municipalities to add collection fees to their debt, the Village never passed an ordinance approving this. Trustee Zeldenrust asked that the Village Attorney prepare the ordinance, based on the sample that Treasurer Frye provided. Trustee Grady-Perovich asked if the Lansing ordinance would be the same as the sample, and Administrator Podgorski stated that the Village Attorney will review the sample and consult with our collection agency to adjust any necessary percentages.

**B. Fire & Police Commission Proposed Changes to Ordinance Governing Rules & Regulations**

Trustee Zeldenrust referenced a memo from Chief Murrin regarding the college education requirements for new Police Officers. Chief Murrin has been working with Fire & Police Commissioner President Hartog and Secretary Nysten to formulate ideas on how improvements can be made in the police testing process in order to yield more candidates for the new hire list. One of the ideas was to change the requirements for military veterans and those that are already certified full-time police officers. Currently, Village ordinance requires *all* candidates to have 60 college credits. The proposed change does not suggest lowering the standards or eliminating the college education requirement, it is simply an additional option for anyone that has served one continuous year of active duty in the armed forces or someone that already has 2 years of full-time experience. Trustee Grady-Perovich asked why they are asking for only one year of active duty, because this option would not work for reserves. Chief Murrin stated that he would like to keep the proposed change to someone that has served active duty, not a reserve. Trustee Grady-Perovich also asked the Chief and Trustees to consider allowing candidates that are within one month of getting their 60 credit hours to be allowed to take an application and be tested. There was discussion regarding the timing of testing and graduation or obtaining the 60 credit hours, and Administrator Podgorski asked the Village Attorney to look into options for allowing someone to test that is very close to graduation.

**AIRPORT**

No report

**FIRE, IT & LNN**

No report

**PUBLIC WORKS & ADA**

No report

**BUILDING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No report

**YOUTH CENTER & INSURANCE**

No report

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Eidam announced that the Library will be hosting a *State of the Village* event on Thursday evening at 6:30 pm. The Mayor also announced that the Village will be having a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Fox Pointe on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. The ribbon cutting is open to the public and Mayor Eidam welcomed anyone to attend.

Trustee Skrbina commented that he would like to make a correction in Michael Tempelman's name. He wanted folks to know that it is Tempelman, not Templeton, because it is often confused.

Trustee Zeldenrust announced that the *Love for Lansing* group will be helping out another resident on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone interested in helping should meet at First Church PCA at 9:00 am on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Trustee Manno commented that several folks have told him how nice the flowers look at all of the Welcome to Lansing sign locations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:52 pm.

Trustee Manno so moved  
Trustee Hardy seconded

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustee

***Meeting Adjourned***

Manno, Hardy, Zeldenrust, Grady-Perovich, Skrbina, DeLaurentis

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Payne  
Lansing Village Clerk  
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