

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidam called the meeting to order at 8:10 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 September 4, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting. There were none.

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Grady-Perovich so moved
Trustee Hardy seconded

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0

Minutes Approved

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announce Fox Pointe Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Mayor Eidam announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Fox Pointe on Friday, September 28th from 5-7 pm. The event is open to the public and will take place rain or shine. More information can be found on the Village website or Facebook page.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Announce Cook County Community Development Block Grant Award

Administrator Podgorski announced that the Village has received notification from Cook County's Bureau of Economic Development that the Village is the recipient of a \$200,000 grant for infrastructure and street improvements. This grant is slated to be used primarily for the re-surfacing of Indiana Avenue between School Street and Terrace. The agreement will be on an agenda in October for approval by the Board, with construction to begin sometime in the spring.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

No report

FINANCE & POLICE

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

Trustee Zeldenrust stated that the Trustees had before them a draft of the proposed changes to the ordinance governing rules and regulations of police officer hiring. The changes include language that would allow the hiring of someone that has a high school diploma or equivalent, and has served one continuous year of active duty in the Armed Forces or has two years of full-time experience as a state certified law enforcement officer. Previous discussion also included language to allow for the hire of someone that was close to achieving 60 college credits. This change would allow someone to apply for the position prior to his/her 60 college credits, so long as the 60 credits were attained prior to them being hired.

Attorney Welch explained that if the proposed changes were made, the Fire & Police Commission must follow state statute and publish the changes prior to enforcement.

Trustee Zeldenrust asked that the ordinance changes be on the agenda for approval at the next regular board meeting.

AIRPORT

No report

FIRE, IT & LNN

No report

PUBLIC WORKS & ADA

A. Access to Transit Engineering Study

Village Engineer Jeff Pintar explained that there are grant opportunities for the Village that will enhance access to transit. Lansing's only transit mechanism is PACE bus service, however we do not know what need there may currently be for riders. Pintar would like to invite PACE to work with the Village and Robinson, in order to identify what the greatest needs are. This may include a new bus shelter or perhaps a new sidewalk leading to a bus stop. This cooperation would provide a good map for the Village prior to grant application. Approval to begin the engineering study will be on the agenda at the next regular board meeting.

B. 2019 Street Resurfacing Engineering

Engineer Jeff Pintar explained that the Village typically does not begin street resurfacing engineering work until after the fiscal year budget is passed, which results in paving to begin very late in the season. He would like to begin the engineering for next year's pavement management program, so that the bidding process can take place early next year and the Village can take advantage of better pricing from contractors and paving can begin in spring or early summer. Pintar reviewed the current condition of Lansing streets, showing the progress of street resurfacing. Approval to begin engineering will be on the next board meeting agenda.

BUILDING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. Special Use Request for Used Vehicle Sales – 2444 Ridge Road

Trustee Hardy stated that Fantastic Auto Group would like to open a used car lot at 2444 Ridge Road. The owners of the business were present in the audience. This property has been utilized for used car sales for many years, however a Special Use permit must be approved by the board.

The Planning & Zoning Board has already approved the Special Use, under the condition that the business is required to provide 12 striped parking spaces and that there be a set limit of 55 vehicles for sale at any one time. The business would not include mechanical maintenance of vehicles, only detailing. Trustee Hardy addressed the owners, stating that he drove through the property and noticed that the parking lot and light poles were in need of repairs and the weeds were overgrown. Hardy asked that these issues be taken care of prior to opening the business. One of the business owners stated that these issues will be taken care of once approval of the Special Use was given. Trustee Hardy asked that these special conditions also be added to the Special Use Permit. Hardy wished the business owners success, and asked that the Special Use Permit approval be on the October 2nd agenda.

YOUTH CENTER & INSURANCE

No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Communications Director Ken Reynolds asked to address the board. Reynolds informed the board and audience members that he was on the scene of the terrible truck crash on Torrence Avenue last week. He took a few moments to thank all of the first responders and various other departments for their systematic approach in handling the situation. Mr. Reynolds also thanked the Public Works Department, Building Commissioner Savic, Chief Murrin and acting Fire Chief Tempelman for their work in maintaining a safe environment following the accident, and getting the area cleaned up as expeditiously as possible and getting Torrence Avenue re-opened.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:36 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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