

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidam called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eidam opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Eidam announced that Mrs. Julie Sciackitano was sitting in for Clerk Payne this evening.

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 comments or discussion on the minutes of the November 7, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting. No comments or discussion.

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Manno so moved
Trustee Zeldenrust seconded

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 4 Trustees:
Abstain – 2 Trustees:
Nays – 0
Minutes Approved

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Proposed Purchase of 3308-3346 181st Place

Administrator Podgorski explained that the Village had executed a parking lot agreement with the owners of the building, which would allow the Village to improve and maintain the parking the lot, as well as using it for public parking during events held at Fox Pointe. In late summer/early fall, the property owner contacted to the Village and asked that the Village instead purchase his property because he felt the parking lot improvements would raise his taxes. The Village obtained an appraisal for the property, which estimated the worth at \$300,000.00. Podgorski explained that discussion regarding this purchase has previously been discussed in Executive Session meetings and the Village has negotiated a purchase price of \$300,000.00. Village ownership of this property would benefit the Fox Pointe development which is currently under construction. Podgorski also explained that the Village will benefit from the lease income, ultimately reducing the purchase price. Several Trustees expressed their agreement and Podgorski stated that approval will be on the next meeting agenda for approval.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

No report

FINANCE & POLICE

Trustee Zeldenrust had nothing to report.

AIRPORT

Trustee DeLaurentis had nothing to report.

FIRE, IT & LNN

A. Fiber Network Contract – Municipal Center

Trustee Manno read a memo from IT Director Fabian Newman, which explained that the Village’s current contract for phone service through CallOne has expired. Director Newman is proposing that a new contract be established with Access One, that will essentially double the speed of the fiber line and save the Village a little bit in monthly costs. Trustee Manno asked that approval for a new contract with Access One be placed on the agenda for December 5, 2017.

PUBLIC WORKS & ADA

A. IDOT Acquisition of Land for Temporary Construction Easement to Improve Torrence Avenue from Exchange Avenue to Ring Road

Trustee Skrbina introduced Attorney Matt Ingersoll, who explained that IDOT has reached out to the Village, asking for acquisition of a very small parcel of unused Village owned property that is needed for an easement along Torrence Avenue for improvements. Trustee Skrbina asked that approval be placed on the agenda for December 5, 2017.

BUILDING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Hardy had nothing to report

YOUTH CENTER & INSURANCE

Trustee Grady-Perovich had nothing to report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barry Bergstrom, tenant in the Clock Tower building at 3308-3346 181st Place – Mr. Bergstrom expressed his shock in learning of the sale of the building that his office has leased for over 30 years. He also expressed his displeasure with the condition of the parking lot, stating that someone fell last evening, and his clients do not want to come to his office due to the condition of the lot. Mayor Eidam apologized that Mr. Bergstrom’s landlord has not been communicating with him, and Attorney Welch explained that the property owner issued a cease & desist order to the Village which has not allowed re-construction of the lot to continue. Welch stated that the Village has not changed their position and has done everything in their power to continue work on the parking lot, however it is the property owner that has changed his mind.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Trustee Manno so moved
Trustee Hardy seconded

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:
Nays – 0

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Payne
Lansing Village Clerk
/vp