

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidam called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eidam introduced Boy Scout Troop 271 to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, Troop Leader Russ Loquist introduced the Scouts.

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 21, 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 DeLaurentis seconded

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0

Minutes Approved

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. 2017 Property Tax Levy

Administrator Podgorski explained that the estimated property tax levy for 2017 is \$15,047,536. This levy was discussed at the board meeting on November 21, 2017. When reduced by the library levy amount and projected bond and interest, the levy is \$10,062,310 and is consistent with recent Board policy. Podgorski stated that in order to begin providing a sustainable capital improvement program that can be used for street resurfacing, the 2017 levy proposes a line item for street & bridge of \$1,115,189. A 2015 cost estimate to repair village streets rated as failed, poor or inferior was approximately \$16,000,000 however there were no funds available in this year's budget for street repairs. To provide the \$1,115,189 for street & bridge, Podgorski proposed that the Village levy an amount for police & fire pensions calculated using the Statutory Municipal Contribution formula. This amount differs from the Recommended Municipal Contribution proposed by the private actuary firm of Lauterbach & Amen. Podgorski explained that by using the Statutory Municipal Contribution amounts, the Village can achieve both goals of making progress in maintaining our deteriorating streets and providing the necessary contributions to fully fund our police & fire pension funds.

Podgorski noted that the property tax levy will not be the only source of funding for street repairs, and staff will provide additional funding proposals in the coming months.

Trustee Grady-Perovich thanked Administrator Podgorski and Treasurer Frye for meeting with her to review details of the property tax levy. With no additional questions, Podgorski stated that approval of the property tax levy will be on the agenda December 19.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

No report

FINANCE & POLICE

A. Financial Audit Report – RSM US LLP

Trustee Zeldenrust turned discussion of the audit report over to Treasurer Frye, who introduced John George and Kelly Kirkland from RSM, formerly McGladrey Pullen.

The RSM representatives gave an overview of the 120 page audit document, highlighting that there were no internal control issues or journal entries. Mr. George noted that the Village's audit process went very smoothly.

AIRPORT

Trustee DeLaurentis had nothing to report.

FIRE, IT & LNN

Trustee Manno had nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS & ADA

Trustee Skrbina had nothing to report.

BUILDING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Hardy had nothing to report.

YOUTH CENTER & INSURANCE

Trustee Grady-Perovich had nothing to report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Malkas, 3553 192nd Street, commented that he learned a lot from reviewing the audit report. He added that he found the aviation fuel sale process to be intriguing, as the village sold half of what was expected to sell and he was curious about the Midwest Business Center commercial operator concession agreement. Malkas also noted that the Midwest Aerospace website claims that the Lansing Airport has a 4,450 foot runway, however that is not true.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Trustee Grady-Perovich so moved
Trustee Hardy seconded

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:
Nays – 0

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Payne
Lansing Village Clerk
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