

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidam called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following Trustees present:
Zeldenrust, Grady-Perovich, Hardy, Abbasy, Fish

Trustee Manno was absent with notice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Eidam asked if there were any questions or discussion on the minutes of the June 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. There were none.

Trustee Abbasy made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.
Trustee Hardy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 5 Trustees:

Nays – 0

Minutes Approved

Abbasy, Hardy, Zeldenrust, Grady-Perovich, Fish

MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Palmer Square Observation Park

Mayor Eidam announced that she received a letter in February from Mr. Wade Palmer, former owner of Associated Air at the Lansing Municipal Airport, about a Proclamation that former Mayor Abbott read at the October 6, 2015 Village Board meeting. It was confirmed that there was discussion at the September 15, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the establishment of Palmer Square Airport Observation Park on the Lansing Municipal Airport property. To keep a promise made back in 2015, there will be a plaque permanently installed on Sunday, July 7, 2019 just south of the Ford Hangar, honoring Mr. Wade Palmer.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Drinking Water 1-2-3 Academy

Administrator Podgorski explained that on June 4, 2019, there was an event in Orland Park that was presented by the Metropolitan Planning Council and Southwest Conference of Mayors, regarding drinking water. Presentations were given by several individuals, including Administrator Podgorski, who gave a presentation about the success of the Village's water meter replacement program.

B. Business View Magazine – Fox Pointe Opens

Administrator Podgorski announced that Business View Magazine featured the Village's opening of Fox Pointe in their May issue. This was a follow-up to a previous article they did while Fox Pointe was still under construction. Director of Communications, Mr. Ken Reynolds gave a brief presentation on the article.

C. IHDA Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Program Grant Award – Authorize Acceptance

Administrator Podgorski explained that the Village has received the IHDA Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Program grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the second year in a row. The funds will be used to demolish certain properties within the Village that are beyond repair. A Resolution to approve the acceptance of the grant award will be on the next board meeting agenda.

D. Visible Music College Lease Amendment at 3404 Lake Street & VMC Program/Vision Update

Administrator Podgorski explained that Visible Music College has been leasing the former Village Hall since 2013, and the Village is interested in conducting a historical discovery of the building to find out if it can be restored to the way it looked back in 1893. JMA Architects has been authorized to prepare estimates for the restoration work. The Village is looking at ways to enhance the partnership with Visible Music College to benefit both the college and adjacent Fox Pointe. During the discovery process that JMA Architects is conducting, Visible Music College is looking for cost certainties for budgeting purposes. The Village is therefore proposing an amendment to the college's lease, extending the terms of the initial lease through June 30, 2020, until the Village decides what will be done with the building. Mr. Podgorski introduced Visible Music College Vice President Cam Harvey and Pastor Dave Prince from Living Word Church, who is a College Board member. Mr. Harvey and Pastor Prince gave a history of the college, shared the college's vision, and also gave an overview of the training offered at Visible. The lease amendment will be on the next board meeting agenda for approval.

E. Consulting Services Agreement with John DeLaurentiis

Mr. John DeLaurentiis was the Village Airport Manager for about 10 years, prior to his recent retirement. Mr. DeLaurentiis has extensive background in planning, and is the former Planning Director for the RTA. The Village would like to bring Mr. DeLaurentiis back as a consultant for the Airport, to give oversight and training to the Airport employees, and also work on grant opportunities. The Village would also like to use John as a resource for various regional development planning projects. Mr. DeLaurentiis is looking to work about 5-10 hours per week on Village projects. Approval of the consulting agreement will be on the next board meeting agenda.

F. Water Main Replacement and Roadway Reconstruction for Greenbay Avenue (191st Place south to Heritage Middle School)

This project went out for bid several weeks ago and a bid opening was conducted on June 13, 2019. Five pre-qualified bidders picked up bid documents, however only one actual bid was received. The bid opened was significantly over the Village Engineers estimate, therefore staff concluded that the fiscally responsible decision would be for the Village to advertise for bids once again to obtain at least two bids to compare with the engineers' estimate. Trustees should have a recommendation for bid award at the July 16 meeting.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

No Report

FINANCE & HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

A. Budge Update/Review

Village Treasurer Frye announced that all Trustees have received another draft of the balanced budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. Treasurer Frye briefly reviewed the format of the budget and approval process. There will be a public hearing on July 16, prior to the regular board meeting and the draft budget will be available for public inspection a minimum of 10 days prior to the hearing. Trustees will receive a final draft via email, and the appropriations ordinance must be adopted by the Board no later than July 31st. Trustees were directed to call Treasurer Frye or Administrator Podgorski with any questions.

AIRPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. Troost Coffee & Tea at 18155 Roy Street, Suite #2 Expansion/Request for Beer & Wine Liquor License (Renaë Fentress)

Trustee Fish introduced Renaë Fentress, owner of Troost Coffee & Tea. Renaë would like to expand her menu at Troost, to begin offering quality wine, local beer and small plate food options. These items would only be served Thursday through Saturday evenings, and additional nights during events such as Cruise Night and Fox Pointe concerts. Troost would like to promote community gathering and will handle a liquor license with great responsibility. There were several questions regarding the type of food and hours of liquor service. Approval of a beer and wine license will be on the next meeting agenda.

B. Hawthorne Racecourse Inc./Voska Ventures LLC (Lansing OTB) Restaurant and Sports Bar at 2 River Place, Unite G, New Business Request for Full Liquor License (Terence Dunleavy)

Administrator Podgorski announced that Terry Dunleavy and Dave Hoffman approached the Village approximately 10 months ago, to expand their Off Track Betting (OTB) operations into the Lansing area. The Village's proximity to Indiana and I80/94 make Lansing a good location. The group currently has locations in Mokena, Oakbrook Terrace, Ottawa, Crestwood, Glendale Heights and Joliet. Mr. Podgorski introduced Mr. Dunleavy and Mr. Hoffman, who gave an overview of their business concept, along with photos of other locations and renditions of the proposed Lansing location. The sports bar/restaurant will be approximately 2600 square feet, and will serve bar food. In addition to the food & beverage operation, they would like to set up tents in the parking lot for bigger events such as the Kentucky Derby. The group is projecting about \$6,000,000 in para-mutual wagering, \$750,000 in video gaming revenue and \$150,000 in food and beverage revenue. There were several questions regarding betting, sports book wagering, the type of food proposed, hours of operation and revenue to the Village. The proposed operation would begin with microwave food offerings, and the timeline for operating a full service restaurant has not yet been determined. Approval of the full service liquor license will be on the next meeting agenda.

POLICE & FIRE

No Report

BUILDING & PUBLIC WORKS

No Report

IT, LNN & ADA

No Report

YOUTH CENTER & INSURANCE

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Black commented that her son recently graduated Valedictorian from Visible Music College with a degree in Music Production, and that she would like to see the Village and Visible Music College maintain a good partnership.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Zeldenrust gave an update on the *Love for Lansing* group. The program is doing well and expanding with the involvement of various other local churches. Trustee Zeldenrust is very excited about the partnership with New Hope Church and Mr. Rich Smits, who is working on renderings of a new façade for the Patti Leach Youth Center.

Building Commissioner Savic thanked Trustee Zeldenrust for working with his department to make a difference for so many Lansing residents.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Trustee Abbasy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Grady-Perovich seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 5 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustee

Meeting Adjourned

Abbasy, Grady-Perovich, Hardy, Zeldenrust, Fish

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Payne
Lansing Village Clerk
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