

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
JULY 16, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidam called the meeting to order at 8:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Eidam asked if there were any questions or discussion on the minutes of the June 18, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. There were none.

Trustee Grady-Perovich made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.
Trustee Hardy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0

Minutes Approved

Grady-Perovich, Hardy, Zeldenrust, Abbasy, Manno, Fish

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Report on Meeting with Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi

Administrator Podgorski attended an information session regarding property taxes with Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi on June 19th at South Suburban College. Mr. Podgorski outlined several of the changes Assessor Kaegi is making, including the establishment of ethics order to his office, requiring a double sign-off on assessments over a certain threshold, and the hiring of internal auditors. Assessor Kaegi believes that the south suburbs can expect to pay a lesser percentage of Cook County taxes in the future, however property owners should not expect an overall lower tax bill because the problem is more systemic and the State of Illinois must address the education funding issue.

**B. Report on Meeting with Cook County Board of Review
Commissioner Dan Patlak**

Administrator Podgorski announced that he recently met with Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Dan Patlak, who is promoting services that his office provides. This includes how property tax appeals can be submitted, what supporting documentation is needed for an appeal and the hearing process.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

No Report

FINANCE & HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

No Report

AIRPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. Torrence Avenue Façade Improvement Grant Program Request to Participate – Besse Shirt Lettering, 18058 Torrence Avenue

Besse Shirt Lettering has completed an application for the Torrence Façade Grant Program, which meets the criteria for reimbursement. Besse is seeking reimbursement for a new awning that has already been installed. The estimate submitted with the application was for a total of \$4,257.00 from a vendor outside of Lansing, therefore the reimbursement would be for 40%. This item will be on the next meeting agenda for approval.

B. Class 8 Property Tax Incentive Request – Robert & Kimberly Foster – 3423-25 Ridge Road

Trustee Fish asked Robert and Kim Foster to come forward, to address the Board. The Foster's, along with Mr. Adam Dotson from the Sandrick Law Firm, stated that they purchased the former CJ Frank building back in April of this year, and they would like to open a home health-care facility that would employ approximately 20 people. Mr. Dotson explained that one of the challenges of opening the business is that the taxes will be about \$10/square foot. The building has been vacant for over a year, which is under the 24 month timeframe, therefore this is a special circumstance. The business will only provide home health care services, and will not be selling equipment or products. This item will be on the next meeting agenda for approval.

POLICE & FIRE

A. Municipal Systems Inc. – Adjudication Software Programs Agreement – Tom Knoll

Trustee Zeldenrust introduced Mr. Tom Knoll of Municipal Systems Inc. Mr. Knoll explained that the initial contract between Municipal Systems and the Village for administrative adjudication software was signed back in 1995. Mr. Knoll gave a Power Point presentation that explained the original pricing structure, the changes in ticket fine amounts and volume of tickets written, and an understanding of the proposed new pricing structure. Due to the higher ticket value and ticket volume increase, the Village's monthly invoice has increased substantially. The new agreement is for a fixed monthly cost, rather than percentage of monthly revenues collected, resulting in a savings to the Village of approximately \$25,000 per year. Approval of the new agreement will be on the next meeting agenda.

BUILDING & PUBLIC WORKS

A. Special Use Request – Academy for Children II – 19131 Burnham Avenue

A Planning & Zoning hearing was held on July 10, 2019 at the request of Jacquelyn and Rolando Curington who are seeking a Special Use Permit to operate a day care center at 19131 Burnham Avenue. The location is

currently a day care center operated by Ms. Regina Titsworth, that the Curington's would be purchasing. The Curington's currently own Academy for Children at 2350 Bernice Road, and this would be a second location for Academy for Children. Both Jacquelyn and Rolando Curington were present in the audience, and stated that they would like to expand their daycare business to a second location. The current daycare center owner, Regina Titsworth, offered support and encouragement to the Curington's. The Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously approved the Special Use. This item will be on the next meeting agenda for approval.

B. MWRD Green Infrastructure Parking Lot Design Review

Village Engineer Jeff Pintar gave a brief presentation on the new parking lot at 3300 Washington Street. The Village submitted an application last year, and received funding from the MWRD for the new parking lot. The new lot will serve Fox Pointe, as well as Winterhoff Park. Because this is a Green Infrastructure project, the storm water must be kept on the property through the installation of bio-swales. Funding from MWRD will cover approximately 60% of the parking lot cost.

IT, LNN & ADA

No Report

YOUTH CENTER & INSURANCE

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Curington asked if they were allowed to advertise as *Academy for Children II* with the change of ownership in the daycare center. Mayor Eidam stated that the Village does not have a restriction on what the business will be called, and Trustee Hardy explained that there are regulations on the square footage of the new sign.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:16 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1), and to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body – 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2). Trustee Grady-Perovich made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hardy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustee

Meeting Adjourned

To Executive Session

Grady-Perovich, Hardy, Zeldenrust, Abbasy, Manno, Fish

RE-CONVENE FOLLOWING EXEC. SESSION

At 10:01 p.m., Mayor Eidam called the Committee of the Whole meeting back to order following Executive Session.

ROLL CALL

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 10:01 p.m.
Trustee Hardy so moved.
Trustee Abbasy seconded.

All Trustees agreed to adjourn by signifying AYE.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Payne
Lansing Village Clerk
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