

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
August 20, 2019**

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, Abbasy, Manno, Fish

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Eidam asked if there were any questions or discussion on the minutes of the July 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. There were none.

Trustee Abbasy made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.
Trustee Hardy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees:

Nays – 0

Minutes Approved

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Fire Department Cornerstone Training Program

Deputy Fire Chief John Grady announced that the Lansing Fire Department was given the opportunity to partner with the South Holland, Calumet City and Dolton Fire Departments for a Cornerstone Training Program through the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI). The IFSI will be coming to our training facility for 3 days, September 10, 11 & 12. The 4 departments will also have hands-on training the 2nd week of every month. There is no cost to the Village for this training program.

B. Police & Fire Commission Recommendation

Mayor Eidam announced her recommendation of Bonnie Cuthbert to the Police & Fire Commission. The Mayor referred to a letter of interest from Mrs. Cuthbert that was given to all of the Trustees. Bonnie is a 45 year resident of Lansing and recently retired from the Village after 27 years of service. She also served as the recording secretary for the Police & Fire Commission from July 2016 through October 2018. The appointment will be on the agenda for the first meeting in September.

C. Announce "Jalisco in Lansing" on August 31

Mayor Eidam read a letter from the President of Fedejal, regarding another performance of Jalisco in Lansing on August 31, 2019, from 11 am to 2 pm at Thornton Fractional South High School. This event will showcase the traditions and folklore of the Hispanic culture, and all are welcome.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. One Trick Pony Relocation Update

Administrator Podgorski explained that he has still been in regular contact with Mark Kocol, the owner of One Trick Pony Brewery, regarding his relocation to the former DeYoung & Sons Furniture building on Ridge

Road. Mr. Podgorski referred to a letter from Mr. Kocol that updated the Board members on One Trick Pony's continued commitment to the property at 3329 Ridge Road. Mr. Kocol was present in the audience, and discussed his plans for moving to downtown Lansing, along with reasons why the process has been taking longer than expected. Mark's plans and continued interest in opening a One Trick Pony branded brewpub are still in the works and moving forward.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

No Report

FINANCE & HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

A. MFT Resolutions

Village Engineer Jeff Pintar summarized a memo to the Board regarding the annual Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Resolutions that must be approved. The Resolutions must be passed every year to inform IDOT of how much money the Village will be spending from the MFT account on road related projects. Along with the current Resolutions, IDOT is asking the Village to approve several additional Resolutions for projects which have already been completed, in where MFT funds were used for the repayment of street maintenance bonds. All of the Resolutions will be on the next regular meeting agenda for approval.

AIRPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. Parking Lot Proposal at 17817 Torrence Avenue

Trustee Fish announced that the home on Village owned property at 17817 Torrence Avenue was recently demolished to make way for a parking lot. Village Engineer Jeff Pintar explained that there is a need for parking in this area for several businesses. The new proposed parking lot will have 14 angled spaces with entrance on Torrence Avenue and exit through the alley to the west. Trustee Grady-Perovich asked if there would be any handicap spaces and Mr. Pintar said there would only be one required. The next step will be to authorize bid proposals for the parking lot.

POLICE & FIRE

A. False Alarm Fee Proposal

Trustee Zeldenrust read a letter from Police Chief Murrin and Fire Chief Kooyenga regarding false alarm calls to residential and business locations. The two departments have identified several residential and business locations that generate false alarm calls on a regular basis due to improperly working alarm systems, intentional activation, or failure to enforce codes in multi-unit buildings. It is the feeling of both the Fire Department and Police Department that an increase in fees for false alarms may help lower the number of calls. The Village does not currently asses a fine for the first and second false alarms per address, and there is a fine of \$50 for the third through fifth, \$100 for the sixth through tenth and \$250 for all false alarms after ten. The new proposed rate would be no fine for the first and second and then a \$200 fine for each false alarm after two. To date, the Police department has been on over 900 false alarm

calls this year. These calls divert Village resources from legitimate calls that may be in progress. Approval of the new fee proposal will be on the next meeting agenda.

BUILDING & PUBLIC WORKS

A. Vehicle Acquisition

Public Works Director Gary Richardson explained that his department has budgeted for 2 new snow fighting vehicles, which will be purchased from Currie Ford. Both vehicles will be ready for the 2019-2020 snow season and will be used for access to smaller streets, parking lots and cul-de-sacs that are difficult to plow with our larger vehicles. Currie Ford has maintained their 2018 pricing of the vehicles, saving the Village approximately \$33,000. Approval for the purchase of these vehicles will be on the next meeting agenda.

B. Lansing Levee Feasibility Study Cost-Sharing Agreement with Army Corp of Engineers

Administrator Podgorski explained that this cost-sharing agreement with the Army Corp of Engineers and Calumet City is to conduct a levee feasibility study of structural or non-structural measure for flood risk management at the Lansing and Calumet City levee systems. It is important that the Village maintain the integrity of our levee system in order to protect residents in the flood plain. Village Engineer Jeff Pintar further explained that this is a long-term project that will be completed in 2025. There was discussion regarding the flood map, cost of homeowners flood insurance and the Village's CRS rating. Approval of the agreement will be on the next meeting agenda.

IT, LNN & ADA

No Report

YOUTH CENTER & INSURANCE

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Payne commented that he was amused by the coincidence that the board was very lighthearted this evening and the owner of One Trick Pony brewery was present in the audience.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Grady-Perovich asked for an update on the progress of the statues at History Plaza.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Zeldenrust gave an update on the *Love for Lansing* group. They have most recently been working on a home at the corner of Henry & Madison. The home has been painted and the porch and roof repaired. Trustee Zeldenrust thanked everyone that helped on the project, including friends from Bethel Church, First Church and the Youth Group from Oak Glen Church. He also thanked Keith Grill, owner of Ace Hardware for donating paint and supplies, as well as Trustee Brian Hardy and Chicago's Finest Iron Works for their donation of a new railing. Trustee Grady-Perovich commented that she has had folks tell her how impressed they

were with the kids that helped with this project. Trustee Hardy commented about how beautiful the house turned out, and he thanked Trustee Zeldenrust for heading up the project.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Trustee Fish made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hardy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustee

Meeting Adjourned

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Payne
Lansing Village Clerk
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