

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Abbott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call. Roll call revealed the following trustees present: Eidam, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis.

MINUTES

Mayor Abbott asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the February 26, 2016, Committee of the Whole meeting. There were none. Mayor Abbott accepted the minutes as presented.

DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. CDBG Road Project: Jeff Pintar

Village Engineer, Jeff Pintar, distributed a map to the trustees and shared the lengthy process of the village's CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Road Project. The map indicated the approved streets and alleys being scheduled for resurfacing using CDBG funds. Mr. Pintar continued explaining that a limited amount of funds have been awarded (\$200,000.00) and depending on final costs, it is possible that not all of the indicated streets will be resurfaced. He also shared that the village is being awarded considerably less grant money than in previous years. Mr. Pintar reiterated that CDBG funds awarded are required by the program to be used only for specific roads and areas within the Village of Lansing.

The process of the CDBG program is a year-long process beginning with submission of an application and then waiting for a written *Notice to Proceed* and final

notification of the grant amount awarded to the village. Lansing recently received the *Notice to Proceed* for the 2015 grant. The project will be going out to bid the end of next week, with a bid opening date to be scheduled for the end of March. The time schedule will allow for presentation to the Board at the April 5th Board Meeting and, upon Board approval, the project will commence.

B. Amendment to Zoning Ordinance in Reference to Tattoo Parlors: Travis Bandstra

Director of Economic Development, Travis Bandstra, presented the proposed amendment to the current Zoning Ordinance, explaining that currently tattoo parlors are not identified as their own use category and are conglomerated with other uses under the categories of Personal Services Establishments. That category permits tattoo parlors to operate in Lansing's B2-Community Retail, B3-General Business and B4-CBD zoning categories. He further reminded the audience that tattooing is protected by the First Amendment of the US Constitution, and tattoo parlors cannot be banned from operating in municipalities. However, they can be regulated with restrictions, such as zoning regulations.

Director Bandstra continued explaining the various zoning categories of the CBD downtown district, B2, B3 and M1 and the nuances of each of the categories, revealing the need for creation of an appropriate category to accommodate tattoo parlors/body piercing.

Director Bandstra concluded his discussion explaining that staff recommends the creation of a new Special Use Category; *Tattoo Parlor & Body Piercing Establishment*. It was also recommended to the Village Board that the establishments be allowed only in the M1 zoning district.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Hersom, 3137 178th Street, Lansing, IL requested clarification of the zoning designation M1. Mr. Hersom continued with questions about recycled asphalt and offered his recommendation of a recycled asphalt supplier.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:51 p.m., Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Trustee Stole so moved.

Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas – 6- Trustees: Stole, Kapteyn, Eidam, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis

Nays - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Lansing Village Clerk
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