

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Abbott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRAYER

Mayor Abbott introduced Pastor Holyer from Trinity Lutheran Church who led the audience in prayer.

Mayor Abbott thanked Pastor Holyer and announced the closing of Trinity Lutheran School. He spoke of the school's longevity and shared its contribution to the community and many families in Lansing.

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 May 17, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting. There were none. Mayor Abbott accepted the minutes as presented.

DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Refuse Rate Increase:

Trustee Manno presented the background of the Village's 6-1/2 year contract with Homewood Disposal that includes an annual rate increase that became effective June 1, 2015. Last year the village was able to absorb the increased amount and did not pass that amount on to the residents. This year will be the first year the rate is unable to be absorbed by the village and the resident's rates will be increased approximately \$.98 per month. This is the first increase in refuse fees since November 2013. Trustee Manno recommended to the Board that the garbage rate

be increased 4% to cover the June 1, 2016 rate increase, in accordance with the Homewood Disposal contract.

B. Request for Class 8 Tax Incentive – 17525 Torrence Avenue

Travis Bandstra, Director of Economic Development, presented Lansing Holdings LLC's request for a Resolution supporting and consenting to a Class 8 Incentive on the property located at 17425 Torrence Avenue. The applicant plans to purchase and remodel the property in order to lease 18,000 square feet of the property to its related entity, a franchisee of Planet Fitness, for use as a workout facility. The applicant also plans for the remaining space (approximately 7,000 square feet) to be leased as one or two retail units.

Mr. Bandstra fielded trustee questions and asked the board to review the provided materials and place the applicant on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.

C. New Public Works Building & Salt Dome:

Mr. T.J. Grossi, Building Commissioner, updated the Board regarding the status of the new Public Works Facility, explaining that he and Mayor Abbott met with each of the Public Works Department Heads and the office staff in regards to the design of the new facility. After multiple staff meetings, Mr. Grossi shared that the approved design met all three of the main concerns: necessity, longevity and feasibility. He continued explaining the preliminary site plan (included in the trustee packet) indicated the desired location of the new salt dome. The building will contain the supervisor offices, conference room and break area, vehicle maintenance shop, sign shop, electric services area, crew break room (that will also be used for onsite training) and locker rooms.

D. Amendment to Rental Property Ordinance:

Mr. T.J. Grossi introduced the suggestion to amend the village's Rental Property ordinance to include a section regarding a property owner's responsibility to notify the village when a licensed rental property is no longer being rented.

He further explained instances when property owners have been billed for a rental license renewal (and possible late fees), yet their property was no longer being used as a rental property. The amendment to the ordinance would require the property

owner the responsibility of notifying the village when the property is no longer being used as a rental. Mr. Grossi indicated a memo will be sent to inform the owners of rental property.

Board members agreed that an amendment to the rental property ordinance should be prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Michael Hersom, 3137 178th Street, Lansing, IL asked for clarification and an explanation regarding the refuse rate increase, weekly recycling, rental housing collection process and the Planet Fitness Class 8.

Mary Beth Palka, 2030 Hearth Circle, Lansing, IL shared positive comments about the recent businesses interested in locating in Lansing.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:41 p.m., Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Trustee Manno so moved.

Trustee DeLaurentis seconded.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

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

Nays – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Lansing Village Clerk
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