

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
Mayor Abbott April 21, 2015

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CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

WELCOME - Mayor Abbott offered a heartfelt welcome and special recognition to Boy Scout Troop #271 whose attendance at this evening's Village Board Meeting will fulfill a requirement in order to complete their citizenship badge.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/OPENING PRAYER – Mayor Abbott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Abbott introduced Pastor Paul Nolden of First United Methodist Church who offered an opening prayer.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – Mayor Abbott presented the following discussion items:

A. Paramedic Fee Schedule:

Treasurer, Arlette Frye proposed an increase of Lansing's current ambulance fees. She further explained and provided statistics supporting the fact that our current rates for services are lower than neighboring communities and in addition, the current rates are not capturing 100% Medicare or third party rates. The proposed fee schedule includes a two tier system. Due to the fact that resident's support the project with their property taxes, Ms. Frye proposed a preferential rate for resident's services and a higher rate for non-resident's services. Assistant Fire Chief Verkaik concurs with the proposed increase in rates. It was agreed by the Trustees to include the Ordinance 15-016 on the agenda for the next board meeting.

B. Resolution 922:

Treasurer Frye announced the Village of Lansing has been requested by Cook County to adopt a resolution that allows for the dissolution of the special service areas as listed in the proposed Resolution 922. It was agreed to include Resolution 922 on the agenda for the next board meeting.

C. Resolution 923 – Section 125 Plan (Flexible Spending Account):

Treasurer Frye presented and requested board approval for Resolution 923 that allows for the offering of a flexible spending plan for village employees. Such a plan would allow employees to defer up to \$2,500 of out-of-pocket medical expenses and dependent care expenses. In addition, Ms. Frye explained the tax benefits of the program. Ms. Frye addressed Trustee questions and comments regarding the Section 125 Plan. It was agreed that no action would be taken at this time.

D. Resolution 921 – Fund Transfer Resolution:

Treasurer Frye requested the Board’s approval for a transfer of \$1,000,000 from the West Lansing TIF Capital Projects Fund to the South Torrence Corridor TIF Projects Fund. State Statute provides for the transfer of resources between contiguous TIF districts. She continued explaining the West Lansing TIF fund is sufficiently funded in order to allow the transfer for redevelopment costs required by the South Torrence Corridor TIF Projects.

E. Airport Fuel System Update:

Airport Manager, John DeLaurentiis updated the Board regarding progress of airport development, more specifically the airport fuel system update. He announced the projected target date of mid to late June to be officially back in the fuel business at the airport. He expressed the goal of providing a constant revenue stream through the sale of self-serve *and* full serve fuel service. He commented on the bond issue at the airport and explained that by securing the fuel concession business, it will contribute to a higher bond rating for the village. Mr. DeLaurentiis mentioned that private negotiations are ongoing with the current fix-based operators.

F. Intergovernmental Agreement – Stoney Island & Thornton Lansing Road Intersection Improvements:

Village Engineer, Jeff Pintar presented the IDOT project of improving the intersection of Thornton-Lansing Road and Stony Island Avenue/Volbrecht Road. The project involves approximately 1,930 lineal feet of Thornton Lansing Road at Stony Island. Mr. Pintar, Chief Murrin and Assistant Fire Chief Verkaik commented on the value of the “Emergency Vehicle Pre-Exemption System” to Lansing. Mr. Pintar directed the Trustees to the State of Illinois Agreement for the explanation of funding, obligation

and responsibility. The project is scheduled to begin Spring 2016. Mayor Abbott and the Board agreed to include this Agreement on the agenda for the next board meeting.

G. Discussions on Resolutions 906, 912 and 913:

Trustee DeLaurentis requested clarification and correction regarding the owner of the large retention lake mentioned in Resolution 906. Trustee DeLaurentis commented that Resolution 906 had not been corrected regarding ownership of the retention lake. He cited two incorrect statements on the first page of Resolution 906 that indicated the retention lake is owned by the Metropolitan Water & Reclamation District (MWRD). Additionally, Trustee DeLaurentis inquired about the removal and relocation of Mr. Polmen's septic tank located in the area of the new sewer system. Mr. Pintar indicated that the septic tank would not be relocated and only a few of the septic lines would be re-routed.

Attorney Lapp explained that Resolution 906 is just a wrap-around resolution and that the actual agreement does not state that the retention pond is owned by MWRD.

Trustee DeLaurentis commented on Resolution 913, Article 4, Property Interests and continued to inquire about whether Mr. Polmen had been provided Notice as set forth in the Resolution 913 as stated on Page 12, Article 26. Notices.

Trustee Stole asked if any legal action had been threatened and was informed by Attorney Lapp that no legal action had been taken. The suggestion was made that this matter might be discussed in an Executive Session, but Attorney Lapp explained that it was not necessary at this time.

Village Engineer, Jeff Pintar, provided photos from the flooding in 2012 and shared the sequence of events that began due to extensive flooding in the area. The process that included flood mitigation studies and initiatives resulted in a 1.2 million dollar grant from MWRD to alleviate the flooding problem in that specific area. He cited numerous flood related issues needing to be addressed to alleviate the flooding. Mr. Pintar explained the project cannot move forward until the board reviews and determines which alternative options they plan to choose. Mr. Pintar encouraged the board to move forward in some manner.

Trustee DeLaurentis commented that he was in favor of looking at alternative solutions to the flooding issues. Trustee DeLaurentis asked that alternative solutions to the flooding issues be discussed at another Committee of the Whole meeting.

Trustee Stole requested an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation regarding the Stoney Island Flood Mitigation project. Mayor Abbott agreed to comply.

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:31 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, Butler, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis
Nays - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Lansing Village Clerk

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