



Office of the Mayor

Summary of Board & Commissions in the Village of Lansing

Planning & Zoning

The Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals consists of nine members who shall reside in the Village of Lansing. Meetings are open to the public and are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Municipal Court Complex located at 2710 170th St.

The Planning and Zoning Board hears and makes recommendations to the Village Board of Trustees on applications for variances, changes in zoning, planned unit developments, special uses and ordinance text and map amendments.

Enhanced 911 Commission

The Lansing Emergency Telephone Safety Board (ETSB) was created by the Emergency Telephone System Act to administer the operation of the Lansing 911 system. The Emergency Telephone System Board consists of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Village Treasurer, the Supervisor of Communications and a mayoral appointment. The ETSB meetings are held on an as needed basis, with most meetings occurring quarterly in the months of January, April, July and October. The Board is responsible for oversight of purchasing and maintenance of the 911 system and related equipment for the Village of Lansing.

Human Relations Commission

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) shall consist of nine members who shall reside in the village and who shall be appointed by the village president with the advice and consent of the village board of trustees and shall serve without compensation.

The mission of the Lansing Human Relations Commission is to promote inclusion to the village administration on community-related issues. The commission is responsible for designing and recommending innovative programs that enhance community involvement among all Lansing entities in order to increase cultural competency and improve inter-group relations.

Goals of the Lansing Human Relations Commission are:

- The commission shall strive to unite all community entities to build a mutual understanding and respect for diverse cultures.

- The commission shall strive to be a catalyst in developing civic pride among all Lansing residents to foster personal equity.
- The commission shall strive to communicate via channels and methods that enhance accessibility to and solicit involvement from all Lansing entities.

Police Pension Board

The Lansing Police Pension Fund was established in June of 1949. The Pension Fund is comprised of five trustees, two active officers, one retired officer and two mayoral appointments. The Pension Board meetings are held quarterly in January, April, July and October.

The Lansing Police Pension Board is responsible for oversight of the system's administration, including ensuring compliance with:

- State laws
- Applicable federal requirements such as those on tax qualification of the trust and investment of assets
- Industry standards such as those set forth for accounting, financial reporting and actuarial Valuations
- The system's policies, procedures and strategic plan

Fire Pension Board

The Firefighters' Pension Fund provides retirement benefits to firefighters subject to the Municipal Code. The five-member Board of Trustees includes two members appointed by the Village to three-year terms, as well as two active fire department members and one current beneficiary of the Firefighters' Pension Fund who are elected by their peers to serve three-year terms. The Board meets quarterly to manage the assets of the fund, accept members into the fund, and to approve regular and disability pensions.

Fire and Police Commission

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners is responsible for:

- The testing and screening of new applicants for original appointment to the positions of full-time police officer or firefighter within the Police and Fire Departments
- Testing candidates for promotion within the Police and Fire Departments
- Conducting evidentiary/disciplinary hearings in accordance with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Act (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1) and/or current collective bargaining agreement(s)

In accordance with state statute, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners has no authority over the day to day operations of the Police and Fire Departments.