

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidam called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE

Mayor Eidam introduced Cub Scout Pack 526 along with the Leader Paul Kolarczyk and Committee Chair Maria Cabrera. The Scouts led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and were given the opportunity to ask board members questions.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following Trustees present:
Zeldenrust, Grady-Perovich, Hardy, Abbasy, Valencia, Fish

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Eidam asked if there were any questions or discussion on the minutes of the regular board meeting held March 2, 2021. No questions or discussion.

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
Trustee Grady-Perovich made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on March 2, 2021.
Trustee Hardy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustees

Board Meeting Minutes Approved

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle – Remarks

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle joined the meeting via telephone, and offered remarks regarding the county's budget, the fight against Coronavirus, criminal justice reform and vaccination efforts.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Resolution #1216 – A Joint Resolution Demanding Fairness & Equity in Determining the Assessed Value of Commercial & Industrial Properties for the Calculation of Real Property Taxes

Administrator Podgorski explained that discussion regarding high property tax assessments began late last year when commercial and industrial property owners in Lansing began receiving exorbitant re-assessments. The Village began working with other taxing bodies to approve a joint resolution that demanded fairness & equity from the Cook County Assessor's Office. Podgorski is hopeful that this resolution will make its way to the South Suburban Mayor's and Manager's Association and will eventually be approved by other south suburban communities. The goal is to garner attention from the assessor's office and put pressure on them to take action on lowering the high assessments. Administrator Podgorski read portions of the resolution.

Trustee Zeldenrust made a motion to approve Resolution #1216, a joint resolution demanding fairness & equity in determining the assessed value

of commercial & industrial properties for the calculation of real property taxes.

Trustee Hardy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

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

Nays – 0 Trustees

Resolution #1216 Approved

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

No Report

FINANCE & HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

A. Approval of Bills & Payroll

Trustee Abbasy made a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for period ending March 6, 2021 in the amount of \$591,694.01.

Total accounts payable for the period February 26, March 1, 8 & 16, 2021 in the amount of \$973,598.43.

Reclassification for March 2, 2021 in the amount of \$0.00

Trustee Zeldenrust seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

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

Nays – 0 Trustees

Bills & Payroll Approved

B. Resolution #1217 – Appointing Brian Hanigan as the Village of Lansing Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Authorized Agent

Trustee Abbasy made a motion to approve Resolution #1217, appointing Brian Hanigan as the Village of Lansing Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Authorized Agent.

Trustee Zeldenrust seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

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

Nays – 0 Trustees

Resolution #1217 Approved

C. Resolution #1218 – Appointing Brian Hanigan as the Village of Lansing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Administrator

Trustee Abbasy made a motion to approve Resolution #1218, appointing Brian Hanigan as the Village of Lansing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Administrator.

Trustee Zeldenrust seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

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

Nays – 0 Trustees

Resolution #1218 Approved

Trustee Abbasy highlighted several items from the Finance Department February monthly report.

AIRPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. Resolution #1219 – Approving & Authorizing the Execution of the Bid Proposal Between the Village and Trimark Marlinn LLC, for Kitchen Exhaust Hoods at Fox Pointe

Trustee Fish made a motion to approve Resolution #1219, approving & authorizing the execution of the bid proposal between the Village and Trimark Marlinn, LLC for the kitchen exhaust hoods at Fox Pointe.

Trustee Hardy seconded the motion.

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

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustees

Resolution #1219 Approved

Trustee Fish highlighted items from the February monthly reports for Economic Development and the Airport.

POLICE & FIRE DEPTS

A. Resolution #1220 – Approving & Authorizing the Agreements Related to the Purchase and Installation of a New Generator at the Lansing Police Station

Trustee Zeldenrust made a motion to approve Resolution #1220, approving & authorizing the agreements related to the purchase and installation of a new generator at the Lansing Police Station.

Trustee Abbasy seconded the motion.

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

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustees

Resolution #1220 Approved

Trustee Zeldenrust highlighted several items from the February monthly report for the Police & Fire Departments.

BLDG. & PUBLIC WORKS

A. Ordinance #21-013 – Granting a Special Use Permitting Freedom Church Ministries, Inc., to Operate Within the R-2 Single Family Residential District, 2261 Indiana Avenue

Trustee Hardy made a motion to adopt Ordinance #21-013, granting a Special Use permitting Freedom Church Ministries, Inc., to operate within the R-2 single family residential district, 2261 Indiana Avenue.

Trustee Fish seconded the motion.

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

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustees

Ordinance #21-013 Adopted

B. Ordinance #21-014 – Granting a Variance to Allow a Place of Worship to Operate Within 750 Feet of Another Place of Worship, to Freedom Church Ministries, Inc., 2261 Indiana Avenue

Trustee Hardy made a motion to adopt Ordinance #21-014, granting a Variance to allow a place of worship to operate within 750 feet of another place of worship, to Freedom Church Ministries, Inc., 2261 Indiana Avenue.

Trustee Fish seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustees

Ordinance #21-014 Adopted

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

C. Resolution #1221 – Authorizing the Acceptance of a Quit Claim Deed from the South Suburban Land Bank & Development Authority for the Property Located at 19042 Wentworth Avenue

Trustee Hardy made a motion to approve Resolution #1221, authorizing the acceptance of a quit claim deed from the South Suburban Land Bank & Development Authority for the property located at 19042 Wentworth Avenue.

Trustee Fish seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustees

Resolution #1221 Approved

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

Trustee Hardy highlighted items from the February monthly report for the Building and Public Works Departments.

IT, LNN & ADA

Trustee Valencia highlighted items from the February monthly report for I.T. and LNN.

YOUTH CENTER & INSURANCE

A. Authorize Annual Health Insurance Renewal, Including Performance Select Managed Prescription Drug List for the Plan Year 5/1/2021 – 4/30/2022

Trustee Grady-Perovich made a motion to authorize the annual health insurance renewal, including performance select managed prescription drug list for the plan year 5/1/2021 – 4/30/2022.

Trustee Abbasy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0 Trustees

Motion Approved

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

Trustee Grady-Perovich read the February monthly report for the Youth Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pastor Searcy from Freedom Church Ministries thanked the board and administration for all of the help in allowing his church to operate in the Village of Lansing.

Via email; Scott Smith, Chief Communications Officer for the Cook County Assessor commented that only hours ago was he was made aware of the resolution passed this evening regarding property tax assessments. The Assessor's office has been working with the Chamber of Commerce and local property owners to correct errors made in the re-assessments.

Via email; Elvis Slaughter, President of the Lansing Community Coalition had several comments regarding the racial and ethnic makeup of the community and how it compares to the leadership in the Village and within the Police Department. He also made comments regarding the hiring procedure for the Police Department, the lack of African-American representation in Village

government and on boards & commissions, and offered suggestions for reforming the oral interview process of the Police & Fire Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Eidam announced that Mr. John Witvoet retired from the position of Animal Control Officer effective March 12, 2021. The Mayor thanked John for his many years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

Trustee Zeldenrust congratulated Mr. Witvoet on his retirement and welcomed Pastor Searcy to the Village of Lansing.

Trustee Hardy also welcomed Pastor Searcy and Freedom Church Ministries to the Village.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Trustee Grady-Perovich so moved. Trustee Hardy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 6 - Trustees

Nays - 0 - Trustees

Meeting Adjourned

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Payne
Lansing Village Clerk
/vp