

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidam called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

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 March 2, 2021, Committee of the Whole meeting. There were none.

Trustee Grady-Perovich made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2021, Committee of the Whole meeting.
Trustee Hardy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas –6 Trustees

Nays – 0

Minutes Approved

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

**A. Fire & Police Commission
i. Gabe Barajas - Appointment**

Mayor Eidam announced that it is her intention to appoint Mr. Gabe Barajas as a member of the Fire & Police Commission. The Mayor introduced Mr. Barajas and highlighted his resume. Gabe retired from the Lansing Police Department in 2020 after 30 years of service. Trustee Zeldenrust offered words of encouragement on the appointment and Mayor Eidam stated that this will be on the next board meeting agenda for approval.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Recognize Mayor Eidam for Selection to 2021 Top 20 Global Women of Excellence

Administrator Podgorski announced that Mayor Eidam was recently recognized as one of 2021's Top 20 Global Women of Excellence. The Mayor was nominated for her work as an advocate for women's rights, gender parity, and women's equality. The award presentation was held on Sunday, March 7th in Naperville. Other notable recipients of this award included Vice President Kamala Harris, Prime Minister Sanna Mirella Marin of Finland and Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough. A short video was presented from the event.

B. Coronavirus Update

Administrator Podgorski stated that as of last week, the State of Illinois has administered over 3.6 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccination. There are about 12.6 million residents in the state, so we are about a fourth of the way through vaccinations. The Village was notified today of a new hotline number that may help residents with scheduling an appointment for the vaccine. Residents can dial 833-621-1284 and must have an email address to get an appointment.

Podgorski also announced that the CDC has issued some guidelines for people that have been fully vaccinated. Someone is considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after receiving the 2nd dose of a 2-dose vaccine and 2 weeks after receiving the single dose vaccine. Mr. Podgorski reviewed the new guidelines and encouraged anyone seeking more information to visit the CDC website.

Finance Director Hanigan reported that the Village has expended approximately \$44,000 in Coronavirus expenses and will be receiving reimbursement from FEMA for about 75% of these expenses.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

No Report

FINANCE & HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

No Report

AIRPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. Ford Hangar Stabilization Scope & Grant

Administrator Podgorski explained that the Village received a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant back in 2014 that was actually suspended by the state due to the lack of appropriation by the General Assembly. The suspension has now been lifted and spending can be resumed. This was a \$75,000 grant for the rehabilitation/stabilization of the Ford Hangar at the municipal airport. To date, the Village has received \$23,250.00, with a remaining balance of \$51,750.00.

Mr. Jim Maciejewski of JMA Architects gave a detailed Power Point presentation on the project. The scope of the project includes masonry restoration & repair of wall areas and roofing work, with a projected completion date of January 2022. JMA Architects is requesting authorization to go out to bid for the project, which will be on the next regular meeting agenda.

POLICE & FIRE

A. Police & Fire Microwave Radio System Replacement

B. Police & Fire Portable Radio Replacement

Brian Weis, Supervisor of Communications & Records at the Lansing Police Department gave a presentation on the police and fire radio system upgrade and portable radio replacement project. The system currently has 6 repeater sites throughout the Village. The sites use microwave radios to transmit radio signals from their respective sites back to the main transmitter at our police department. The equipment we currently have is not public safety grade and several sites are failing, therefore the system needs to be replaced. A representative from Miner Electronics was also present to give details of the upgraded system. The upfront cost of the new system is \$73,449 and the monthly maintenance over a 5 year period is \$2,335.64. After 5 years, the village can either purchase the entire system for 10% of the original price or continue the maintenance contract at a 40% reduction. Funding would come from various sources including the 911 fund and TIF funds. As part of the upgrade, the police and fire radios would also be replaced. The current radios are 20 years old and outdated. The radio upgrade was budgeted for out of the 911 fund and a grant in the amount of \$90,000 will also be applied to the total cost of over \$436,000.

BUILDING & PUBLIC WORKS

A. Plat of Dedication for Fire Station Property

Village Engineer Jeff Pintar gave a presentation on the ingress/egress of Heritage Middle School and Fire Station 29 at 19300 Burnham Avenue. Access to both the school and fire station is village owned property that should be made village right-of-way. There is also an easement that was granted to Verizon by the school district, even though the property did not belong to the school. Trustee Hardy asked that approval of this change be on the next regular meeting agenda.

IT, LNN & ADA

No Report

YOUTH CENTER & INSURANCE

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Eidam asked for a motion at 9:15 pm to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and potential litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1). Trustee Grady-Perovich made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Hardy seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees
Nays – 0

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

***Meeting Adjourned to
Executive Session***

RE-CONVENE FOLLOWING EXEC. SESSION

At 9:44 p.m., Mayor Eidam reconvened the Committee of the Whole meeting following Executive Session.

ROLL CALL

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:44 p.m. Trustee Grady-Perovich so moved and Trustee Hardy seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees
Nays – 0

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

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Payne
Lansing Village Clerk
/vp