

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidam called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following Trustees present:
Zeldenrust, Smith, Hardy, Abbasy, Valencia, Fish

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Eidam asked if there were any questions or discussion on the minutes of the November 2, 2021, Committee of the Whole meeting. There were none.

Trustee Hardy made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2021, Committee of the Whole meeting.
Trustee Abbasy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0

Minutes Approved

Hardy, Abbasy, Valencia, Zeldenrust, Smith, Fish

MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Appointment of Betty Burley to Human Relations Committee

Mayor Eidam announced that she would like to appoint Ms. Betty Burley to the Human Relations Commission. Board members received a copy of Betty's application and resume in their board packets. Ms. Burley has lived in Lansing since 2018 and is the secretary for Mt. Zion Church here in Lansing. Mayor Eidam introduced Ms. Burley, who thanked the board & Mayor for the opportunity to serve the Commission. The appointment will be on the agenda for approval at the December 7, 2021 meeting.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Chicago Avenue TIF District – Report & Findings of Joint Review Board Meeting on November 9, 2021

Administrator Podgorski explained that the Joint Review Board (JRB) met on November 9th to review the plan and eligibility criteria for the new TIF District. Members of each taxing body within the proposed district were invited to attend the meeting. During the meeting, the JRB made a non-binding recommendation to the Mayor and Board of Trustees to approve the new TIF District. There will be a public hearing January 5, 2022 at 10:00 am, and 14 days after the public hearing the ordinances may be adopted to create the TIF District. There is no action to be taken this evening.

B. Proposed Redevelopment & Letter of Intent for 3307 Ridge Road – Krystal Goins

Administrator Podgorski explained that Krystal Goins began discussions with the Village over 3 years ago to open a restaurant at the former Golden Palace property. Ms. Goins subsequently met Economic Development Consultant Jack Hynes, and has been working with him over the course of several years. Krystal graduated from a Le Cordon Bleu school and is interested in opening a Japanese style Ramen restaurant at 3307 Ridge Road. Administrator Podgorski introduced Ms. Goins, who explained her plan for the property. She presented the board

with rehab cost estimates, and would like to purchase the property from the Village for \$1,000.00. Podgorski stated that Ms. Goins is seeking a 90-day option agreement from the Village in order for her to secure financing for the project. During that time, the Village will work on putting together a redevelopment agreement for Ms. Goins.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

A. Liquor License Numbering

Attorney Welch explained that this is simply a clean-up issue for the numbering of liquor license classifications. There was an ordinance adopted back in 2019 related to the issuance of a license for Troost Coffee Shop, and the incorrect numbering was sent to Municode for codification. Attorney Welch is requesting to re-organize the numbers. No new licenses are being created or issued.

FINANCE & INSURANCE

A. Second Quarter Financial Review

Finance Director Hanigan gave a detailed Power Point presentation that reviewed the second quarter financials for the Village. The revenues collected for the first half of the current fiscal year were \$17.2 million, which represents 54.3% of the budgeted revenues. This is compared to \$14.2 million that was collected during the same time period last fiscal year. The expenditures are at 42.7% of the budgeted amount for the FY. Director Hanigan is concerned about the growing debt owed to the Village for unpaid water bills, and would like to begin reinstating late penalties. The Village has not implemented water shut-offs for unpaid bills since the pandemic, but Hanigan feels that by March or April of 2022, water shut-offs should resume again.

AIRPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No Report

POLICE & FIRE

A. Memorandum of Understanding with F.O.P. Regarding Compensation for Police Lateral Transfers

Police Chief Phillips explained that the MOU provides a salary schedule for the hiring of police lateral transfers. The Lansing Police Department recruitment of laterals has been very successful, as they have already received 22 applications. Approval of the MOU would add this to the current labor agreement with the FOP.

Chief Phillips also announced that there is an open house tomorrow night for Cadets that are 15-18 years old at 6 pm. The event will be in the atrium at the Police Department.

BUILDING & PUBLIC WORKS

A. Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program 2021 Subrecipient Agreement Resolution

Village Engineer Steven Kaminski explained that back in March a grant application was submitted to Cook County on behalf of the Village for the CDBG Grant. The Village was once again successful in obtaining this grant, and Cook County requires board approval of a resolution for

acceptance of the grant funds. This resolution will be on the next regular meeting agenda for approval.

B. Bullet-Resistant Security System Proposal for LMC Front Counter/Lobby

Finance Director Hanigan stated that for several years, the Village has been exploring the idea of adding a bullet resistant barrier at the front counter of the Municipal Center. This is a specialized product, similar to what a bank would use, and it was difficult finding a vendor that would quote on this project, therefore Hanigan is requesting a waiver of bids. The cost is approximately \$90,000 to be paid from the Ridge Road TIF. Director Hanigan was able to get a proposal from Convergint, the same company that provides Wintrust Bank with all of their bullet resistant barriers. Mike Silva from Convergint gave a Power Point presentation that included photos of what the barrier will look like. The proposed barrier will have a baffle style voice transmission system, along with 6 transaction trays. They are also proposing the installation of bullet resistant fiberglass under the counters and bullet resistant doors/sidelights for the office access doors. Director Hanigan asked that approval of the system be on the next regular meeting agenda.

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No Report

YOUTH CENTER & HUMAN RELATION COMMISSION

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Hardy wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Trustee Zeldenrust announced that he recently saw a TV commercial for Smithe Furniture that included a clip of Mayor Eidam from her recent Honor Flight trip.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Eidam asked for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:38 p.m. Trustee Hardy so moved and Trustee Abbasy seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6 Trustees

Nays – 0

Meeting Adjourned

Hardy, Abbasy, Smith, Zeldenrust, Valencia, Fish

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Payne
Lansing Village Clerk
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