

**JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON DECEMBER 21, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the regular board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance the roll call revealed the following Trustees present:

Trustees Myers, Stole, Kapteyn, Butler and Lyzenga

Trustee Lucas was absent

PRESENTATION OF  
MINUTES

Mayor Abbott asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 7, 2010 Village Board Meeting. There were none.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Myers so moved.

Trustee Stole seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 5 -Trustees:

Nays - 0

Minutes accepted

Myers, Stole, Lyzenga, Butler and Kapteyn

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Abbott gave a brief explanation on the IMRF Early Retirement Incentive which will be voted on later in the meeting tonight.

Mayor Abbott stated that over the last few months we have been trying to find ways to save money keep the village running and keep everyone employed. Like many other villages we are strapped for money. We have talked about furlough days, layoffs and other ways to save money.

Mayor Abbott went on to say that one of the things talked about in Executive Session was to offer an Early Retirement Incentive for 23 employees in lieu of layoffs.

South Holland has offered early retirement twice and it worked out for them. Mayor Abbott said that it has been decided that the IMRF Early Retirement Incentive will be voted on later tonight, hopefully for approval, and he hopes all 23 employees eligible will take a good look at it.

Mayor Abbott said that there has been some discussion recently, certainly in the newspaper, about how the Village runs the Village and every time they turn around the taxpayers are paying more taxes. Tonight we will file for our Tax Levy as we do every year and most of the Tax Levy this year will be for the pension programs for police and fire departments and police and fire department salaries and IMRF pensions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Trustee Butler made a motion to approve the following:

Payroll for pay period ending 12/11/10 in the amount of \$497,263.42

Corporate and Prepaid Bills for 12/21/10 in the amount of \$1,097,242.14.

Trustee Myers seconded.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas- 5 -Trustees: Myers, Lyzenga, Kapteyn, Butler and Stole  
Nays- 0

Trustee Butler made a motion to adopt Ordinance **10-028**, the 2010 Tax Levy Ordinance.

Trustee Lyzenga made a statement that we are looking for an increase in tax, however, there is not much money for anything right now. Basically it is all going for salaries and pensions.

Nancy Noworyta, Village Treasurer, stated that the Pension Funds Department of Insurance supplies us with the dollar amount as to what the levy should be according to statutes and pension codes. Depending on what their recommendations are, we follow that. Besides the IMRF we also have bond and interest payments on there. We are also abating \$627,000 of that because the money has been set aside for fire and police protection.

Trustee Myers seconded.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas- 5-Trustees: Myers, Lyzenga, Kapteyn, Butler and Stole  
Nays- 0  
**Ord. 10-028 passed**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Butler – No report.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Kapteyn had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Myer had no report.

ORDINANCE

Trustee Kapteyn made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number **10-029**, an Ordinance Amending Village Vehicle License Fees.

Trustee Myers seconded.

Mayor Abbott stated that we are only providing a change in ordinance for the fee from \$2.00 to \$20.00 (for a lost vehicle sticker). The fee will stay at \$2.00 for people that can show that they have a broken glass (windshield).

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas- 5 -Trustees: Myers, Lyzenga, Kapteyn, Butler, and Stole  
Nays- 0  
**Ord. 10-029 passed**

Trustee Kapteyn made a motion to adopt Resolution **819**, a Resolution to Adopt IMRF Early Retirement Incentive.

Trustee Myers seconded.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas- 5 -Trustees: Myers, Lyzenga, Kapteyn, Butler, and Stole  
Nays- 0  
**Resolution 819 passed**

Trustee Kapteyn made a motion to adopt Resolution **820**, a Resolution to Adopt Amortization Period for IMRF Early Retirement Incentive. (No longer than 10 years.)

Trustee Myers seconded.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas- 5 -Trustees: Myers, Lyzenga, Kapteyn, Butler, and Stole  
Nays- 0  
**Resolution 820 passed**

Trustee Kapteyn made a motion to adopt Resolution **821**, a Resolution Amending Resolution **797**. This resolution involves a name change in the original resolution.

Trustee Myers seconded.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas- 5 -Trustees: Myers, Lyzenga, Kapteyn, Butler, and Stole  
Nays- 0  
**Resolution 821 passed**

Trustee Kapteyn made a motion to adopt Resolution **822**, a Resolution Contracting Vintage Tech for Electronic Recycling.

Trustee Myers seconded.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas- 5 -Trustees: Myers, Lyzenga, Kapteyn, Butler, and Stole  
Nays- 0  
**Resolution 822 passed**

YOUTH CENTER  
& LNN

No report.

AVIATION

Trustee Stole had no report.

INSURANCE

Trustee Stole – No report.

BUILDINGS & ADA

Mayor Abbott announced that we will be asking the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance for changing the Code of Ordinance for Electronic Billboards. We will not be approving an ordinance tonight.

Trustee Myers seconded.

Yeas- 5 -Trustees:  
Nays- 0

Myers, Lyzenga, Kapteyn, Butler, and Stole

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Schrum, Commander of the Lansing VFW, stated that the Mayor and Board of Trustees is causing the VFW a whole lot of grief. He asked how many vacant buildings the Village Board wants in Lansing? He said that the VFW wants to sell their building and although he has had meetings with the Mayor, he would like to know who they want them to sell the building to.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Lyzenga stated: We are heading into new election, a week before Christmas, and we already have negative stuff going out on both sides. He asks that in this season of goodwill toward men and peace on earth we build each other up and instead of trying to find out what the other person has done wrong, we try to find out what the other person stands for.

Trustee Lyzenga stated that a wise man once said that a house divided against will not stand. He believes that this is true in this town. He would hope that after this election is over we can look at each other as friends.

He does not want to see what happened two years ago happen again in this town. Trustee Lyzenga went on to say that he thinks people are sick and tired of negativism and we win, we loose, we go on. He said he hopes we can all take the high road and move on.

Mayor Abbott mentioned that there is no meeting the first Tuesday in January because of holiday time. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Myer so moved.

Trustee Stole seconded.

YOUTH CENTER

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas - 5 – Trustees:  
Nays – 0

Myers, Kapteyn, Lyzenga, Stole and Butler

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor Abbott stated that he forgot to announce that the Executive Session is cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Eidam  
Village Clerk