

Town of Lansing

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Dylan Lightfoot, Mayor

Marcy B. Little, Town Clerk

Town of Lansing, Board of Aldermen Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes June 13, 2017

1. The regular meeting of the Town of Lansing Board of Aldermen was held in the meeting room of the Lansing Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

Present – Mayor: Dylan Lightfoot, Aldermen: Jim Blevins, Michelle Slaton, Matt Cordell and Mauvine Shepherd

Also present: Marcy Little, Town Clerk; Larry Blevins, Town Maintenance Technician; Beth Johnson, Finance Officer; Troy Brooks, Ashe Mountain Times; Matt Rumpfelt, LifeStore Insurance and Travis Shamel, VP, Public Entities of America; Jeff Venable, Fire Chief, LVFD; Anthony Richardson, Assistant Fire Chief, LVFD; Cliff McCoy, Assistant Fire Chief, LVFD; Mike Hart, President, LVFD Board of Directors

2. **Call to Order**

Mayor Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

3. **Public Hearing- Adoption of 2017-18 FY Budget**

A public hearing was held regarding adoption of the Town's FY2017/18 budget. Mayor Lightfoot opened the public hearing for the FY2017/18 Town of Lansing budget at 6:05 p.m. No comment was offered and the public hearing was closed at 6:06 p.m. Alderman Cordell made a motion to adopt the FY2017/18 Town Budget and to: Set ad valorem town tax rate at 35.0 cents (per \$100 of assessed value) (Ad Valorem tax rate remaining the same). Alderman Blevins seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

4. **Public Comment**

Terry VunCannon from V-Muse Productions came to thank the board and the volunteers for making the 2nd Annual Lansing Blues Fest a success. Mr. VunCannon asked for input on how next year's festival could be better, stating he would like to see more vendors and maybe even more local talent to give it a true festival feel. Mr. VunCannon said he would be gearing up for a 3rd Annual Lansing Blues Fest on the second Saturday in June 2018.



*Board of Alderman: Jack Brown, Mauvine Shepherd, Michelle Slaton, Jim Blevins and
Matthew Cordell ~ Financial Advisor, Elizabeth Johnson*

5. Lansing Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Newly appointed Fire Chief Jeff Venable introduced himself and his 34 years as a volunteer firefighter and the last 10 years as the Assistant Fire Chief here in Lansing. Chief Venable introduced the other newly appointed persons being Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Richardson and Assistant Fire Chief Cliff McCoy as well as the newly elected President of the Board Mike Hart.

Chief Venable got right down to business letting the board know that a 9 page contract is not necessary for the department to be told to do what they already have a commission to do as a volunteer fire department. Chief Venable passed around a single page agreement that the department's attorney, John Kilby, said would be sufficient. Chief Venable did mention to the board that they do have a mutual aid agreement with the surrounding departments, including but not limited to: Jefferson, Rugby, Pond Mountain, Mount Rogers, Warrensville, West Jefferson and New River so there will never be a time when the Town of Lansing is without fire and rescue support services.

Alderman Slaton suggested the single page agreement be reviewed by the Town's attorney and Mayor Lightfoot got an original copy of the agreement to send assuring Chief Venable this issue will be resolved by end of month.

6. LifeStore Insurance presentation and proposal

Matt Rumpfelt from LifeStore Insurance Services introduced himself and his broker, Travis Shamel from Public Entities of America and thanked the board for the opportunity to present the insurance product they have, specifically designed for municipalities. Mr. Rumpfelt did point out that the current policy only has cash value coverage vs. replacement cost policy that is much better suited for the town's many buildings. Mr. Rumpfelt also pointed out a very good item in the proposed product of having automatic coverage for rented or borrowed equipment the town needed to complete a project. Some other very different parts of proposed product is Public Officials coverage is a no deductible coverage; Defense cost coverage for injunctive claims; Cyber crime liability coverage; many other coverages not currently available with insurance policy in place.

Mayor Lightfoot thanked Mr. Rumpfelt and Mr. Shamel for their presentation and announced that a Special Meeting of the Town of Lansing Board of Aldermen would be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to make a final decision on the proposal.

7. Roop Bottom rental

Town clerk, Marcy Little, presented the board with a request from Mariah McCoy to use the Roop Bottom for her wedding in September. The request is for a rental amount for use of the area for 4 full days. After some discussion it was decided by all in attendance that a flat rate of \$325 would be charged for use of the barn and the farthest end of the Roop Bottom area of the park from Thursday, September 7 thru Sunday, September 10, 2017.

8. Alderman Comment

Alderman Shepherd expressed her concerns about the appearance of the storefronts in the town and how to make them more appealing to visitors. Also, concern was also stated about the 3 vehicles in town with no license plates and look abandoned.

Alderman Slaton thanked town maintenance technician, Larry Blevins, for putting up the nice American flags on Memorial Day weekend.

Alderman Blevins wants to try more speed limit signage on streets to try and slow down vehicles- especially in the residential areas.

All present were made aware that the Bluffs Revitalization and Camp Store at Doughton Park Visitor Center Milepost 241.1-Blue Ridge Parkway were holding the celebration on the grant approval on Friday, June 23, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

9. Adjournment

With no further items to discuss, Alderman Slaton made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Cordell seconded the motion. Mayor Lightfoot adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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