

ENO General Membership Meeting Minutes March 4, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Nancy Mahlow, president

City Council-Jody Washington - 1st Saturday this week 10:30-noon at the AMP. (Allen Market Place)
There is a new at-large council member, Vincent Delgado. Please introduce yourself to him if you have not already. The Mayor now can appoint council members to outside community boards. Carol Wood is coming and Jody will let her tell us more.

Carol Wood is working with a group on the south side of town on a project. They are a group from the neighborhood center with Sycamore Creek church and The Pines care home. Carol sees this information as being a great help to the city council, neighborhoods and other groups within Lansing. It can be narrowed down to a 3 block area. It is the Fullinsite Report and you can research almost anything about different areas in Lansing and the eastside. It uses information that is about a month old. A copy of the report will be placed in the file with these minutes. She pointed out many items in it. If you want one these reports about your neighborhood, just let she know and she can get it for you. Please include the types of details you want as well. She has to print it due to the fact that the membership is owned by someone else and they entrusted her with it.

City council has started an ad hoc committee on diversity and inclusion after many conversations with people around Lansing. The conversations started after the incidents in Missouri. They will meet on Friday. Carol is the chair; Jody is on it as well.

Sparrow- John Shaski is not here. We do know that they did purchase the medical building at Grand River and Howard. It will be coming down this summer and a new one going up after that. Nancy has asked that they save as much as they can of the furniture and fixtures.

1st Ward Fire Commissioner- Betty Draher . The fire Commissioners Advisory Board was established by the city charter and they act as an advising board with 4 at large and 4 ward representatives. , responsibilities are to establish rules, and oversee all administrations of the dept, conduct of the employees along with the fire chief and mayor. They also receive and dealing with complaints from residents, they have the final authority of discipline of employees and the annual budget. Submit an annual report to mayor and city council. Assist in the interview of possible employees as well. The board meets once a month. There are three sub committees and they are equipment, personal and planning, and finance. There was a question about if anything should we be looking for. She answered that she is impressed on how well it works. She thinks the next big item would be a possible new station. Station #9 is in disrepair, but it is 3-4 years away. A discussion was held about it. All the equipment is up to date and the last piece was a fire marshal vehicle that arrived recently. A question about how is it is going with code compliance being in the fire dept? She answered you can feel that the code officers are starting to mess with the other fire department staff. Discussion about fire hydrants being covered with snow and who clears it was held as well.

Tri County TRIAD- Nancy Werner (Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties) She thanked us for our donation from last year's souper and for their Christmas project. She is here to talk about frauds and scams. There are lots of them going on around the area right now. Check, home improvement, bank account are just 3 types. Senior citizens are especially vulnerable. Romance Fraud is a main one due to many of them are on match .com and such sites. 34 million dollars is how much women have lost in this scam. 5 million dollars is what men lost. There is the Grandchild call scam where someone pretends to be their grandchild stuck in another country and needs money sent to get home. There is

the health care fraud where people want their healthcare insurance numbers. They will threat you with losing your Medicare etc... The bank account fraud is usually committed by a family member and not reported until after all the money is gone. The IRS scam is where you have to pay now or lose your house etc.... We need to protect our seniors and everyone. Skimming on credit cards has been reported in the Lansing area this winter. Please report any suspicious activities of these types and others 1st to police dept then to the federal trade commission at 1-877-382-4357.

BWL-Bob -The new call center will open at the end of the month if not then early April. The Voting precinct will be back there. They have had more calls this year about frozen lines than other years. The goal is to have a firm conversation with the work team to run water in those 500 customers' lines prior. Carol suggests to do a cost analyze to make a run call rather than thaw frozen pipes. Bob agrees that there is no comparison; it is much cheaper to make the run the call. A question was asked about what is a hose over? It is where you use water from a neighbor to another house while they are fixing the pipes. Tree trimming in the eastside may be coming soon, Denise saw a crew on her street making notes. June 5th is the BWL chili cook off.

Election- Board of Directors election slate was presented and next month is the election. We will take nominations from the floor at the April meeting as well.

Spring Newspaper- It will be delivered in the May, so it will be earlier than usual. Eastern Alumni has something it would like to add so we want to get it out before school ends.

Bea Christy Banquet-It is going to move forward. It will be put on by the city. There are 3 awards that people can be nominated for this year: Bea Christy Award, Mary Margaret Murphy Woll Award and the Emerging Leader Award. The Mayors cup is a special one that the Mayor will choose. The packets will go out on Friday. There will raffle prizes, dinner and they will serve alcohol. Wednesday May 20th is the event at the Lansing Center.

Minutes - Brian motioned to accept the Feburary minutes as presented. 2nd by Theresa. It passed.

The Spring Souper is this Saturday March 7th at Pattengill 4-6:30 pm. Please come and bring your friends and neighbors. We are still accepting donations for the raffles, silent auction and food. Hope to see everyone on Saturday.

Brian motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Denise It passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Denise Kelley
ENO secretary