

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, April 2, 2001, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Don Hartill; Trustees Frank Moore, Lynn Leopold, Larry Fresinski, and Janet Beebe; Planning Board Member Doris Brown; Village Attorney Randy Marcus.

Mayor Don Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:40P.M. He opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Motion- To Close Public Comment Period

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to close the public comment period.
Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill - Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Representatives from the Ornithology Lab were present to further discuss the Village accepting Brown Road Extension as a public road. Mayor Hartill had sent Cornell's attorney a cost estimate of \$60,000 to rebuild the road. The last time we met the Village had asked that in exchange for accepting the dedication of Brown Road Extension Cornell pay for one half of the maintenance or some arrangement of that nature. After discussing this with Cornell's senior administration, Cornell has agreed to pay the Village of Lansing a one time \$30,000. A memo of agreement will be drawn up by Cornell's attorney and delivered to the Village's attorney for comment.. The road, which runs by the new Ornithology Lab, will be Sapsucker Woods Road. Only a 1200 foot section of this road is in the Village and it will be built to Village specifications. The Town of Dryden will require and accept dedication of the balance of the road. The Village of Lansing will be responsible for road maintenance and signage of only the part of the road in the Village. The Town of Dryden will do the snowplowing on the entire road, including the part in the Village. Frank Moore was concerned that this arrangement was supposed to be a shared cost. The Mayor explained that if Cornell give's us \$30,000 now for a rebuild that will not occur for 20-30 years then the interest from this deposit will more than cover the cost of yearly maintenance. It should be noted that \$30,000 in the capital reserve fund is to maintain Brown Rd. Extension. Don entertained a motion to accept Cornell's offer for the dedication of Brown Road Extension.

Resolution #3746- To Accept Cornell's Offer for the Dedication of Brown Road Extension to Become a Part of Sapsucker Woods Road (the remainder of which will become a Town of Dryden Road), Conditioned Upon Receipt and Satisfactory Review by the Village's Attorney of All Necessary or Appropriate Documentation.

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to accept this resolution and Trustee Frank Moore seconded the motion.
A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee Frank Moore-Aye

Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Don is very happy with the municipal cooperation and isn't worried about the Town of Dryden not doing the snowplowing. This road benefits the Town of Dryden. Mark Varvayanis, the Supervisor from the Town of Dryden, had no problem confirming this arrangement for plowing in writing. Randy stated that there was no need to do a SEQR for the road itself because the Planning Board did one for the whole Ornithology Lab project overall, which contemplated this road being constructed and dedicated as a public road. The Village's accepting an offer of dedication is an action classified as an administrative act. It would be redundant to perform a SEQR review again.

Next on the agenda was the approval of minutes.

Motion-Approval of Minutes for March 14, 2001

Trustee Lynn Leopold moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Larry Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee Frank Moore-Aye

Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Motion-Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2001

Trustee Lynn Leopold moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Larry Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee Frank Moore-Abstain

Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Next on the agenda was Budget discussion. Don handed out the second round of the proposed budget for the Board to work on. The Mayor explained that he had sat down with the Clerk and they figured out why there was such a large appropriated cash surplus this year. This all started back in 1998-99 when the Village budgeted \$932,000 and only spent \$129,000 and similarly last year when we did not spend as much as budgeted in the A5112.2 line (Capital Improvements for roads). This has resulted in a \$1,193,596 appropriated cash surplus. To offset this the Mayor has increased A5112.2 to cover Churchill Drive improvements and the Cayuga Heights Road overlay project (\$62,000 and \$350,000 respectively) which should be done this year but will probably spill into the 2001 budget.

For our interest income, the Mayor assumed that we will get 5% from our long-term investment funds giving an increase of 10% over past years. For conservative estimate, the Mayor assumed that the sales tax revenue remains at \$500,000, which is slightly better than we did in 2000.

On the appropriation side of the general fund, the Mayor fully funded everything requested.

The following were additional changes made since the last meeting.

A1130-Gross Utilities Receipts was lowered \$10,000 to reflect what we collected this year.

A2350-Youth Services now goes directly to the County so this is now \$0.

A2590-Permits, has decreased back down to the historical \$22,000 because last year's increase was a one-shot deal because of Top's new construction.

As far as the increase in the tax rate, the Village has not exceeded inflation for this year.

In appropriations the biggest change is in the highway contractual.

A5110.4-Highway Contractual-Routine maintenance decreased from \$80,000 to \$50,000 based on past years.

A1920.4 Municipal Dues, was increased to allow for the Village to contribute \$900 again this year to the Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Organization

A5680.4-Public Transportation was increased to \$5,000 to reflect what Gadabout requested.

The bottom line is that ~\$1,000,000 will be transferred to the capital reserve fund.

The 4% salary increase will be discussed in executive session. Another issue that is still up in the air is the employee benefit package. The employees have expressed an interest in joining the NYS Retirement System. Health care expenses have increased by approximately 20% in the last two years, which is another issue to discuss in executive session this evening.

Frank was concerned that there wasn't enough money in the budget for the Kensington property. Don explained that the committee which will decide what happens in that area hasn't met yet and he doesn't see much being done this year. The \$7,000 for Greenway is for the resurfacing and signage on trails on Viola Miller's property, Janivar and starting Kensington.

Water Fund

The problem with the water fund is that after we transfer the \$112,000, which was supposed to have been transferred previously for the water tank painting, we still have a \$20,000 cash deficit. The actual painting of the tank was ~\$130,000. With this in mind, the Mayor would like the Board to consider increasing the surcharge by a % to compensate for increased costs due to an aging system. This is our last year for a BAN and we should project what capital projects will be necessary for the next 5 years and BAN for that. We should be spending approximately \$100,000 a year on capital projects and this year there is nothing in our budget. If we drop the BAN we would basically have to double our surcharge.

In the sewer fund we are in pretty good shape since we have connection fees. Now to get more sewer units we have to spend money on I&I. Assuming the intermunicipal agreement goes through, we will have to do the Kline Road Bypass. There will also be the initial buy-in costs. The capital reserve fund is in good shape for this. We may also adjust the connection fees to help cover costs of making these new connections available. We will continue to do sewer inspections in years to come.

The Mayor entertained a motion to set a budget public hearing.

Resolution #3747- To Set a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for April 16, 2001 at 7:35pm

Trustee Lynn Leopold moved to set a public hearing and Trustee Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee Frank Moore-Aye

Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Next on the agenda was the Mayor's comments. He announced that the next sewer meeting is April 13 at 9am at Ithaca Town Hall. At this meeting they will hopefully agree that the draft scope of the EIS is appropriate. The \$54,000, which is the amount the Village will contribute, is in this year's budget. Don gave an overview of issues. Once the scope is in line then DEC will get involved. Lynn was concerned that the plan was for the sewer line to go down the old railroad bed, which goes through a unique natural area. The Mayor thought the other possibility could be down Rt. 34 as part of the water main. If all this falls through there is still the Kline Rd. bypass.

On the good water side, Don is having Randy do some research on minimal maintenance roads. Once Bolton Point has gotten the upper part of Bolton Point Rd. up to standard we could accept that as a road then the lower section of the road would be a minimal maintenance road. We can't use Poison Ivy Point because we can't build a road to go over the railroad tracks. It's too bad because it would be a nice park on the lake. Bolton Point is holding a meeting here Thursday to iron out little issues. Basically the 3 plants (Bolton, Ithaca & Cornell) will become one managed by Bolton Point. Newfield, Jacksonville and Genoa have all approached the group in hopes of possibly purchasing water. An agreement should be in place in the next couple of months for the principal partners.

Sy Smidt is in the process of publishing a book that his wife Rita wrote on the history of the Village of Lansing. The board is thinking of naming something after her.

Verizon has made a request to establish a legal address for the NYSEG substation on Graham Road. NYSEG would like to name the section of the existing road from Sheraton Drive north to the end of the substation as “Substation Road”. However, the Planning Board does not feel this name is acceptable. They discussed several alternate names but could not agree on a name. The Planning Board feels that naming the road is a matter of public safety and suggested that the Trustees select an appropriate name. Don asked the Trustees to think about it and we would discuss it further at our next meeting.

Motion- To Go Into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Issues

Trustee Janet Beebe moved to go into executive session and Trustee Larry Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye	Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Frank Moore-Aye	

Motion- To Come Out of Executive Session

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to come out of executive session and Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye	Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Frank Moore-Aye	

In executive session the Board discussed the proposed employee salary, wages and benefits. They agreed to a salary increase of 4.5% and an increase in the Village’s contribution to health insurance. The Village will now contribute \$1550 per full time employee annually plus 55% of additional cost above that amount for individual or family insurance coverage to either the flex plan or, if less, the cost of family coverage through a spouse’s health plan, plus the life plan offered under the Flex Plan.

Motion- To Approve the Tentative Budget

Trustee Lynn Leopold moved to approve the tentative budget and Trustee Larry Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye	Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Frank Moore-Aye	

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved adjournment. Trustee Janet Beebe seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye	Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Frank Moore-Aye	

The meeting adjourned at 10:27P.M.

Jodi Dake
Village Clerk

