

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, November 19, 2001, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, Janet Beebe, Lynn Leopold and Frank Moore; Maria Stycos, Planning Board member; Bill Troy, Village Attorney.

Mayor Donald Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:35P.M. He opened the public comment period. Sy Smidt was present to cover the meeting and wanted to take this opportunity to express his concern regarding the Planning Board changing the zoning in the Village. The large parcel of land fronting on Oakcrest and Hickory Hollow Roads is zoned Commercial Low Traffic (CLT). It forms a buffer between the Commercial High Traffic Zone (CHT) and the Low Density Residential Zone on the North side of Oakcrest. At the last Planning Board meeting, Pyramid suggested that the location of the proposed Home Depot Store be shifted to the land currently owned by Butler. This would require the Village to rezone the Butler property from CLT to CHT. Sy feels this will not work and will only cause problems for the Village. The two major disadvantages would be signaling that major changes in Village of Lansing Zoning Law are possible and it would create a situation in which additional Zoning Law changes would be almost inevitable. From past experience as Mayor, he stated that it is difficult to get people to take seriously a new zoning law. The Village has fought several court battles until we were able to establish the legitimacy of our law. Sy feels that accepting the Pyramid proposal would send a strong signal that change is now possible. He feels this will create a flood of new proposals. He also feels that having a CHT zone right next to a Low-density Residential zone will not work. Who would like to buy a house where you walk out the door and see Home Depot? Sy urged the Trustees to talk to the Planning Board so that he doesn't have to organize the whole Village to oppose something that should never have been seriously considered.

Sy also suggested that the Planning Board get their agenda on the webpage. And would like to see the minutes of the meetings up in a more timely manner. He also stated that the public appreciates all that the Board does. He feels the Village lacks press coverage.

Bob Lynch of 175 Gray Rd. in Ithaca was seeking the assistance of the Village. He and his sister Marcia would like to start a new AM broadcast station and have proposed it to be licensed to the Village of Lansing community. Bob is looking for a letter of support from the Mayor that supports their contention that the Village of Lansing is a distinct community apart from the Ithaca Urbanized Area thereby qualifying for it's own radio station. The FCC demands a station be licensed to a specific community and there are eight criteria that they use to determine if you should be considered a community. Bob feels that the Village meets 4-5 of these criteria. Congress has gone to an auction system when it comes to issuing licenses. Right now they are competing with KM Communications out of Skokie, IL who would like to have a station serving South Hill , NY. The tower would be located in Enfield so the village doesn't have to worry about a tower going up. The station would have regular coverage of Village meetings. If they succeed in getting a license they have 3 years to build the station. Bob feels they could be up and running in about a year. The Board supported the Mayor writing a letter that expresses the Village's support.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

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

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

Next on the agenda was Tim Buhl, however, he was not present. The Mayor asks Larry if he had heard from him and Larry thought Tim would be here. Larry will email him tomorrow to see what happened.

The Village of Cayuga Heights has a meeting this evening and the Mayor is hopeful that they will issue us some more sewer units. Dan Walker was supposed to put together a report on the effect of the relining of 1000 feet of sewer line along Hanshaw Rd. and get this to Brent Cross. They still have a significant amount of I&I and Dan is trying to identify where it's coming in. December 6th is the next joint sewer meeting. The Board discussed the proposed \$2/ gal buy in offer. The Mayor feels that an initial buy in of 150,000gal. would meet the Village's needs for the next 30 years. The only thing that would be lost would be the interest income that we earn but it would solve our sewer unit problem. The Board discussed growth rates. The Mayor thinks we'll see growth to be steady as in the past years.

The last parcel to acquire for N. Triphammer Rd. Project is from Exxon Mobil. They've accepted our offer and it's now going through their corporate levels. The next step is to meet with the NYSDOT. Then the village will have to pass a resolution stating that we will be local administrators. After this we'll publish a proposal for engineer design. After this selection there is a negotiation of price and then we'll have a design. The mayor hopes to start next construction season. He believes the project will take two seasons to complete.

Bill Troy announced that he had Ivar Jonson's easement for the Mayor to sign.

Larry has been in contact with Danica regarding a wireless network for the Village office. He is concerned with the security aspect of wireless. He is still waiting to hear from the Computing Center. Larry will arrange for Danica to give a presentation at the December 3rd meeting at 8:00pm.

Motion- To Go To Executive Session to Discuss Financial Matters

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to go to executive session. Trustee Frank Moore seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

The Board went into executive session at 9:30pm.

Motion- To Come Out of Executive Session

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to come out of executive session. Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved adjournment. Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

The meeting adjourned at 10:03pm.

Jodi Dake-Village Clerk