

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, December 17, 2001, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, Janet Beebe, and Frank Moore; Carol Klepack, Planning Board member; Bill Troy, Village Attorney.

Mayor Donald Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:43P.M. He opened the public comment period. Ned Hickey asked for advance notice to residents before cleaning the sewer lines. Tuesday morning at 6am they started running a very loud vacuum cleaner at the corner of Graham Road. Mayor Hartill agreed and will contact Dennis on this matter.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee Larry Fresinski 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- Absent		

Next on the agenda was a public hearing to consider adoption of the Landscape Policy.

Motion –To Open the Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of the Landscape Policy

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to open the public hearing. 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	

John Majeroni from Cornell Real Estate presented a few important points of the policy that he felt need consideration. He supports the objective that the Board is trying to accomplish with this policy. First he asked what zones the landscape policy would apply to. "Commercial areas" applies to all non-residential property. John was also concerned with the statement "The Village of Lansing prefers that a minimum of 12% of the total square footage should be left undisturbed by the development." He feels that most existing features in commercial zones are unattractive. Ned Hickey stated that the Planning Board must have some point to start negotiations with. A lot of times the people don't hire professional help for landscaping like Cornell Business and Technology Park does. John suggested making it a requirement to have professional landscapers. Carol Klepack stated that the City and Town of Ithaca also use this 12%. She also explained that this is a preference not a set amount so they can talk and negotiate on this. There was further discussion on replacing vegetation that dies and other specific plantings. It was reiterated that the Landscape Policy is a guideline and not law. Bill Troy will review the details of this policy with Carol Klepack. Carol will make sure that the language is changed to be more negotiable. The Landscape Policy will be part of the Comprehensive Plan, not part of the Zoning Law. Don proposed that we incorporate what was heard during the public hearing, have the attorney review and then vote on the Landscape Policy at the next meeting.

Motion –To Close the Public Hearing

Trustee Janet Beebe moved to close the public hearing. 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	

The Board looked over the vouchers and proposed the following resolution.

Resolution #3821- Abstracts of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$17,949.36, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it further RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$729.46, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it further RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$325.47, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it further RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$21,233.89, is hereby approved for payment

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to approve the vouchers and 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	

Next on the Agenda was to pass a resolution to enter into the New York State Retirement System. Frank expressed the need to be explicit with the employees that this will diminish their raises. Don feels it is not either/or, it's part of a total employee package. It was also suggested that the raises be based on performance and not just across the board. Larry stated that this is a cost of doing business. If the Village is not competitive then the employees will leave. Since there are only two programs that government employees may participate in we have no alternative and we have to figure out how to pay for it. The NYS Deferred Compensation package, which the employees now have, is not a guaranteed retirement plan. The Board has to remember that the employees are also taking on an added expense with NYS Retirement. There must be a lot of give on both sides of the table. Don understands that the Board members do not wish to join so the deficiency will be lower than originally quoted. The following resolution approving participation in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System was presented by Mayor Hartill.

Resolution #3822 –To Approve Participation in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trustees of the Village of Lansing does hereby elect to participate as an employer in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System and approves inclusion of its officers and employees in such system in accordance with any and all of the laws governing such participation as set forth in the Retirement and Social Security Law, as presently or hereafter amended, together with any administrative rule, regulation or directive governing same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this election shall become effective on the first (1st) day of January, 2002.

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to accept this resolution. 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- Absent		

Danica has sent over a quote for computer equipment. Larry thinks the quote is comparable to the cost of local stores. There were three changes that Larry would like to see and they were an increase in RAM from 256 MB to 512 MB, add a CD-ROM and speakers and include a 3-year warranty on parts and labor. Larry will call Danica to discuss these points. The cost for a flat screen and new computer will be ~\$1,500. Ben will need a 17-inch screen and Jodi will only need a 15-inch screen. Jodi will call Williamson Law Book to see if her DOS based accounting programs will run in Windows 2000. The Board wants to go forward with the network and connections.

Next on the agenda was the approval of minutes.

Motion-Approval of Minutes for December 3, 2001

Trustee Janet Beebe 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 Frank Moore-Aye	Trustee
Janet Beebe- Aye	Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	

Don has drafted a letter to Steve Vetter of NYSDOT requesting local management of the N. Tripphammer Road Reconstruction Project. The Village should have the NYS Draft Agreement signed by Commissioner of NYSDOT early in the new year. The good news is that the County Public Works directors have gotten together to request proposals for engineering design consultants. This replaces the previous list of five firms that had been approved by NYSDOT. Now there will be 15 firms to select from. This takes three months off the timeline in terms of identifying an engineering design consultant. The Village may be able to do some preliminary construction next session. The bad news is that out of the 15% Marchicelli Funds we will get the \$55,000 for engineering design but obtaining these funds for the construction portion of the project will be a political challenge. There is a MPO Policy Committee meeting tomorrow and Don will speak with Steve then. We still have not heard from Mobil regarding property acquisition.

There is a sewer meeting Thursday. Don hopes that Dan Walker, Town of Ithaca Engineer, has the new flow data for the Village of Cayuga Heights. Once VCH sees an improvement, we should get 16 more sewer units. The Mayor feels our sewer flow meters have fallen into disrepair and we get them operational as soon as possible. Don will discuss this with Dennis.

The EIS Consultant requested information from Ben on the total commercial square footage in the village. Ben didn't have time to do this so this may be a good project for Carol.

Attorney Troy had two issues to discuss. Independent Wireless One would like to collocate a terminal on a NYSEG pole in Phil Dankert Park. The question is, can we give a lease. The answer is no because it is parkland. We can give a license. Bill questioned whether he should pursue this for revenue of \$500 a month. Larry couldn't image this concept in the park. Bill stated that IWO was willing to come to a meeting. Don suggested that first they give us a correct drawing.

The second issue was an encroachment agreement for the bus shelter at the corner of Graham Road and Votapka Road. The property is being sold and the new owners requested this. An encroachment agreement is a statement saying that the Village should not have this on your property and both parties agree to let it remain on the property but if it ever needs to be replaced the Village must move it. Further, if any liability issues arise the Village will protect and indemnify the owner of the property on which the bus shelter is located. Bill checked with John Bailey to make sure our insurance covers this. Bill explained that encroachments are done fairly frequently. Bill suggested passing a resolution allowing the Mayor to sign such an agreement.

Resolution #3823 –To Allow The Mayor To Sign And Enter Into An Encroachment Agreement Concerning The Bus Stop At The Corner Of Graham Rd. and Votapka Road With The Condition That It's Approved By The Village Attorney

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

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

Ben has requested the Board approve a temporary CO for the Montessori School addition containing additional classroom space and a gymnasium. It will be substantially completed by December 31st and they would like to move into the new space after the holiday on January 2nd. Life safety issues for use of the actual building will be completed. However, site work and landscaping will not be completed until spring.

Resolution #3824 –To Issue a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for Montessori School Addition with a \$10,000 Security Deposit and an Expiration Date of June 14, 2002.

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

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

Larry is still unhappy with the timing of the traffic lights on N. Triphammer by Tops. The Mayor will speak with Dennis about this.

Lastly Don has heard that DOT will be doing improvements to the bridge over Route 13 this summer. The bridge will be redecked but not widened.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved adjournment. Trustee Janet Beebe seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:43.

Jodi Dake
Village Clerk