

## Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Wednesday, March 13, 2002, in the Village Office.

Present: Mayor Donald Hartill, Janet Beebe, Larry Fresinski, Lynn Leopold, Frank Moore; Code and Zoning Enforcement Officer Benjamin Curtis; Superintendent of Public Works Dennis Reinhart; Motor Equipment Operator Rick Beckwith; and Clerk, part-time Carol Willard.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M.

Rick commented that the snow fence is getting old. The fence has really taken a beating from the wind. Jeff Geiger of Sundown Farms would like to see a planting for a natural barrier along there. Dennis told him that the only way to do this would be if low foliage were done as to not obstruct the view.

Carol stated that the newsletter is going out.

Janet informed the board that the plan that was approved for the Recreation Partnership Board was not the final submission as once thought because the Town of Ithaca had some changes. The Recreation Board has suggested that each municipality give their Mayor or Supervisor the authority to sign the final draft. In the past facilities rent has been low and they are relooking at this. They are also looking at different models as to how to charge different municipalities. The Board is also exploring different revenue options such as fund raising. There has been no discussion on State funding.

Dennis stated that the new flow meters would be installed one week from today. The screen fence back by the garage will go in next Monday. Dennis and Dave Putnam walked Highgate Circle to inspect the shoulder. They discovered that the shoulder would be easier to put in then previously thought due to the way the road was installed off center. The sewer line behind Sevanna Park is overgrown. There is some sewer work along Kendal to complete. Dennis is getting quotes on plowing and disking for Viola Miller's Trail. Dennis will contact Bill Troy to see if Viola has signed the easement.

Dennis received a call from the sheriff's department because UFPO is calling them if there is an emergency call outside of office hours. They are not happy that they are receiving the calls and don't know why. Dennis called UFPO dispatch and they have a one step dispatch for after business hours. Dennis asked the Mayor if he thought we might be able to piggyback on Bolton Point's answering service for this. The number of calls we receive during of hours is very minimal. Don suggested Dennis call Paul at Bolton Point to arrange this. If Dennis has any problems he is to let the Mayor know. The mayor agreed to pay for this service if necessary. Janet added that the sheriff's department has expressed their gratitude for how cooperative Dennis has been.

Dennis asked for permission to run an ad in the paper to solicit requests for a part time temporary summer worker. Dennis has received an excellent application already from a TC3 college student who is available to start part time right away and then full time for the summer. Rick thought we didn't have to advertise to hire part time temporary help. Larry feels that it is our policy to advertise and have an open process. The board agreed that Dennis should run an ad.

Lynn ask Dennis what hydroax was which appeared on a voucher. Dennis explained that it was a rotary mower that chops down trees and brush up to 5" in diameter.

Ben has spent a lot of time making copies for lawyers. Target appeal to BZA is next Tuesday. The issue is that Ben has exceeded authority by issuing the permit because there was no environmental review. This was done all under one SEQR and our attorney, Bill Troy, feels pretty good about our position. This appeal does not stop work at Pyramid mall; it only stops the Village from issuing additional permits. The environmental review for the original special permit

can't be appealed because the 30 days has passed. The only thing that can be appealed is Ben's judgement. The site work that is being done now is Pyramid work. Ben stated that Target has been a pleasure to work with.

Everything else is moving along well. Dick's & Borders should both open in May. Klein's All Sport is moving from the Pyramid Mall to the Triphammer Mall. Abercrombie & Fitch is also moving into Pyramid Mall. They will be taking the Spencer's and Lechtner spaces. Spencer's is moving over to where Northern Reflections use to be. Hollywood Video has gotten a permit and the shell work is being done now. We will also be getting a bank and Japanese Restaurant in the Tops out parcel.

The International Code was passed 3/6/02. July 3, 2002 is the effective date. The new code is very detailed. If a resident does improvements to their house they don't have to bring the rest of the house up to the new standards.

The Board discussed the Village's response to the media on the appeal issue. Legal notice has gone in the paper. The Village maintains a good relationship with the press.

Don reported that the joint water systems are starting to unravel. Cornell University has elected to keep their own water plant. Now Bolton Point will revisit the City of Ithaca Plant. Eventually there will be a mutual agreement but he is unsure how it will play out.

On the sewer front there is a lot of discussion of funding. Currently the City of Ithaca budgets \$235,000 to manage the sewer plant. Joint sewer is moving along slowly. They are almost finished with the draft agreement but there is no motion in accepting the draft agreement. The first EIS meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Board will be doing intense budget discussions at Monday nights Board meeting. The Mayor feels there will be a 5-10% decrease in sales tax revenue and a 10% reduction in gross receipt tax. However, there will be an increase in the In Lieu of Tax revenue. This will be a tight budget year.

Jodi has looked into online banking with Tompkins Trust Company. In doing this they ask for a new corporate resolution since the one they currently have is very old.

Resolution # 3844-Authority On Deposit Accounts of the Village of Lansing Corporation

Be It Resolved: That the Tompkins Trust Company (the Trust Company) Of Ithaca, NY, be and hereby is designated a depository of the funds of this corporation, and the Trust Company is hereby authorized to pay or otherwise honor any and all checks, drafts, or other orders issued from time to time, for and on behalf of this corporation with any of the following individuals:

Jodi Dake- Clerk/Treasurer  
Donald Hartill-Mayor  
Larry Fresinski-Trustee  
Lynn Leopold-Trustee  
Frank Moore-Trustee  
Janet Beebe-Trustee

Inclusive of any such in favor of the said officers and/or persons; also to debit the same to any accounts then maintained with the Trust Company.

BE It Also Resolved: Tompkins Trust Company be, and it hereby is, authorized and directed to honor as genuine and authorized instruments of this Corporation, any and all checks, drafts and/or other orders for the payment of money drawn in the name of this Corporation and signed with the facsimile signature of Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer. This Corporation hereby does assume full responsibility for any and all payments made by the Trust Company in reliance upon the facsimile signature of any person named in this resolution and agrees to

indemnify and hold harmless the Trust Company against any and all loss, cost, damage, or expense (including attorney's fees) suffered or incurred by the Trust Company arising out of the misuse or unlawful or unauthorized use by any person of such facsimile signature.

FURTHERMORE: Be It Resolved that Jodi Dake and Mayor Donald Hartill are authorized to do electronic fund transfers with one signature and hereby are authorized to execute on behalf of this Corporation Electronic Funds Transfer Agreements (defined to include Funds Transfer Agreements and/or Agreement for the Automatic Transfer of Credits and/or Debits) with the Trust Company in such form and content and upon such terms as he/she deems suitable and proper; and hereby are authorized to designate different or additional individuals as authorized representatives of this Corporation in accordance with the particular Electronic Funds Transfer Agreement.

Trustee Fresinski moved that this resolution be adopted and Trustee 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

Everyone signed the General Corporate Resolution for Tompkins Trust Company and Jodi will deliver it.

Lynn, Don & Larry met with Ben to discuss the audiovisual needs of our conference room. The thought is to scale back and save quite a bit of money. Don and Larry will meet with Greg Bronson. They feel we can spend less but still meet Ben's needs for sound enhancement and video.

Lynn stated that the members of the IO are taking an education approach. They are starting to produce a series of PSA for radio stations, which basically tell how you can help protect the watershed. Eventually there will also be workshops. The next job is implementation of the Restoration & Protection Plan.

While out canvassing Larry heard many residents concerns. Not having sewer units is not necessarily a bad thing. Residents are concerned that if we have sewer units then Sundown Farms will be developed. Residents also think that the redesign of N. Triphammer Rd. will be good. Some residents would like to have a leaf collection. Dennis said this is a financial issue. Jodi suggested good community relations by calling these residents and telling them why we don't do leaf collection or why we don't pick up more than a truckload of brush. Don agreed that this would be a nice thing to do.

Frank will work on a mission statement for Greenway. Ned, Lynn & Frank with additional members as needed from the general public will complete this committee. Frank will not be at the Monday Trustee meeting. Lynn will also be absent. Don stated that April 1<sup>st</sup> would be a serious budget meeting. He will be assigning pieces of the budget as last year.

Mayor Hartill introduced the following:

Resolution # 3845- Abstracts of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$27,800.91, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$5,747.28, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$2,862.56, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Fresinski moved that this resolution be adopted and Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was take:

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 Lynn Leopold seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye  
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

Jodi Dake  
Village Clerk