

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, June 17, 2002 in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Janet Beebe, Larry Fresinski, Lynn Leopold, Frank Moore; Attorney William Troy; Village Engineer David Putnam; Planning Board member Phil Dankert; Sorel Gottfried; and John Piscopo.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M. and opened the public comment period. No one wished to speak.

Motion – Close Public Comment Period

Trustee Fresinski moved to close the public comment period. Motion seconded by Trustee Beebe. 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 first item on the agenda was Engineer's Report. David Putnam, TG Millers Engineering, gave his report. Putnam stated that with regards to Uptown Road, Corrine of the bonding company has called but has not met with him yet. Regarding Cayuga Heights Road, the contracts for the paving project have come back and he will be reviewing them tomorrow and will deliver them to Attorney Troy tomorrow also. To date, there is not a tentative schedule for the project.

Putnam stated that six letters were sent to engineering firms regarding the N. Triphammer Road rebuild. To date, three companies have responded and indicated an interest in being considered for the project. Trustee Fresinski stated that the three firms responding, all were enthused and feel their firm could handle the time-frames and would like to be considered. Trustee Fresinski is unsure why the other three have not responded but the deadline is not until June 21. The Board then discussed the Marchelli funds available which, according to Tim Buhl's projections, would equate to the cost of installing underground utilities for this project. The Village is interested in this proposition. TG Millers has 50 scale drawings of the project and will provide them to the interested engineering firms so each has the same information and is aware of the possibility of underground utilities. Putnam will see that David Herrick, TG Millers, sends the drawings to all the selected engineering companies. After the deadline of June 21, the scheduling of the interview process will begin. Mayor Hartill asked to become more involved at that point. Mayor Hartill would also like to approach the utilities and see if they would contribute the cost of relocating their infrastructure to the cost of underground utilities to offset some of the costs to the Village. Putnam stated that some of the infrastructure is out of the ROW and is on private property and the Village will need to pay the costs associated with the movement of utilities. Mayor Hartill felt the utility poles are now on the Village ROW where it was previously on private property with easements. Attorney Troy felt the easement stays with the land. Putnam stated some of the utility poles will remain within the 80 ft. and need not be moved. Putnam stated if the poles are within 25 ft., there would be no cost but for those outside the 25 ft., the Village would be required to pay the costs. Attorney Troy will research this issue of public versus private property and who would be responsible for paying the costs of relocating utility poles.

Next, Mayor Hartill stated there is a MPO meeting scheduled for tomorrow for the County Planning and Policy Committees and he requested Trustee Fresinski attend. Trustee Fresinski has seen the information for the meeting and was impressed with the 2002-2006 TIP spreadsheet. At the meeting, Trustee Fresinski will ask if an amended TIP is needed due to the ½ million increase due to the shuffling of funds from the Brooktondale Bridges projects. The amended form must include the start of construction and likely completion dates.

Putnam stated the Village is continuing to repair sewer lines. One was recently repaired at Graham Road West near the lateral to the Dick Wilson building. There is a larger repair scheduled for Wednesday on Brook Drive. Other repairs are also scheduled near the bank and Mold Flow this week.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of the Intermunicipal Agreement regarding the Cayuga Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan. Attorney Troy would like to review the document so it will be placed on the next agenda.

Next, Trustee Beebe gave a brief report on the Recreation Partnership Bylaws. Trustee Beebe stated that the Town of Ithaca has ratified the bylaws. Trustee Fresinski introduced the following:

Resolution #3878- Ratification of Recreation Partnership Bylaws

Trustee Fresinski moved that the Village of Lansing accept the Recreation Partnership Bylaws. Trustee 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

Trustee Leopold and Mayor Hartill stated they would not be able to attend the next Board meeting. Trustee Leopold introduced the following:

Resolution #3879- Cancellation of Meeting

Trustee Leopold moved that the Village Board of Trustees' meeting scheduled for July 1st be cancelled. Trustee 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

The next item on the agenda was Mayor's comments. Mayor Hartill stated he will be speaking with Town of Lansing Supervisor Steve Farkas this week to discuss the financial aspects of the sewer enterprise. At that meeting, they will also discuss a date for a joint meeting between the Town and Village municipal boards. Mayor Hartill stated that the transmission main and pump from Myers would be the biggest cost for the town. According to the Town Law, there cannot be funding unless there is a benefit district. These might necessitate a referendum which would need voter support to proceed. This would be an expensive solution and the Town must look hard to see the likelihood of the project proceeding. The benefit district might also include the Lansing Schools, Gossett Center and Kingdom Farms projects to spread out the costs. Mayor Hartill stated the cost to the Village is modest although it would be a significant policy issue. The capacity to build out the Village is 40,000 gallons per day and the capacity to build out the Town is ½ million gallons per day. This would equate to the Village being a 20% partner. The Village would pay for 20% of the 20% not funded by the State. The Village would not pay for the Myers transmission main and pump. The Village would only pay for their share within the Village and not the entire project. Other options include having another treatment plant in Myers; running a pipe under the lake; running a line along the railroad bed; and running a line along Route 34.

The next topic discussed was the drainage issues in the Lansing Trails subdivision. Mayor Hartill stated he has met with developer Ivar Johnson to iron out some of the issues. Village Engineer Brent Cross also provided the Board with his 6/17/02 written report after investigating the site with both Ivar Johnson and project engineer Larry Frabbroni. There are separate issues to be resolved. (1.) 49 Janivar Drive – the water basin appears to work as intended although original plans show it at 47 Janivar Drive. Homeowner may have been unclear of this upon purchase of the property. (2.) 55 Janivar Drive – run-off from the driveway goes into the garage due to grading problem specific to this property. Village ROW has no direct impact on this situation. Johnson will correct this problem. (3.) 50 Janivar Drive - the water sheet flows from the adjoining undeveloped field. Problem may be less of an issue as new homes are built upstream. Currently, the developer has regraded this lot such that the sheet flow is intercepted and concentrated into a swale between the two adjacent homes. (4) Janivar Drive Extension – too much water has been coming down it. Recommended that the developer address this by constructing a temporary interceptor swale above the end of Janivar and divert the run-off from the large undeveloped are into the stream along the southern edge of the property. Mayor Hartill is gathering information on an adjacent area and will also write letters to the concerned residents in the Janivar Drive area. Mayor Hartill will also include the Cross report and provided the report to Piscopo tonight.

Trustee Fresinski introduced the following:

Motion – Adjournment

Trustee Fresinski moved to adjourn the meeting. 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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Carol J. Willard
Clerk, part-time