

Village of Lansing

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

Present: Deputy Mayor Larry Fresinski; Trustees Frank Moore, Janet Beebe and Lynn Leopold; Code and Zoning Enforcement Officer Benjamin Curtis; Supt. Of Public Works, Dennis Reinhart; Motor Equipment Operator Rick Beckwith; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; and Clerk, part-time Carol Willard.

Deputy Mayor Larry Fresinski called the meeting to order at 12:17 P.M. A letter has been received from the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport. Taughannock Aviation is proposing to put a 12,000-sq. ft. 2-story addition on for a general aviation terminal and administrative offices. There would be approximately 22 feet between its sidewall and the Old Terminal. In keeping with the protocol established in 1996 between Tompkins County and the Village of Lansing, Robert Nicholas, airport manager, has provided a set of Taughannock Aviation's building plans. The county has typically processed their own building permits. In the case of the 911 building the county met with the village and we had a chance to voice our concerns. Larry feels we should always issue a permit. The County is demonstrating a desire to work with the village and Ben feels we should write them a letter. Larry will draft a response and get it to the mayor. This is a good situation where we are moving from having no input to where the county is bringing it to our attention and asking for feedback. Ben stated that Barbara Blanchard was at the last Planning board meeting to discuss the 911 building at the airport.

Rick has the snow fence up and is ready for snow. Brush pick up is complete. The Village of Cayuga Heights helped out. The Cayuga Heights truck broke down so it took longer to complete.

Carol had nothing to report. Larry asks how the codification was coming. Jodi stated that she spoke with Dave Putnam and he met with Cornell Roads department yesterday to go over some of the new guidelines. Dave is very busy until the 19th then he will be able to delegate the time to completing the section Dennis gave him.

Janet attended the Recreation Partnership Sponsorship Program. The County may want to get out of the recreation business. Larry asks if they had thought about a sliding fee scale. Janet stated that they encourage low-income families to apply.

Frank has noticed that Cayuga Heights Road looks very wide. The striping has not been completed yet to mark off the 4-foot shoulders. New guardrail will also be installed on Friday. The Greenway Committee will be meeting today at 1:30pm. Ben suggested that the Eagle Scouts be used to do the bridge project. There was a question of liability. This will be discussed further during the Greenway meeting.

Larry explained that the cable franchise public hearing is still going. Tom Doney called Larry and was unable to get the final documents to the board by the last meeting. The Board still needs to decide what percentage to charge. It will be somewhere between 0-5%. Presently it is 1%. The Board is considering 2-3%, which could go towards underground utilities on N. Triphammer Road and compensate for all the time that has been spent on these negotiations for a number of years. Ben asks if the line extension issue was resolved. Larry was unsure and will look into this.

Jodi informed the board that the accountants have completed our annual audit. The village will be starting GASB34 in the beginning of December. There will not be a packet delivery for Monday's meeting since everything you need is in your mail and the agenda and any additional information will be emailed to the trustees.

Lynn reported that the Planning Board at it's last meeting discussed identifying open space in the village. Ned would like to develop an open space policy and this item appears on the agenda for Monday. Another thing that needs to be done is to identify an official village zoning map. The one Ben currently uses is 20 years old. Lastly Lynn stated that the floating classroom boat is here and now all that is needed is a program. The Planning Board is also reviewing the uses allowed in commercial low traffic areas.

Ben stated that A.C. Moore and Gertrude Hawk have opened in Pyramid Mall. He thinks the next big thing we will see is something going into the Ames space. The mall does not have control of it yet because of the bankruptcy case. The Triphammer mall has relocated the liquor store down next to Kleins. They are really cleaning this mall up. Lama's addition is under way and Eckerds will be remodeled in January. There are also 5 houses currently going up. The Montessori School is nearly complete. The Ornithology Lab is aiming for a February opening. There have been requests for directional signage. This is an issue that will probably go to the planning board. Larry suggested that this might be included in the N. Triphammer Road Project.

We are making good progress on alarm systems in the village. Ben hopes that when they are considering the new 911 system that it will be capable of accepting the amount of information we can now provide.

Janet Beebe saw Mary Sirois at elections and she was upset with the Tops lighting. Ben has spoken with Jim Thorton and he has ordered a shield for the northern light on the back of the building.

Dennis has had requests to change the signage at the end of Ascot Place from a yield to a stop sign. When the yield sign went in there were only 6 houses up in Lansing Trails and one business on Ascot Place. Now there are 30 houses in Lansing Trails and a Montessori School on Ascot Place. After some discussion it was decided that Dennis would advise the board and get a recommendation from the school director. It is a minor issue.

Dean Calice submitted an invoice early so that Dennis could apply for the annual CHIPS Capital Highway Reimbursement. The Town of Lansing helped with patching on Dart Drive.

Last meeting Don brought up the maintenance issue on Brown Road Sidewalks and with Jodi's help in research it was found that the County did not want the sidewalk but allowed us to put it in if we maintained it. The B&T Park used to remove the snow from their walkway system but they no longer do that. The sidewalk we are referring to goes from Warren Road to the airport entrance. Larry suggested doing like Cornell does and post a sign that say closed if we did not want to continue to maintain that sidewalk in the winter. It is unclear if anyone actually uses that sidewalk.

Dennis is putting a flow meter in at 2025 Warren Road, by Northwood Apartments across from the Edelman Property. Everything that is upstream is commercial business. Four years ago a 50,000 a day discrepancy was found. This is the oldest line in the village and we could do a quick fix to the line to justify more sewer units. Dennis will check the flow, then if there is a discrepancy, clean and video to see where the problem areas are.

Larry Fresinski introduced the following:

Resolution # 3916- Abstracts of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$159,267.50, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$87,587.30 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$749.74, is hereby approved for payment

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$38,471.14, is hereby approved for payment

Trustee Leopold moved that this resolution be adopted and Trustee Moore seconded the motion.

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye
Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Leopold moved for adjournment. Trustee Moore seconded the motion.

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye
Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.

Jodi Dake
Village Clerk