

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at noon in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Trustees Frank Moore, Lynn Leopold, John O'Neill; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Ben Curtis; Superintendent of Public Works Dennis Reinhart; Motor Equipment Operator, Richard Beckwith; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake and Clerk, part-time Carol Willard.

Lynn Leopold called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M.

Carol stated that the Planning Board has reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and it will be coming to the Board of Trustees in December.

Rick stated that the snow fence is up, brush pick has been done and he's waiting for snow. Lynn asked if they tracked when storms come and how many times they go out to plow. Dennis stated that the game farm log keeps track of the number of storms, Dennis doesn't. Dennis stated that the snow usually starts around November 25th.

John O'Neill asked Dennis is he had been able to speak with the State in regards to getting the boom mower to clear the Route 13 bridge area. Dennis stated that it would be done next year. Cooke Cadillac has arranged to have the brush along Route 13 by their building cut down so that you can see his signage. When they do that, the State will do the Route 13 ramp areas and roadside. John feels something needs to be done because it looks trashy. Rick commented that we used to clean it up and weedwack by the bridge, even though it's not the Village's property. John asked Dennis to pursue the issue and see if the State will allow us to weedwack by the bridge in the Village.

The Village currently has the Town apply 2-part sand to 1 part salt on our roads. Jack French has asked Dennis if the Village would go to pure salt. Dennis stated that going with pure salt would be more expensive for the Village. Jodi informed them that the contract the Village has with the Town of Lansing has nothing to do with the price of the material they put on the road. It is based on a percentage of the increase or decrease in the billing to the NYSDOT by the County in comparison to the previous winter. For instance, if the County's billing to NYSDOT is decreased by 26%, then our total contract is decreased by 26%.

The Board discussed the problems of using the sand. Some of the concerns were not being able to see the white line on the road, bikers moving out into the road to avoid the sand, sand clean up and an overall maintenance issue.

The only draw back of using pure salt was the effect it had on some foliage and certain types of trees. Lynn will ask at the next Stormwater Group meeting what the EPA regulations say. At temperatures below 5 degrees the pure salt doesn't work, but in those conditions the Town would do a mix that does work.

John O'Neill asked how much it would cost to buy our own street sweeper. It would not be cost effective because they are high maintenance. John asked if the Village of Cayuga Heights had one we could use. Dennis stated that the Village of Cayuga Heights also hires out a street sweeper service. Dennis stated that it is very hard to get a good street sweeper. Jodi asked if we could schedule a date in advance to have the sweepers come in so that we would be sure to get one in a timely manner. Dennis likes to have it come after brush pick up. Frank feels that dust that is created by sweeping up the sand is a real problem. John suggested we try pure salt since those around us use pure salt and there would be less material to sweep up in the spring. The Board decided to wait until this issue was discussed with the Mayor and they asked Dennis to contact the Village of Cayuga Heights and find out what they think about using pure salt.

Frank stated that he was glad to see the zebra striping was complete by Triphammer Mall. He will be attending a sewer meeting with the Town of Lansing this afternoon so he will report on that Monday.

Lynn stated that Audrey Edelman has come to the Planning Board and would like to donate land off of Wood Thrush

Hollow Lane by Yardley Green to the Village. Lynn also reported that the Planning Board is not allowing Applebee's to put up a "Carside To Go" sign as it would exceed their permitted signage for the currently approved Top's Plaza Planned Sign Area. They will allow them to do 2 square foot directional signs as such signs are permitted in addition to the signage authorized under the Planned Sign Area approval.

Jodi informed the Board that our accountants have reviewed the financial statements and a draft report is available for Board review. A company called Phone Review who reviews phone bills for billing errors has also contacted her. This is the same type of thing we did with Computel and our NYSEG bill. Phone Review will receive 50% of whatever they recover for us. The Board felt they had nothing to lose and agreed to do it. They felt that we should keep it simple unlike the Computel situation where we had legal fees. Jodi will contact David Weiss and let him know that we will go ahead with this.

Ben stated that Millcroft was progressing. The Hamlet has started and the property looks very different now that they have cleared out all the undergrowth. Buffering between this property and Pyramid Mall was discussed. There was a complaint of noise before 7am at The Hamlet one morning, but that has been taken care of.

Pyramid is trying to close out their building permits. If Pyramid planted trees by the retention wall on the slope it could hide a lot. Pyramid still has 60 trees to put in. Pyramid will be coming in soon to get permission to build a stadium seating theater and put in restaurants where the current theater is.

Everyone is trying to get their buildings in the ground before winter. John Roy is building on Dart Drive. It was asked who was responsible for the dirt on the road from construction and the answer was the contractor. The temple that is going up at the corner of Burdick Hill and N. Triphammer Rd. is going for a building code variance so that they don't have to install a sprinkler system. The hearing is in Syracuse Thursday Nov. 18th.

Ben stated that the Planning Board is currently looking at urban forestry. They have completed the SEQR on Lansing Trails II. There will be another hearing. Also there is a gentleman's agreement with Mr. Dean that he will complete Bomax Drive connecting to the Lansing Trails II subdivision when needed. The Planning Board has reviewed the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan and is generally satisfied. One point they don't agree with entirely is the way they characterized the Village. Many people work here and there is a need for mass transit. Rick feels that buses are what tear up our roads. Ben replied that buses cut down on the amount of traffic in the Village.

Dennis stated that the paved shoulders on Janivar Dr. extension are completed. The washed out trail in Lansing Trails has been paved. A thin overlay was done on Cedar Lane. The Village will need to do more on this road in a couple of years. He feels it is one of the worst roads in the Village. The sinkhole has been repaired by putting in a French drain. Dart Drive has been striped and left turn arrows on N. Triphammer Rd. have been repainted.

In the Millcroft development they have completed the installation of the sewer mains. They will be doing directional boring for the water line and use flexible pipe, which will last 30-40 years.

Dennis has surveyed the Village and found about a dozen dead trees that have been removed. The streetlight at 33 Janivar Drive has been fixed. There was a problem with the underground wiring. Any new underground wiring that goes in the Village will be run through conduit. They are doing it in the Millcroft Subdivision and will have the same done in Lansing Trails II.

There was a logjam by Zikakis's on Cayuga Heights Road and that has been cleared. The Hamlet's first section of water line will go in on Monday. The water main area on E. Shore Dr. has been cleared. The main from our creek to behind the garage has also been cleared.

Lynn asked Dennis when they could get together to talk about getting bushes and trail signage in. It will involve getting the auger from the Village of Cayuga Heights to dig the posts for the trail signs. Dennis will call a nursery to see if it is too late to put the bushes in.

Frank asked Dennis if a pedestrian crossing sign could be installed at the crosswalk by Pyramid Dr. and N. Triphammer Rd. Dennis was going to look into a "Yield to Pedestrian" sign that would hang by the traffic signal and he will now look into this at the same time.

Lynn Leopold introduced the following:

Resolution #4100– Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$101,556.79, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$99,531.96, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$138.84, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Moore moved that this resolution be adopted and Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Lynn Leopold – Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye

Motion - Adjournment

Trustee O'Neill moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Lynn Leopold – Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 P.M.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer