

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, December 20, 2004, in the Village Office.

Present: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, Lynn Leopold, John O'Neill and Frank Moore; Attorney David Dubow; Planning Board Member, Phil Dankert; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:40P.M.and opened the public comment period. Bob Arrison was present representing the Community Party.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee Fresinski moved to close the public comment period. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye	Trustee Frank Moore- Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye	

Engineer Dave Putnam did not have anything to report and asked if the Board had any questions for him. Don stated that he had Dave look into the sewer problem that occurred last Monday at the Tops Plaza. Dave Putnam did research on the situation and found that the line we cleaned out does not belong to the Village. Don will have Dennis contact the property owner and let them know they owe us monies for this repair. It was explained that the laterals are the property owner's responsibility under the Village's Sewer Rules and Regulation. Therefore, if the Village installs a new manhole for this line, it will be at the expense of the property owner. It was further explained that if this line had been completely clogged, the County Health Department could have shut the whole TOPS plaza down.

The Mayor reported that nothing will be happening on N. Triphammer Road until after the first of the year, especially with this weather. We've received a response back from NYSEG that the new poles will start to go in on January 17th. Once this starts it will take approximately 10 weeks to complete. The Mayor will be monitoring this closely. The Village has almost no leverage with NYSEG to get them to proceed quickly. We will probably do some planned work around them.

Don met with Steve Farkas and Dave Herrick on the Intermunicipal Sewer issue. They will forward to Don the Stearns & Wheeler cost estimates. Don will ask Fisher Associates, the Village's consultant, to do a rough estimate of what would be involved and the costs. There will be a joint meeting with our sewer committee on January 28th. The Board discussed the issue of having three Trustees on the sewer committee because that would constitute a quorum of the Board. Dave Putnam will be available to the committee for technical advice. Little surprises may continue to pop up as they continue to research the different options for locating the sewer line. Frank stated that the committee needs to decide what the Village's interests are. Why would we do this if there is no value to the Village? Don agreed that we need to understand and evaluate the broader issue of if and how the Village is to be involved in the Town's sewer plans. Don stated that previously he had explored the option of a separate plant in the Town of Lansing with the NYSDEC and they felt if we pursued this option the whole Clean Air/Clean Water funding would be in jeopardy. It was commented that the question of a separate plant vs. a connection to an existing plant involved political issues with which a previous Town Supervisor was involved. As far as the Village is concerned, with the Kline Road Bypass, Village capacity issues can be addressed.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for December 6th & 15th. Since everyone attended both meetings they approved both together.

Motion-Approval of Minutes for December 6 & 15th, 2004

Trustee Leopold moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Clerk/Treasurer and the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	

Ben has written a memo requesting that the Board consider granting Taughannock Aviation a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for their addition at 66 Brown Rd. The addition will soon be substantially completed. They would like to occupy the building in January 2005. Life safety components for the building have been or will be completed and operational prior to issuance of a TCO. This will include the temporary steps and ramps at the entrance. Some work, primarily of a cosmetic nature, remains to be done on the exterior of the building. The major items that remain are the final parking lot, sitework and landscaping. There are currently parking, driveways, etc. in place, which have sufficed during construction and will be adequate for the winter months. In the Spring Taughannock Aviation plans to regrade the site to eliminate the need for steps at the entrances, construct the final parking lot, and install landscaping. Storm water run off is not an issue for this project. The following resolution was presented:

Resolution #4109-To Authorize the Code & Zoning Officer to Issue a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the Taughannock Aviation Addition at 66 Brown Road With a Nominal Security of \$5,000 and an Expiration Date of July 1, 2005

Trustee Fresinski moved this resolution and O'Neill seconded it. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye	Trustee Frank Moore- Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye		

During Mayor's comments Don stated that he attended the Group of 6 sewer meeting and they are down to the final details. Final agreements are just about complete. With respect to water issues, the Bolton Point building addition and renovation is moving along. The staff should be moving into the new section in mid January.

Larry Fresinski stated that we have experienced our first delay in getting information up on our webpage. This is because we are no longer provided with direct access due to a security issue. The Board questioned whether it was time to look for a new service. David Dubow informed the Board that one of the owners has had some health issues and scaled back on his work considerably. Larry suggested we not respond hastily and wait and see how Danica handles the present situation. It was observed that the good thing about working with a small company is the wonderful personal attention you receive, but on the other hand, if there is a problem such as this, there is quite an impact on the company.

Lynn asked if it was possible to have a secure website to pay your Village taxes online. Jodi stated that this can be done through a bank but there is a cost associated with it. The Board would have to decide if there was a cost benefit to doing it.

The Board discussed road patrol. Phil Dankert stated that people go extremely fast up and down Dart Dr. Don suggested that residents call the Sheriff Department to report these activities. It was asked if we could contract with someone for some additional services. It was explained that once we would do that we would lose our current coverage by the Sheriff and State Police. Years back the Board had looked into having their own police force but found it wasn't cost effective. It would be extremely expensive and we could not see the values. The Village has pretty good coverage since there is a police office in the Pyramid Mall.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Fresinski moved for adjournment. Trustee Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye	Trustee Frank Moore- Aye	Trustee John
O'Neill-Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye		

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/treasurer

