

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at noon in the Village Office.

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

Larry Fresinski called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. Carol is still waiting on newsletter articles. She has been comparing prices for printing.

Lynn stated that she and Ben attended the all day DEC Conference on Stormwater which was held for contractors and municipal officials. She also had a Stormwater working group meeting this morning. The deadline for RFP to apply for State funds for stormwater related projects is 4/29/05. MS4's will need to develop local laws that deal with Stormwater issues. Jodi asked if there were State laws, could we follow those or do we need to create our own. Lynn will get a copy of the State law and a copy of the Town of Lansing law. Phase II requirements may be more stringent. Ben stated that we need to decide which way to go. He used the example of the cell tower law that was created using the Ulysses law. There is a lot to say for uniformity in the area. The time spent at this training can go towards the annual report, which is due June 1st. Lynn will not be here for the IO meeting next week and asked if anyone could attend. Lynn will let John know the details.

Larry attended two meetings yesterday. The first was the Policy Committee, which is waiting on Tompkins County to hear if there will be a 3% salary increase. They also discussed the Transportation Improvement program. The second was Tompkins County Municipal Officials Association. They are concerned over the Tompkins County Library tax referendum. Another issue was radio towers. They decided that they need a plan before they hire a consultant. Charlie Purcell will be stopping by today at 1pm to speak with the Board. The Board has made him an offer and he will let us know.

Ben stated that there would be a law coming to the Board of Trustees on the Airport Combining District. The Planning Board has been discussing wetlands. Regulations for wetlands under 12.5 acres is optional for local municipalities. The Village needs to decide if we should have a municipal regulation for wetlands. There is no protection in place now. Drainage and erosion will also be issues that the Village will need to deal with in the future.

Lansing Trails II will be back in at the end of the month. Because of the school redistricting issue, Ben has received a lot of calls asking about the increase in housing. The housing market is very consistent. Judith Pastel, Ithaca School Superintendent, had incorrect information and has corrected this. They did not even look at data so they had a lot of hypothetical information. Many residents were concerned that redistricting would lower their property assessment value. The biggest concern was the distance kids would have to travel to school. Many people bought property in this area because of the school.

Pyramid has applied for a building permit to upgrade the existing Regal Cinema to a stadium style theater. Their proposal is to take the Ames space and redo it. Doing this will move people to park in this area behind Target that is currently not utilized. What they are proposing to do is under the original expansion plan, they are just relocating it. It's unclear what they will do with the old cinema.

Tompkins Trust Company will be asking to add two drive thru lanes. They've closed their Pyramid branch so there is increased traffic at their N. Triphammer Branch. There is already a northbound traffic issue as you come into the Triphammer Mall.

Parkview Health Care would like to increase parking. There will be a need to amend the zoning to increase the district and reduce the Business and Technology District. Finally, Ben announced that another building permit has been issued

for the Millcroft Subdivision. This area will be an upscale neighborhood.

Dennis stated that it is pothole season. They patch the holes and because of the weather they come right back out. Rick is patching holes today. The highway department computer is up and running. Dennis is working on creating lists of instructions for the new Supt. of Public Works. On Monday Suit Kote will begin construction in the Pyramid Drive area. They will try to maintain two way traffic.

Larry asked if there were any questions on the vouchers. Frank asked why the sewer rings and covers were a capital expenditure. Dennis explained that as part of N. Triphammer Road, we had agreed to replace the sealed rings and covers. John asked if the Ramada was going to pay for the water break on their property. Dennis stated that David Dubow has reviewed water law and that regulations say it is the owner's responsibility past the shut off valve. The work is still not complete. The road needs to be repaired and two flags of sidewalk and minor landscaping need to still be done. Once we have all the bills together we will then send them to Homik. Larry introduced the following resolution:

Resolution #4117- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$16,232.25, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$8,165.68, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$2,844.97, is hereby approved for payment.

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$15,708.86, is hereby approved for payment.

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

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

Motion - Adjournment

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 P.M.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer