

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, August 14, 2008, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Julie Baker and Larry Fresinski; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Benjamin Curtis; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; Laborers, Marty Moseley and Adam LaLonde.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:16. Adam stated that everything is going smooth.

Julie stated that the Deer Management Permit has to be submitted by September 1st. Julie asked if we formally had to pass a resolution to apply for this. Don suggested she propose a resolution.

Resolution #5473- To Submit a DMAP Application by September 1st

Trustee Baker moved this resolution be adopted and Trustee Fresinski seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Don will look into what needs to be done.

Julie explained that she and Ben have been looking at the proposed Building Code Administration and Enforcement Law. This has brought up a few issues she feels need to be discussed. The first is whether a Code Enforcement Officer should issue appearance tickets. Ben stated that currently we do not issue them. He feels there are some advantages and disadvantages to this. He thinks it is a good policy not to issue them, but at the same time a bad policy not to have the authority to do so. We have had issues in the past with University Apartments, Covered Bridge Apartments and Friendly's. We generally can work well with getting people to act in compliance. This issue came up years ago when Ted Wixom was Mayor. Ben suggested we have an appearance ticket process that includes the Trustees. Ben thinks it would be good not to easily issue tickets.

The next issue is whether or not to charge for operating permits and fire inspections. We need to start issuing operating permits. However, we don't have anything in our law that allows for this. Don feels that we should not charge for these types of permits because that is why people pay taxes. We haven't charged for fire inspections in the past and he doesn't feel we should start now.

We still have not found anyone to do fire inspections since Carol has left. Larry suggested that we try to connect with the Village of Cayuga Heights on this issue. Ben stated that he contacted Scott Purcell, Lansing Fire Chief, and he had no one to suggest. Ben still has a few other people he can call. Don asked Ben to explore this a little further. Larry also suggested talking to the Town of Lansing about sharing a person. Don has

been exploring other shared issues with Scott Pinney and will also discuss this. Larry wondered if the Town of Lansing charges a fee for fire inspections. Don feels that traditionally we never charge because that is what your taxes are for.

Julie asked John Courtney if there was anything we could do about the tree covering the stop sign by Target. John stated that that is on private property so it is out of our control. Ben will get in touch with Jim Chapman at the mall to see if they will take care of it. The next concern Julie had was the sidewalk by Tops that goes no where. Don explained that this is part of a complicated property swap that will involve a Graham Road sidewalk. This will be done after the N. Triphammer Rd. Project is closed out.

Don has met with Eric from The Shops at Ithaca Mall and the potholes have been fixed on Graham Road.

Larry stated that Time Warner Cable has installed Roadrunner but the cable still needs to be buried. Larry has spoken with them and they should be back soon to bury the cable.

Don asked Jodi if we have been paid for everything on the N. Triphammer Project. She confirmed that we have. Don stated that Cortland has signed off on the paper work for the project. Fisher Associates has completed all of the paperwork and it is currently on Mark Grainger's desk at NYSDOT. Don may take a drive up there next week to resolve this. It would be nice to finally close out this project.

Don has heard nothing on any progress being made with obtaining the consent of the new owners of the Northwood Apartments for the dedication of Northwood Drive to the Village. Dave Herrick is doing an estimate for design. Rob of Fisher Associates is interested in being the Village engineer for the road installation in the Bolton Estate Subdivision.

Don has been dealing with Bud Shattuck on drafting a formal MOU for the proposed sewer extension in the Town of Lansing. The MOU will include a surcharge for maintenance related to the Village's sewer mains. Don has not heard any more on whether the City of Ithaca will be using Bolton Point for water. Don will be in town until 9/10/08. The pumps next door will be starting randomly. They are having some problems with the radio link.

John Courtney reported that the dirt pile at the park has been removed. They got rid of the confined space at the Airport Ground Water Tank. A new hydrant has been installed back by the garage. The highway department has been installing storm sewer and plan to pave in September. Asphalt is now \$87 a ton. When we budgeted we used \$60 a ton. John questioned whether he could have more money for paving or if he should cut back on what we do. John had two quotes for playground equipment which he distributed to the trustees to look over. He would like to wait and install that in the spring.

Don stated that he has heard many compliments on N. Triphammer Rd. Larry asked if we have made any effort to not blow the grass on the road when we mow. John stated that it is such a narrow area that it either goes on the road or sidewalk. They try to blow away

from the road so that nothing flies out at passing cars.

Ben asked the Trustees when they would like to have David Dubow get involved with the current efforts to update the Building Code Administration and Enforcement Law in the Village Code. Don would like Ben and Julie to come up with a completed draft and then we would have David look at it.

Ben stated that there is a new restaurant on East Shore Drive called East Shore Café. It is the old Dempsey's Restaurant building. It is owned by Patrick Johnston who used to be a chef at Mahogany Grill. Colonial Vet is nearing completion. They will probably be requesting a Temporary Certificate of Compliance before the Trustees' next meeting on September 15th. Ben asked if this could be approved in concept at this time. He suggested that it be like the standard approval with a \$4,000 deposit. He assured the Board that all safety issues would be completed before he considers giving them a Temporary Certificate of Compliance.

Resolution #5474- To Give the Code & Zoning Officer Authority to Issue a Temporary Certificate of Compliance to Colonial Vet at 2369 North Triphammer Road if Needed Prior to the Next Board of Trustees Meeting.

Trustee Fresinski moved this resolution be adopted and Trustee Baker seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Don asked if everyone had a chance to review the vouchers.

Resolution #5475- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$35,752.31 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$1,097.99, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,516.27 is hereby approved for payment

Trustee Fresinski moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolution be adopted and Trustee Baker seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Ben stated that the townhouses in the Village were selling as well as big houses. We are

seeing a lot of additions also. Ben indicated that has had no problem keeping up with the preparation of the Planning Board minutes. The DEC has some issues with the Crossmore/Bolton Estate Subdivision. It has to do with the Stormwater Pollution Protection Plan. Lastly, Ben informed the Board that the Planning Board has been talking about affordable housing. Tompkins County is pushing this affordable housing demand. One way of doing this that has been discussed is with incentive zoning.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer