

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, December 11, 2008, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, John O'Neill, Julie Baker and Lynn Leopold; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Benjamin Curtis; Fire Inspector, Mike Arthur; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; Laborers, Marty Moseley and Adam LaLonde.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:25.

Ben stated that the Gupta's would like to get into their house by Christmas. Ben inspected the Gupta residence at 37 Beckett Way yesterday and it appears that it will be substantially complete within a week or so except for establishing ground cover, landscaping and minor site work. Ben recommends that the Trustees approve the issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Compliance for 37 Beckett Way which would expire June 20, 2009. He suggested a nominal security deposit of \$400 to ensure satisfactory completion of all outstanding items. As always, Ben assured the Board that the issuance of the Temporary Certificate would be contingent upon satisfaction of all building code and life safety issues.

Resolution #5499-To Authorize the Code & Zoning Officer to Issue a Temporary Certificate of Compliance for the Gupta Residence at 37 Beckett Way with an expiration date of June 20, 2009 and a nominal security deposit of \$400

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye  
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye  
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Ben stated that commercial construction was slow. Dunkin Donuts is coming to The Shops at Ithaca Mall. Ben received an inquiry on 53 Brown Road. This project will be going out to bid by Tompkins County. We are seeing a lot of remodeling and upgrades to residential properties. The proposed Code Administration and Enforcement Local Law has been completed and is ready for the Trustees to approve. While reviewing this, it was found that there are other areas of the Zoning Law that will eventually need to be amended or deleted and the Planning Board will be considering those matters. The Planning Board is also looking at Planned Unit Developments (PUD) and Planned Development Areas (PDA) and their possible application to potential future projects.

Mike informed the Board that he has inspected 16 "A" occupancies. An "A" occupancy is a place of assembly of 50 or more people. Many of these inspections require reinspections. He has been back to some locations four times already. Only 1 of 16 is

finished. Lynn stated that he has the force of the Village Code behind him. Many of the things wrong are very minor. Mike's goal is to send a list of requirements before he goes out to inspect a facility. He will do annual inspections every 11 months so that they are completed every 12 months. Mike doesn't know much about the Village of Lansing, but is learning. Ben added that there are operating permits for places of assembly for 100+ occupancy. These will require an annual inspection program.

Don still has not heard anything on closing out the N. Triphammer Road Project. Don will submit a letter to the State to have them strip the crosswalk on the east side of the Route 13 Bridge. Don met with John Courtney and Dave Putnam this morning. They now have a plan for Dart Drive.

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

Resolution #5500- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$76,765.06 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$160.29, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$756.51 is hereby approved for payment

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye  
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye  
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Lynn asked Don if he had a chance to speak with someone on reducing the speed limit on East Shore Drive. Don will speak with someone when he attends the Policy Committee meeting next week.

Julie stated that she did not understand the whole snowplowing situation with the Town of Lansing. Don explained our current agreement and the way in which we will adjust the contract in the future. Since they first started negotiating, the price of diesel has decreased which will lower the cost to plow. John asked how many tons of salt were used. Don couldn't remember the exact amount but Jodi will get the information to John.

Larry stated that there has been no real interest in the Village facebook page he set up. He also informed John of a streetlight out on N. Triphammer Rd. John stated that that one and another have been reported to NYSEG already.

Lynn asked what the Board thought of the flyer they received from the Village of Cayuga Heights on deer. Lynn had two concerns. The first was that no one is talking about the environmental damage, and second is that they don't mention the effect of a good bow hunt. Don does not want to get involved with this mess. Lynn will start to work on Stormwater Illicit Detention Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE).

Julie stated that all Board members have received the final proposed Code Administration and Enforcement Local Law which will be on the agenda for Monday. She would like everyone to review it before then. If anyone has any questions they should contact Ben Curtis. She hopes to be able to set a public hearing for January. Don stated that there has been a great group effort from Ben, Julie and David to complete this project.

Adam stated that someone burned a picnic table at Dankert Park and he is repairing that. John Courtney explained that the Village received a letter from NYS State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation stating that they did a site inspection to make sure that the facility is properly maintained and operated. The deficiencies stated in their letter were that the ball field is not handicap accessible, an Equal Opportunity sign was not posted, a tree was down and a picnic table was burned in a fire. The only issue that can't be resolved is the access to the ball field. Don stated that we never received a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant so they should not be doing inspections. Don will make a call to Tim Joseph.

John Courtney also stated that he received a call from the resident at 12 Janivar Drive about the drainage area that runs along the side of his property. John stated that it is deep enough and does its job. John thinks if they go in and cut down the tall grass that will make it look nice.

John stated that Dan Walker from the Town of Ithaca called him regarding Bolton Estates Subdivision. They want to try and do the construction of the road in one year. They will only brush hog the road this year. Our Code says that before the Village can accept the road it must first go through a freeze/thaw season. John told Dan that he would ask the Mayor if we would make an exception and accept the road before it went through a winter. Don will think about this.

#### Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye  
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye  
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:24pm.

Jodi Dake  
Clerk/Treasurer