

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, January 15, 2009, in the Village Office.

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

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:14.

Marty stated that they have been plowing snow and repairing water main breaks. Don stated that we've had our share of water main breaks this past month. John Courtney commented that it is a good thing we don't use outside contractors for this repair work as was the case when the previous superintendent was here. It would have been very expensive. On December 15th we had a break at 2519 N. Triphammer Rd., then two more on the 29th at 917 Cayuga Heights Rd., and on the 30th at 81 Burdick Hill Rd. There was also a break at 974 Cayuga Heights Rd. on January 8th.

Don complimented the staff on doing a great job on the last water main break. Don stated that Jodi and Marian tracked him down and he came to the rescue when a resident threatened the staff. Two sheriffs came to the scene. A water break that had happened at least 12 hours before had water across this resident's yard. The neighbor reported the break. The resident woke up from noise of the backhoe, saw the water in her yard, and decided that the people trying to fix the water main break were the ones causing the flooded condition. The resident became very abusive to our staff and Bolton Point's staff. She demanded a letter of apology and Don wrote her a letter. This resident slowed down the staff for a couple hours which resulted in additional expense to the Village and Bolton Point.

Mike informed the Board that he has inspected 40 businesses over the last three months. He showed the Board an article that had appeared in the Homer paper stating that they are going to be voting on whether to charge \$100 per unit to inspect apartments every 3 years. Mike thinks we will see more of this as a source of revenue with the current economy. He personally likes the idea of fees to motivate people to have issues resolved on his first return inspection. John O'Neill asked Mike if he had a recommendation for the Board. He did not, but will get back to the Board on this issue. Since the Board has expressed an interest in not implementing another fee, Jodi suggested that one way to handle this would be to not charge for the initial visit and recheck, but start charging after that if it is still necessary to come back to reinspect. Jodi added that if we send out a list of requirements as Mike indicated he was going to do, they would know exactly what to expect and hopefully be more motivated to comply quickly.

Jodi informed the Board that she had closed all of the Chase savings accounts and moved those funds to the Tompkins Trust Company. The interest rate at the Trust Company is 0.15% higher now. This results in approximately an additional \$13,000 a year in interest income. Jodi stated that the Planning Board is having Stephan Lauzier and Tom LiVigne

of the Cornell Real Estate Office come to their meeting on February 9th to talk about Workforce Housing. The Planning Board has inquired as to whether the Board of Trustees would like to attend that meeting.

Resolution #5503-To Schedule a Joint Meeting With The Planning Board for Monday February 9, 2009 at 7:30pm at the Village Office.

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

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

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

Jodi will publish this additional meeting in the paper.

John stated that we have had very unusual weather. The temperature has been up and down and we've had ice and snow. John O'Neill thanked the Highway Department for picking up Christmas trees.

The Board discussed a course of action for the upcoming budget. Don will not be at the February 2nd meeting but will get started with the budget so that the Board can work on it at the March 2nd and 16th meetings. Jodi will get the usual budget information and requests out to the staff. Don doesn't foresee any large expenditures next year. He would like to get Northwood and Dart Drive done. Julie will help John O'Neill with personnel related budget issues.

John wants the Board to look at retirement health insurance since Ben will be retiring within the next two years. Don stated that when Ben decides to retire he would like to start the search a year before and have his replacement work with him for at least six months.

Larry stated that a new email account has been set up for our fire inspector. After confirming that it is working properly, Larry will add Mike to the staff directory. John Courtney also recommended adding Adam LaLonde.

Lynn had nothing to report.

Julie Baker is looking for more to do for the Village. She has agreed to go to the Planning Board meetings when Lynn can't attend. She will also go to the Town of Lansing meetings with John O'Neill.

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

Resolution #5504- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$37,626.73 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$4,181.21, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Special Assessment Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$24,180.00, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$102,252.33 is hereby approved for payment

Trustee Baker moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions 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

Lynn saw that there was a payment to Cayuga Medical for Marty and asked what happened. Marty stated that he fell and sprained his wrist when he was clearing a tree from Dart Drive. Marty stated that he wore a brace for awhile and he is fine now.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Fresinski moved for adjournment. Trustee Leopold 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 12:45pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer