

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, June 11, 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; 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 12:25.

John Courtney stated that they have relocated the speed sign on North Triphammer Road. The play structure in Dankert Park is complete. They set the structure on a bed of stone for drainage and then the wood carpet went over that. The structure meets ADA Standards. Julie has spoken with some residents and they are very happy with the new structure. John would also like to expand the parking lot in the park to the east. Originally the parking lot was just gravel and they paved over it. It is starting to break up in spots so he would like to redo it and restripe. Eventually they will be removing the old play structure. The trail is almost complete.

There was a major sewer break earlier in the month and the cooperation they received from the City of Ithaca was amazing. Don will write them a letter thanking them. John stated that 80,000 gallons of water was flushed down the creek. The DPW staff used brooms to wash off the rock shelves. It was suggested that they get HEPA shots as a precaution. From the time the Village was notified to the time the system was bypassed took about 12 hours. The Village has done everything in its power to make it right. Jodi got notice to Larry for the web and he also sent out e-mail broadcast to our residents that have signed up to receive Village information. Jodi also printed off fliers to inform the residents in that area and she and Ben delivered them. Don contacted the radio and newspaper to get the word out to area residents. On Monday they will check to see if there is a need to flush again. We are supposed to have a heavy rain which will really help. Don commented that this was an unusual situation because no where else in the Village is there a storm drain under a sewer line. This line was improperly installed when the Target/Regal addition was done at the Shops of Ithaca. Don commended the staff on a fantastic job in dealing with the situation.

Lynn suggested that we remove the trashy willow in the park to lighten it up. There are many "trash" trees that can come out in the fall. Lynn suggested that we watch the rain fall and next month we may need to put the water bags back on the trees along N. Triphammer Rd. She also asked if the DPW could deliver some mulch to the Tompkins Trust Company corner garden.

Don stated that he and Larry met with the Town of Lansing to talk further about snow plowing. They thought it was a good meeting, but they received a letter today from the Town stating that they are insistent on their original proposed cost for next year's

plowing of \$73,000, and are not willing to negotiate that price. Don asked John Courtney to do a careful estimate of our costs if the Village were to do its own snowplowing with our staff, and he would also like to explore private contractors as another possible alternative. Don will let Scott know that we will try to have an answer for him by the end of June. Based upon this latest communication from the Town, the Board has concluded that the Town is not interested in having a cooperative relationship with the Village. With the recent sewer break, John called over to the Town requesting a flusher truck but the Town responded that they was paving and wouldn't let any of the firemen leave even though it was explained that the sewer break was a public safety issue that needed immediate attention. By comparison, the City of Ithaca's help was amazing. John added that 3 of the hydrants behind the Mall don't work and he asked Mike to address that when he was over there doing fire inspections. Mike stated that he would do it today when he goes to the Mall to do an inspection.

Mike stated that he has been working on a filing system. Mike informed the Board of a newsletter article regarding home fire alarms and kids not hearing them. He will forward the article to the Board.

Ben stated that Triphammer Development and Kinney Drugs have come in and they are proposing as part of Kinney's occupancy of space at Triphammer Mall that the entrance way to the Mall and the related plantings and landscaping be reconfigured. Final approval will probably take place at the June 30th Planning Board meeting. They would like to open in October. Ben told the Board about the 1 and 2 family residential sprinkler training class he attended. Boris Simkin, who bought the Jay O'Rear property, was in talk to Ben about the illegal water hook up on Sun Path and the road. The proposal for senior housing on Dart Drive doesn't sound too promising. Ben asked if the Board was still considering post-retirement Health Insurance. They are still working on it along with the TCCOG Health Consortium proposal. The TCCOG proposal looks like it would cost more, but have a little more coverage.

Lynn asked if Ben had heard any more on the proposed farmer's market coming to the Butler property on N. Triphammer Rd. Ben stated that he has not heard any more.

Mayor Hartill entertained the following motion:

Resolution #5547- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$71,991.21 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$21,035.99, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$258.19, is hereby approved for payment, and

and
Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$456,372.02, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$130.04 is hereby approved for payment

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

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 Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:28pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/ Treasurer