

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, August 13, 2009, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, John O'Neill, Julie Baker and Lynn Leopold; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

Jodi explained that there was a water transmission line that broke in front of McDonald's so the highway crew will not be at the meeting. They are helping Bolton Point fix their line. McDonald's had to close for the day. The Annual Update Document (AUD) has been submitted. Julie asked what this document was. Jodi explained that it is a final financial report that is sent to the State every year by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Jodi stated that our new backhoe has arrived. John Courtney had asked that the Board surplus the old Backhoe so that it could go to the Lansing Auction on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The 2001 backhoe was purchased from an auction in November 2005 for \$37,875.

Resolution #5561- To Surplus the 2001 CAT 420 D-Sn-FDP 3981  
Backhoe

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

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

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

Resolution #5562- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$441,542.64 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$690.44, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,598.69, is hereby approved for payment, and

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Mayor Hartill stated that Cayuga Heights Road., Pembroke Lane and Twin Glens Road will be paved in the beginning of September. There is very little ditching to do there. We may also get the storm sewer in on the north side of Dart Drive. Don will call Dave Putnam this afternoon to see where we are with this project. The water tank issue will be discussed again at the next SCLIWC meeting. The issue is still what kind of tank to purchase. Don has found out that the Harvestore tank is also available in a tan color in addition to the blue color that was previously discussed, which makes a difference. The County work on Warren Road. is proceeding. The Town of Lansing will be doing a sewer capacity study once it is approved by their Board.

Don will be attending a session at Cornell and will discuss the issue of snow plowing and duplication of services. He will also voice his concern over the new legislation that enables the dissolution of a Village with only a 10% residential vote. Currently it is 30%. The Mayor received a letter from Barbara Lifton stating that there are some issues with this law but they passed it anyways and will fix them later. Don feels it is political grandstanding.

Don received a letter from Frank Proto, chairman for the Water Resource Council, and he wants someone from the Village of Lansing to participate. Lynn will find out when they meet, and if it fits into her schedule she will do it. This member will have to be appointed by the Board. Don feels this is a very sensible organization.

Lynn stated that she met with a member of the Soil & Water Conservation yesterday to look at our rain garden. We will be sharing plants with them.

Julie will be meeting with the staff regarding the TCCOG Health Insurance Consortium. Don will forward her all the information he has on this.

Lynn reported that at the Planning Board meeting they are discussing a Memorandum of Understanding regarding tree cutting and brush clearing on the Bolton Estate Subdivision. At that meeting David Dubow indicated that the proposed Clearing Policy which has resulted from the cooperative effort of the Village and the developer is something that the Village should try to complete and formally adopt and implement as soon as possible. Maria Stycos and Nina Backet, a Cornell Grad Student, will go out and identify trees on Lots 2 and 3 once the Clearing Policy is in place and after receiving permission from Ed Crossmore. Lynn also reported that there was some discussion at the Planning Board meeting with representatives from the Shops at Ithaca Mall about developing the land which they own west of the YMCA. They want to add a mix of quality senior housing along Oakcrest Rd., a trail and a big box store behind the senior housing. This would require a change in zoning or a Planned Development Area, which in turn would require Board of Trustees action.

John Courtney arrived and stated that the water from the transmission main break ruined both of McDonald's sewer pump stations. He also reported that the North Triphammer Road. Bridge is almost complete. An appraisal will be done next week on our backhoe. The lady he spoke with at the auction stated that backhoes have been bringing good money lately because they are shipping them overseas.

It was reported that Janivar Trail has been paved. The parking lot extension at Dankert Park is complete. They have also done some ditching at the park. We are a little behind in our mowing. Next week the International truck will go in to have the snow plowing wing installed. They say this will take approximately 3 weeks. Jodi volunteered to drive one of the trucks up if the Highway Department needed the help. The Twin Glens drainage issue has been fixed.

John explained that there was an incident at Chateau Claire Apartments with sewage coming up in their storage area. Dustin Comes submitted a letter on the situation. John spoke with Mike at Drain Brain and he instructed the maintenance guy at Chateau Claire to not pull the cap off, but they refused. Therefore, it is not our responsibility. There is a problem with the willow tree roots growing into our line. Drain Brain did flushing and camera observation of the line and they don't think we need to replace the whole line. John will send a letter to the apartment complex asking them to remove the willows that they planted over our sewer lines.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Baker moved for adjournment. Trustee Lynn 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 1:05pm.

Jodi Dake  
Clerk/ Treasurer