

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, April 19, 2010, in the Village Office.

Present: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees John O'Neill, Lynn Leopold and Julie Baker; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow; Planning Board Member Richard Durst.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. and opened the public comment period. There were no comments.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee O'Neill moved to close the public comment period. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill -Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Next on the agenda was to approve the minutes from March 11<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from March 11, 2010

Trustee Baker moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Clerk/Treasurer and the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Abstain	Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from April 5, 2010

Trustee Baker moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Clerk/Treasurer and the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Abstain	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

At the last meeting Jodi presented the Board with a quote from Finger Lakes Technologies Group to provide the Village offices with phone and internet service. The Board asked Jodi to inquire as to what the cost would be for Time Warner Cable to provide that same service. She obtained that information and reported to the Board that the difference was \$6.60 more per month but long distance was included at no charge through TWC but was estimated on Finger Lakes Technologies Groups proposal. The

Board determined that it would like to switch phone & internet service to TWC. This will be done as soon as our One Communication contract is up May 28<sup>th</sup>.

The next item on the agenda was to talk about retiree health insurance. Jodi has taken all the suggestions from the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and has written up proposed language for the employee handbook which was previously emailed to the Board. Larry has passed along some changes which did not affect any substantive elements of the plan, only language to help clarify.

Jodi stated that she called our accountants and they said we would need to hire an actuary to comply with GASB 45 which deals with post employment benefits. After researching the website that Dwayne gave her, Jodi found that the cost for an actuary for a group of 100 or less employees was \$3,150 for 2 years. Jodi also put a call into NYCOM to see what their opinion is on this matter. They have not gotten back to her yet. John added that AARP will have some changes starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. They will get this information to John at the beginning of May. The Board will wait until they have that information and will revisit this at their second May meeting.

During the Mayor's comments Don stated that there have been articles in the paper about the financial state of municipalities in the area. The Village is in a good financial and tax situation because we have carefully managed our funds. The Mayor's comments from the Village newsletter were put in the Ithaca Journal.

Don has attended the TCOG meeting. We have a new employee, Nolan Hatfield, in the Department of Public Works. Don thinks he is a good young man and is looking forward to working with him. The elections are Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup>. Brush pick up is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Street cleaning is completed and we will be starting road maintenance. Dart Drive is in the design phases and Don is hopeful it will happen in the near future.

We are in the process of designing a garage for our vehicles. We will be adding three bays onto the current garage. To allow for turning of the vehicles, we will be cutting 20 feet of the current salt storage shed and putting a new roof on it. Our goal is to have this completed by next winter. The following year a new office building will go where the water tank is currently. The current office building will be used for storage and we will still hold meetings in the conference room.

Bolton Point will be replacing part of their distribution system within the Village. The transmission main in front of McDonalds will be routed further west behind Lansing Village Place.

During general discussion, Julie stated that she and John would be attending Managing Emergencies in Tompkins County. The Village should review and update its current Emergency Plan. This will be an agenda item for May or June.

Lynn stated that she attended the Water Resources Council meeting this afternoon. She reported that Michael Lovegreen from Bradford PA gave a PowerPoint presentation on

the Marcellus Shale. Bradford is considered the “sweet spot” for gas drilling. They currently have over 400 well permits where ten years ago there were only 2 or 3. There are 80 drilling companies in that area. Lynn gave an overview of Michael’s presentation. Michael expects the drilling companies to be there for the next 50 years so these problems caused by drilling will not be going away soon.

David Dubow informed the Board that the Planning Board is having a developer’s conference and public information meeting on the proposed PDA on Tuesday, April 27. Jodi reported that Lynn, Phil Dankert and Lisa Schleelein will walk the site on Monday.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee O’Neill moved for adjournment. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion to adjourn. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Jodi Dake  
Clerk/Treasurer