

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, December 16, 2010, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees John O'Neill, Lynn Leopold and Julie Baker; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; Laborers, Nolan Hatfield, Adam LaLonde; Code & Zoning Officer, Marty Moseley.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:24pm.

John Courtney stated that the new garage is coming along. We should be seeing a credit come through for the removal of the wash bay wall. The advantage to not having that wall is a nice open floor plan. Dave Putnam and Dave Herrick have been working on the engineering for the Cayuga Heights Road Water Main Replacement Project. The project should start in early spring. There has been some overtime for snowplowing. We may have ordered too much salt, but when John ordered he took into consideration the fact that we have taken over another mile of road in the Crossmore Subdivision. The Village now has 18.28 miles of roads. Trucks are running well. It will be nice to be able to get them inside. Julie Baker asked how easy it was to control where the salt goes. John stated that it is hard to control. Once we have a garage to pull the trucks in we will be redesigning the shoot to make it better. They are currently working on adjustments so that they can cut back on salt as much as they can.

Lynn asked if the Highway Department could repair the flower boxes during their downtime this winter. They are in bad shape.

John O'Neill handed out the agenda from the December 15th Town of Lansing Board Meeting. John attended that meeting and reported that even though Andy Sciarabba is building a new grocery store in the Town of Lansing, he is supportive of the BJ's coming in. John informed John Courtney that someone has removed the stakes at the end of Ayla Way.

Julie stated that a resident asked her what was done with the deer hides of the deer taken out of the Village. John Courtney stated that most hunters sell them. Julie reported that at the last Planning Board meeting they discussed the Café in the B&T Park wanting a sign. Julie suggested that they check with the people in the Business & Technology Park to see what would meet their needs. Julie will not be at Monday night's meeting.

Lynn stated that she attended the Stormwater Coalition meeting yesterday. They are looking into how to best use the dues that are collected.

Lynn stated that there have been 39 deer taken from the Village. Bernd & Jay will be at Monday night's meeting to give the Board an update. We may want to consider the idea of nuisance tags.

Don stated that he attended an interesting meeting with Tompkins County Legislators regarding BJ's. He hopes that somehow everything converges. Lynn feels that the developers weren't forthcoming with all the information.

Don asked if we get anything out of the Tompkins County Planning Department. TCPD has nine people and no mandate for planning.

Lynn gave a short summary on the deer hunt. She stated that Bernd & Jay would like to come in and give a more detailed presentation. Jodi stated that they are scheduled to attend Monday night's meeting.

Don asked John if he would fix the pot hole on Cayuga Heights Road right by the Route 13 exit ramp.

Jodi reminded everyone of the Holiday Party at Mayor Hartill's on December 22nd. The Property Tax Cap Mandate Relief letters will go out today once the Mayor has signed them.

Jodi and John Courtney updated the Board on the whole issue of a new roof and solar panels. The roof still has at least 8 years of life left, but if we were to install solar panels we would need to redo the roof this spring when we install the solar panels. We had budgeted for this, but the price is now coming in at double what was planned for. These, along with other hidden costs, are driving the price up and there is no longer a payback benefit. John stated that the way this building is wired would also increase the cost to install these solar panels. Jodi suggested that if we wanted to put green practices into place we should do it with the new office building. Lynn agreed that she didn't think we should do the solar panels on the current office building.

Resolution#5681 -To Not Proceed With the NYSERDA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Agreement #19390 to Install Solar Panels on the Village Office Building.

Trustee Leopold moved this resolution be adopted and Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Jodi will contact Kate Wojcik of TRC Energy Services to inform her of the Village's decision.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5682- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$100,371.17 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$192.80, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$2,009.17, is hereby approved for payment, and

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Lynn asked when BJ's first came to the Village Planning Board meeting if they asked for rezoning for senior housing. She remembers them asking us, and not the Village asking them for senior housing. Some area newspapers are reporting it the other way around.

Marty stated that he is continuing to work through all the old open permits and fire inspections. He is also reviewing the BJ plans. Ivar Jonson has been in to ask about the Village taking over Nor Way and the Jon Stone Circle so that the Village would do the snow plowing. Currently they are private roads, not Village owned. The Planning Board has been working through the Sign Law and identifying proposed amendments to be recommended to the Board of Trustees. A proposed local law will be coming to the Board of Trustees shortly.

Don asked Marty if he has any prospects on a possible subcontractor to do fire inspections for the Village. Marty stated that Ben had suggested the gentleman that trained Mike. Marty suggested that a subcontractor be hired just do the inspections and he would do all of the paperwork.

Lynn stated that the illicit discharge local law is still not completed. Lynn feels the State should be doing their own mandates. David Dubow has not fully completed his review of the proposed local law that was previously prepared and hopes to complete that process as soon as possible.

Lynn also asked if the Village should try and help with the wetland area that is part of the Lansing Meadows PDA. Jodi stated that the Village can not do any work on private property.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.
Jodi Dake-Clerk/Treasurer