

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, January 13, 2011, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Trustees John O'Neill, Patricia O'Rourke and Julie Baker; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; Laborers, Nolan Hatfield, Adam LaLonde; Code & Zoning Officer, Marty Moseley.

John O'Neill called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.

John Courtney stated that the new garage is coming along. McPherson's have just about completed the insulation in the new garage. Once this is complete they will be able to get heat in there so they can prepare the floors. There haven't been too many change orders. The Highway Department has been busy plowing snow and fixing signs which have been knocked over by cars which have slid off the road. Other than that they have been working on plow trucks and various other things in the shop. The Village is doing well with salt. We just had 210 tons delivered on Monday, putting us at the 360 mark for the season. We still need to get around the 700 ton range so we don't have to pay storage fees. John doesn't foresee a problem. This last storm we used a lot of salt because it was a very slippery snow. There has been overtime due to snow.

On Tuesday January 4th we had a water break down on E. Shore Drive by Bolton Estates. It happened around 10am so there was only an hour of overtime for each guy. John O'Neill stated that he remembers a year ago when we had many problems with the sewer line coming from the jail because of paper towels and other debris they were putting down the line. Tompkins County Jail is working on getting a grinder to alleviate this problem.

John has also been working with Tompkins County over a possible bill of \$90,000 for the installation of a traffic signal at Uptown & Warren. John did some research along with Jodi and Dave Putnam and found that they potentially may owe us \$90,000. We have all the paperwork. What they were supposed to do is when we had that traffic signal installed it was supposed to be joint cooperation. Tompkins County agreed to pay ½ of the installation of this traffic light and pay 50% of operation and maintenance of the signal. This payment was supposed to be in shared services but we have no evidence of this work ever being done for the Village. They have paid nothing. John is going to work with Mayor Hartill and Dave Putnam to see if we can work something out with the new traffic light that was installed in front of the Post Office on Warren Road. We owe around \$50,000 for that and maybe we can work this out and address both projects together. The red light has already gone out on the Post Office/Warren Road light. It's been 5 days and it is supposed to be fixed within 24 hours. There were some overruns with the Warren Road Project. The Federal Government gave money for the traffic signal but because they had overruns on other areas, Tompkins County used that money for other things. If the Federal Government gave specific money for the traffic signal, then you can't use it to pay for something else, it isn't fair to the Village. John will continue to work with them.

Ivar Jonson has constantly been asking the Village to plow Nor Way. We cannot plow a private road. He gave David Dubow the deed but none of the other paperwork that needs to go along with it. He has to offer the road for dedication and it has to be approved by the Board of Trustees. Ivar has had residents in that area contact the Village to try to get us to plow. We have explained to them that we cannot plow a private road and it is Ivar Jonson's responsibility until the Village takes over the road. All building permits state that there are no snow plowing services provided by the Village for their road. These people knew this when purchasing their houses.

Julie asked when the garage would be completed. The garage had a problem with the base. The original deadline to have the garage complete was the end of December but now they are shooting for the end of February.

There has been a problem with someone snooping around the garage area one Sunday when he thought no one was around. The problem John has is that if they are backing up and don't see him, there is some risk of injury. John O'Neill suggested that Nick could set up a meeting with John Courtney to look at the new construction if he has a concern. This is private property. John O'Neill suggested a no trespassing sign be installed to cover liability.

Adam didn't have much to report other than they have been plowing. Nolan stated he has been plowing the sidewalks. John O'Neill complimented the guys on how well they clear the sidewalks.

Julie checks the books every month and they are always fine. Julie went to the Planning Board meeting on Monday; the Planning Board discusses the sign issue in the Business & Technology Park. The Park Grill Café has a lot more signs that we thought they had. They paid for the signs and Tompkins County put them up. Originally she was thinking what does it really matter if they have a sign? But on the other hand we don't want the B&T Park to turn into a bunch of restaurants that is an area overloaded with signs. Marty stated that there are 9 signs. Marty has spoken with the County and they have removed all but the three signs that have been temporarily authorized. The Board of Trustees previously approved for Levon Brewer to only be allowed to have three signs stay up for the Park Grill Café pending further recommendation from the Planning Board.

Marty stated that since Jodi was out sick today, she asked him to have the Board consider setting a public hearing for Proposed Local Law C (2011). This proposed law is an amendment to the Zoning Law which would increase the maximum width for the entrance way, including any curve radii, apron or curb cut, of driveways on residential lots, such increase to be from twenty (20) feet to thirty (30) feet; and to amend accordingly the provisions in Section 145-20 (entitled "Curb Cuts, Driveways and Private Roads") of Chapter 145 (entitled "Zoning") of the Village of Lansing Code.

Resolution #5689-Set Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law C (2011) for Monday February 7, 2011 at 7:45pm

Trustee Baker moved this resolution. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Marty stated that there is a 2010 New York State Code Update that went into effect on December 28, 2010. Marty is still working on old permits. Julie asked if there was a link to the NYS code online. There is through our Village of Lansing website. John asked if we are still behind in our Fire Inspections. We are, and we are also still looking to find someone to help us with that. Marty explained that a person would only perform the inspection part of the Fire Inspection and that the office would take care of the rest to help minimize the cost to the Village. Marty handed out the Quarterly and Annual Building Reports for the Village. Julie commented on how many of the seasonal stores have pulled out of the Shops at Ithaca Mall. Lastly, Marty stated that he has not heard any more on the BJ's Project.

Trustee O'Neill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5690- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$24,968.80 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$598.08, 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 \$23,245.00, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$114,121.30, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$151,188.40, is hereby approved for payment, and

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

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Baker moved for adjournment. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 12:48pm.
Jodi Dake-Clerk/Treasurer