

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, June 6, 2011, in the Village Office.

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

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm and opened the public comment period. Yasamin Miller of Coventry Walk asked if the Board would consider designating the land donated by the Edelmans which is behind Coventry Walk as forever wild. Mayor Hartill stated that he would be reluctant to do that because the Village would never be able to use the property for even a volleyball field or any other recreational use. He explained that land that is designated forever wild must have no improvements and no trails. Yasmin asked if the Board could make the forever wild designation for only a part of the property. Lynn suggested another possible designation such as parkland. Don stated that since it is Village property it would have to be discussed to determine its potential financial change and effect. Don further explained that this property is zoned Medium Density Residential (MDR), and the "L" shaped parcel surrounding Yardley Green that the Edelmans also donated to the Village is zoned for apartments. Lynn questioned why these two parcels were never given a park land designation. Dubow explained that it was done this way so that the Village would have flexibility as to how that property might be used to the Village's benefit. Don and David explained that to change designated parkland one has to go through the State Legislature. Dubow stated, by example, that the Lansing Trails II approval involves a connection to eliminate parkland and replace it with other parkland, and that process will have to be approved by a special laws adopted by the State Legislature. Don stated that our engineers continue to suggest the need to connect the Coventry Walk cul-de-sac to a Village road. The way to accomplish this is to either take over Northwood Road as a Village road or build a connector to Lansing Trails. Don stated that the actual road on the plat is to the west of the houses on Coventry Walk. It is a life safety issue. It was also pointed out that the Village might also be able to make a connection to Churchill Drive and that too would affect the property donated by the Edelmans. Don is very reluctant to change the current zoning but there is no easy solution. If the Village could take over Northwood Drive it would help solve our problem. Dubow added that the "L" shaped lot was dedicated to the Village of Lansing when the Edelman's sold the apartment complex and subdivided the property so as to create the "L" shaped lot.

Yasamin asked if the Village was looking at the parcel to the west side of development as a future road. Don stated that we really have to address this life safety issue. There are two solutions to this. The first would be a new extension road to Churchill Dr. and the other is to take over Northwood. Yasmin asked if the Village doesn't get Northwood does this mean that the proposed Lansing Reserve PDA proposal will not be authorized. Don stated that this issue is not just related to that proposed project. It has to do with Coventry Walk issues, public access and road connectivity. Julie Baker added that this is not

something new; we have been talking about this for years. Dubow added that back in 2006 we almost had an agreement to take over Northwood Drive but then the property changed hands.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

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

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

Mayor Hartill asked Engineer Dave Putnam what the timeline would be for Cayuga Heights water line construction. Dave believes they will be starting next month but will give the Mayor a date as soon as a signed contract comes back. Don wants to make sure that we give the residents in that area notice of when the project will be taking place. The Mayor moved the consideration of the two bid matters to the end of the meeting since there was a need for private session before they could be considered.

Mayor Hartill stated that we will be replacing the west side sewer line at the Shops of Ithaca Mall. Don asked Dave Putnam when we would be able to start that. Dave stated that the survey is done. Don stated that the Shops at Ithaca Mall were going to replace a gas line in that area and it would be nice if he would contact Eric Goetzmann at the mall to try and coordinate that. Dave will contact Eric to see if we could combine forces for digging up that area.

There were two sets of minutes that needed approval.

Motion-Approval of Minutes for May 12, 2011

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:

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

Motion-Approval of Minutes for May 16, 2011

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

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

During the Mayor's comments Don stated that construction at the BJ's site is making rapid progress. They have hired a new contractor to complete the site work. The pad should be finished early next week. After this BJ's will have RL Spence, Inc., out of Syracuse, as general contractor to construct the building. Currently, the project is about 1 ½ weeks behind schedule. John O'Neill stated that the contractors were working past 7pm. John will inform Code & Zoning Officer Marty Moseley of this.

Mayor Hartill reported that he attended his first NYCOM meeting last week. The Mayor of Seneca Falls is the current NYCOM President. Her Town has a landfill which covers most of their Town budget. They are going through the process of dissolving the Village into the Town but are finding that it isn't working out as anticipated. They spent \$90,000 in the transformation. Although many municipalities have considered consolidation and a lot of money has been spent on those evaluations, only 1 or 2 villages have actually dissolved. He also learned that the property tax cap will very likely be going through. The Village of Lansing is in good shape and this will not have an affect on us. However, some of our neighboring municipalities aren't in such good shape. Don found it very useful to talk to other municipal officials. He also learned, while talking to others, that we have a very good staff here in the Village.

John O'Neill reported that he attended the Town of Lansing meeting. They discussed using IDA incentives for the Lansing Center. Steve Cardamone's development, Woodland Park, has connected to sewer. The Town of Lansing did their own audit this year and John thought this was something we should consider doing. Jodi stated that we need to have an outside audit due to the small size of our staff. When the State Comptrollers office came in just before Jodi was hired they made a recommendation to have checks and balances because of the limited staff.

A request was made to go into private session to discuss an attorney-client protected matter with David Dubow.

Motion- To Go Into Private Session

Trustee Baker moved to go into private session to discuss an attorney-client protected matter. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

The Board went into Private Session at 8:07pm.

Motion- To Come Out of Private Session

Trustee O'Rourke moved to come out of private session. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

The Board came out of Private Session at 8:37 pm.

Dave Putnam had previously sent the Board of Trustees a summary of the bids for both water projects and the bid tab for the water project. With respect to the Cayuga Heights Road/East Shore Drive project bids, the Board determined that the omission of the acknowledgment of Addendum 2 of the apparent low bidder is a non-material irregularity which can and should be waived. They also determined that the delivery of the LRS bid submission which was less than a minute past 2:00pm was non-material and that no other bidders were adversely affected or prejudiced in any way. These issues were deemed acceptable and the Board agreed that notice of award should be given to LRS. Don would like to have it in writing that Addendum 2 was acknowledged and would have no additional cost.

Resolution #5738 -To Award the Contract for the 2011 Water System Improvement Project to LRS Excavating of Lansing, NY for \$526,253 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Notice of Award as Long as LRS Supplies a Letter By Friday June 10, 2011 Stating that There is No Additional Charge For Addendum 2.

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

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

Dave Putnam recommended award of the 2011 Oakcrest Tank Removal Contract to Gorick Construction. Dave Putnam has worked with them in the past and they are very good at demo work. Dave also talked with Al Gorick and they are happy with there number and are looking forward to doing the job. This bid came in less than estimated at \$44,244.

Resolution #5739 - To Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Notice of Award for the 2011 Oakcrest Tank Removal Contract to be Issued to Gorick Construction of Binghamton, NY for \$44,244

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

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

It was asked how long this demo would take. Dave Putnam stated that once started it will probably be done in a week. Dave would like the project to start after July 1st when he returns from vacation. Once it is determined when Gorick will start, notice will be given to neighbors so that they can prepare for the loud noise and dust this will create. Jodi suggested also putting it in the newspaper, on the radio and on our webpage.

Motion- To Go Into Executive Session for Personnel Issues

Trustee Baker moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:40pm.

Motion- To Come Out of Executive Session

Trustee Leopold moved to come out of executive session. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:30 pm.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

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| Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye | Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye |
| Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye | Trustee Julie Baker-Aye |

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer

