

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, November 21, 2011, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Patricia O'Rourke, Julie Baker, Lynn Leopold and John O'Neill; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake.

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

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:

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

David Putnam presented two items during the Engineer's Report. The first had to do with the 2011 Water System Improvement Project. This project involves replacing the water main on Burdick Hill Road and Cayuga Heights Road. The replacement on Burdick Hill Rd. has been completed but LRS will not be able to complete Cayuga Heights Road water main before the asphalt plants close for the winter. Therefore, LRS has agreed to extend the contract completion date and incorporate the work in Work Directive No. 1. LRS will finish the section they are currently working on so that they can get rid of the temporary water main. The problem is that the replacement line can not go back into the same place as the current line because NYSEG has placed their gas line right over top of the water main. Julie asked if NYSEG had to get permission to install their gas lines. Don stated that they are suppose to but he doesn't think they did. Dave Putnam will meet with Joe & Rick from LRS to try and figure out a good route for the water main. It will probably need to go in the road.

Res #5801 -To Accept 2011 Water System Improvement Project Change Order #2 to incorporate the work in Work Directive No. 1 and Add \$7,040 (stone line ditch to approx. sta.8+50 Burdick Hill Rd. (\$7,040), Install driveway culvert No. 62 Burdick Hill Rd. (\$1,650) and extend the contract completion date to the Spring 2012 along with winter maintenance of the temporary measures mention in the LRS letter (\$0.00) Net Change (\$8,690)

Trustee Leopold moved to extend the contract completion date and incorporate the work in Work Directive No. 1. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

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

The second issue is with a stream that has broken out of its banks and is flooding Wayne Knoblauch's property on Bush Lane. The stream is located on what will become a Village Right of Way when Phase 1 of Millcroft Subdivision is completed. The stream is within its banks to the east until it reaches the right of way and then overflows. Dave Putnam thinks that Wayne and Robert Miller, the developer of the Millcroft Subdivision, should put in a small temporary culvert with stone. Don feels this issue can be solved with a backhoe and fifteen minutes of work.

Wayne Knoblauch has requested that a culvert be installed, at Village expense, such that maintenance vehicles can use the right of way and the offending stream joins up with the outflow of the surface water containment pond and then continues on to the main stream located on my property. Don stated that the Village can not go on private property to fix the problem. The property is currently owned by Robert Miller. Don asked Dave Putnam to talk to Robert Miller and encourage him to do the backhoe work.

Mayor Hartill stated that nine doe and two bucks have been taken from the Miller Property under the DMAP Program. Lynn stated that the last update she received was that the other properties have taken about twenty deer. Lynn asked what the Board thought about Bernd and Jay hunting the Cornell lands behind the Arleo property. Lynn feels this program is making a difference. Hunters are also donating some of the venison. Currently, hunters are only using long bows, but John O'Neill would like to learn more about using a cross bow. Lynn stated that she could have someone who knows more about cross bows to come in to talk to the Board. A member of the public asked if deer go unfound after being shot. Don stated that it happens, but only 1 or 2 out of 40 deer last year had to be tracked. Lynn stated that the NYSDEC may let us continue our hunt into the winter with a nuisance permit. However, we must first show cause.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the vouchers. It was asked if we got a new truck. Jodi stated that we got two new trucks this fall, a pick up and a one ton dump truck. Don stated that our current dump truck will probably go to auction in the spring.

Resolution #5802- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$343,984.53 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$116.08, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$138,790.44, is hereby approved for payment

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 John O'Neill -Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Next on the agenda was to approve the minutes from November 7, 2011.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from November 7, 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:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill -Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

During the Mayor's Comments Mayor Hartill stated that the main thing he wanted to talk about was the water project being deferred until the spring, but Dave Putnam has already addressed that. Don is disappointed with the Town of Lansing Budget with respect to the Village. The Mayor was glad to see that they didn't go forward with a 40% tax cut. AES is for sale and will have a large impact on the Town Budget in the future. There is a newly elected supervisor in the Town and a new Board. Lynn asked if we should consider a joint meeting with the Town Board after the first of the year.

Tompkins County Youth Board would like to combine the Town and Village representatives. Jodi has spoken with the Town of Lansing representative, Steve Colt, who stated he has never attended a meeting or been contacted about a meeting. The Town of Lansing is part of Youth Services but not part of the Recreation Partnership. Jodi suggested we really look at the amount of participation by Village residents. Pat has asked for the information but hasn't received anything. It may be more beneficial for the Village to not belong to the Recreation Partnership and just pay our residents the difference in cost to play as a nonmember. Don suggested that we keep our seat and since the Town is not really involved, we represent both the Town and Village. Don will write a letter to the chair and also copy Martha Robertson and Dooley Kiefer.

Don has received a letter from NYSDOT stating that funding for highway projects is decreasing significantly and they will be doing a reassessment of projects. Don feels we are in good shape because we don't depend on that money. However, he is worried about the Route 13 and Route 34 projects.

BJ's is scheduled to open in January.

There is a new Mayor and almost entire Board in the City of Ithaca. Don will be approaching the new Mayor regarding the water issue.

The Cayuga Inlet dredging has been put on hold again. They are finding that they will have to pump the material they remove over a longer distance and they can't dump it back in the lake due to the hydrilla issue. This is a threat to tourism. Lynn stated that the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council is sponsoring a presentation by Cornell students on opportunities for restoring ecosystem functions and services. Students of Cornell University Restoration Ecology (Hort 4400) and Associate Professor Tom Whitlow will present their findings of local dredging needs and possibilities for the Cayuga Inlet.

Lynn attended the Water Resource Council meeting this afternoon. She reported that Todd Miller from the USGS Office gave a presentation and spoke about the number of faults in this area that don't show up on the NYSDEC maps in the dSGEIS for gas drilling. Lynn also stated that the Lighting Commission will be meeting on December 1st to continue their efforts in crafting formal lighting provisions and requirements.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer