

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, March 19, 2012, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold; Trustees Patricia O'Rourke, Julie Baker, and John O'Neill; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow; Planning Board member Lisa Schleelein.

Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. and opened the public comment period.

Neil Tarrello of 8 Blackchin Blvd. and his neighbors John Hauslenecht and Murille Campollo of Rockcross Lane were present to discuss some safety and health issues regarding their neighborhood. Neil stated that they do not object to public access, they have issues with what is happening after dark in the parking area. There is under age drinking taking place there after dark. Neil has stopped to talk nicely with them and they admitted being under 21 years old. The Sherriff has been called. The young people are leaving food, drinks, condom wrappers and other garbage in this area. There is a real estate agent from Warren Realty who collects garbage one or two times a week.

Neil is also concerned for the safety of the skateboarders who go down the hill. There are also young motorists racing down the hill which includes two blind curves. Neil stated that he has almost been hit three times while out walking his dog. By "almost" he means that he has been hit by the car mirror. There is also four-wheeling taking place at nights on some of the vacant lots. Kids are driving down Bolton Point Rd. There is a fence and large rocks on the side to stop people from going down there but they have found a way to move the rocks. The drivers use abusive language and hand gestures.

Neil would like the parking area to be closed after dark just like the Village parks are. He would also like to see trash cans in that area; speed bumps at the bottom of the horseshoe to slow down traffic; and to have the Sheriff patrol the area regularly.

Lynn questioned whether signage would help. The problem is who will enforce any restrictions imposed. Lynn stated that the Village has been talking about speed bumps as traffic calming devices but the problem with those is snow plowing. It was mentioned that on Judd Falls Road they have speed bumps and what they have found is that people slow down for them but then speed up again which creates more noise. Neil reiterated that they have no problem with people enjoying that area.

John Hauslenecht had three examples of activity that he shared with the Board. There was a skateboarder holding on to the back of a minivan going down the road. This past weekend there was a duffle bag with personal items in it at the corner of E. Shore Drive. And lastly, a car was speeding and doing donuts in the road last night. John suggested maybe some signage could be added in the area that says "No Outlet" or "Children at

Play”. Also, maybe some line markings on the road. Murille Campollo is also concerned with the speeders because he has two young children that play outside.

Lynn stated that we are looking for some large boulders to place by the fence, and inquired if anyone knows where to get them. Neil stated that they are available at the quarry. Lynn stated that the Board will look into different options to try and address the health and safety issues in that area. The Village will also contact the Sheriff’s Department to see if we can get them to patrol that area in the evenings and on weekends when it seems to be a problem.

Judy Drake, Human Resource Manager for the Town of Ithaca and Bolton Point, was present to inform the Board that Bolton Point has a new contract with the new union which requires a resolution of support from each of the municipalities that make up SCLIWC. The UAW contract includes one part time and 3 full time workers. Basically, the contract gives the employees a cost share for health insurance in 2014. Judy acknowledged that the Board has not had a chance to review the contract so they were not able to approve it. Judy will email the contract and proposed resolution to Jodi Dake. Jodi will forward the information to the Trustees so that it can be considered at the April 2nd Board of Trustees Meeting.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

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

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

The next item on the agenda was to continue budget discussions. Jodi explained that the Mayor took the comments from the last two meetings and incorporated them into a new budget. She has taken that information and incorporated it into the “Proposed Budget” that she presented to the Board.

Jodi explained that during the Boards executive session at Thursday noon meeting the Trustees decided to give the full time employees a 4% salary increase except for the Clerk/Treasure who received 5%. Line item A5110.12 appears to be a 9% increase but that number reflects the 5% raise given to Adam when he became Asst. Superintendent of Public Works plus the 4% salary increase. The following Employee Benefits have also been adjusted to reflect salary changes:

A9010.8	\$62,363 Retirement increase to \$62,800
A9030.8	\$21,735- Social Security .062 of Salary increased to \$21,872
A9030.81	\$5,083-Medicare .0145 of salary increased to \$5,115

The updated budget that the Mayor sent to Jodi added \$740,000 to A1620.2 for the total new Village Office building. When he did this he canceled out the monies allocated for

new office furniture for the new office. The correct line item for the new building which will be paid for with General Capital Reserve monies is A9950.9. Therefore, Jodi has left A1620.2 as is and added the \$740,000 for the new office to A9950.9. Jodi is still waiting to hear back from the Mayor to confirm that this is what he intended to be done.

Special Items, A1910.4, Total Unallocated Insurance was at \$55,000 in the Preliminary Budget but got lowered to \$50,000 for this Proposed Budget. The Board felt that with the new equipment that was being purchased and the new building this number should be \$55,000.

Traffic control, A3310.2 remains at \$75,000. As one may recall from the last Monday meeting, this was for ½ of the cost of a Traffic signal at the intersection of N. Triphammer Rd. and Craft Rd. John O'Neill had questioned if this signal was really necessary. The Board has not had a chance to discuss this with the Mayor. John O'Neill feels a light would promote cut through traffic activity.

Due to our current discussions that are taking place with consultants on the Northeast Area, Permanent Improvements, A5110.12 has been increased from \$335,000 to \$455,000 to provide monies for an additional access road.

Lynn asked about the Youth Programs, A7310.4. Pat O'Rourke stated that they contacted her to let her know that the figures they gave her to report at Thursday's Board meeting were incorrect. Once she receives the correct numbers she will report to the Board. Our contract is up this year and they are asking for a five-year renewal. The Board wants correct figures before renewing the contract. One possibility could be to renew it but have a clause stating that we can discontinue during the term.

Julie asked what it would cost to conduct a survey of the Village in conjunction with updating the Village's Comprehensive Plan. Jodi stated that if the Board put the survey together then the only additional cost would be postage. There is also the other option of hiring a consultant to conduct a survey but that would be very costly. Another option is to have Cornell University City & Regional Planning Design Connect Class do the study which would probably be in the \$10-15,000 range. George Franz is the contact for that class.

Jodi stated that the new proposed tax rate for this budget is \$.99/\$1,000. This results in A1001, Real Property Taxes being lowered to \$431,227. A2850, Transfer from Reserve for new Office Building will be \$514,251. This number will be adjusted with any changes to the Budget. Total appropriations for the General Fund are \$2,425,797.

The only changes in the Water Fund were to increase F8340.4 Transmission & Distribution, Contractual to \$34,000 because \$10,000 was incorrect in the Preliminary Round, and to add \$100,000 for the Village's portion of a new water tank at the current Burdick Hill tank site. Therefore, F9962.2, Budgetary Provisions for Other Uses (\$118,512) will become \$18,512 and line item F8340.2 Transmission & Distribution Equipment/Capital Outlay will be \$100,000.

John O'Neill asked Lynn if any money was needed for Stormwater management matters. Lynn will pull together information from John Courtney and Marty Moseley. The annual dues that are paid to the Stormwater Coalition take care of expenses.

The Board felt there were too many unanswered items to set a public hearing. Dubow stated that the Board has to pass a Budget by April 15th. Jodi informed the Board that the 15th falls on a Sunday so the Board could hold the Budget Public Hearing at their Monday, April 16th meeting. Dubow would like Jodi to confirm that with the State. There is also the option of holding the Public Hearing at the Thursday, April 12th noon meeting. Lynn stated that she would not be at the April 2nd meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from January 10th and 31st, and February 16th.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes for January 10, 2012

Trustee O'Neill moved to approve the January 10, 2012 minutes. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Motion- To Approve the Minutes for January 31, 2012

Trustee O'Rourke moved to approve the January 31, 2012 minutes. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Motion- To Approve the Minutes for February 16, 2012

Trustee Baker moved to approve the February 16, 2012 minutes. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Abstain	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

During general discussion Julie stated that the Northeast Village Area Subcommittee has had their first meeting. The next meeting will be March 28th since an overwhelming majority can make it. Julie stated that the great thing is that everyone is represented from that area. All three potential developers of the three Dart Properties had not been together before that meeting. The Dart property closest to Graham Rd. is being considered for housing to supplement the Meadow Apartments located close by. Development of the middle property is being considered by NRP/Better Housing for Tompkins County for

their proposed affordable housing project. The owners of the property closest to Warren Rd. are looking at assisted living. Julie stated that there was a lot of discussion about various roads. The group did decide that life safety issues for Coventry Walk were a high priority. They discussed turning Dart Drive into a cul-de-sac and access issues with that. The subcommittee also talked about access between the three Dart parcels. Emergency access cannot be done over a path. Barton & Loguidice will now come up with several options and provide feedback at the March 28th meeting. This meeting was a great way for all to be heard and to get feedback. Lynn stated that it was hard getting started because it wasn't clear what the issues are. The meeting went from 6pm to 8:30 pm. Julie thought it was a very good meeting. One thing that B&L asked the subcommittee to do was to consider all options even if they weren't ideal.

Lynn stated that John Dennis is willing to serve on the environmental management council. Lynn will have John fill out the paperwork for Tompkins County and then it will come to the Board for approval.

John O'Neill reported that he attended the Town of Lansing meeting and the main thing he wanted to point out was that they approved the purchasing of remaining rights in state land across from the Town Hall on Route 34 and the Supervisor and others were authorized to proceed. The Town of Lansing plans on having a Business & Technology Park there which will be good for small businesses. There is also a plan to have a dog park in this area. Trustee O'Neill will also attend their next meeting on Wednesday.

Dan Veener added that the Sewer Committee in the Town is back for a stand alone sewer plant. They are currently working out the EDU's and service area. The Economic Committee in the Town has worked with TCAD to create an incentive zone in the area across from Town Hall. They will also be developing a dog park in that area.

Julie asked if the other Trustees read the email from Nick Vaczek. In his email he stated that he spent a couple of hours at the Tompkins Cortland Builders and Remodelers Show at TC3. He stated that there were quite a few green-build exhibitors and businesses equipped and ready to provide energy audits- still at low or no cost to our community. He proposed that the Village and its two Boards offer to host two or three sessions on such matters in the near future- in keeping with the mission of the Get Your Greenback Tompkins mission of educating the entire home and business base and thus advance broad based support for financial benefits of carbon reductions in our area. There are experts and outreach folks that can be contacted to provide a short (90 minute) evening program to which Village residents could be invited.

Nick spoke with Michael A. Koplinka-Loehr who informed him that the Get Your GreenBack - Tompkins campaign can supply the program for such an educational session and would like a date to be set (hopefully in April to take advantage of Earth Day) so we can start planning. The Village Conference room can be used for this meeting. Lynn will contact Nick to set this up. Lynn was reminded to check the Village calendar to make sure the conference room was available. Once a date is set Jodi can add information to the newsletter and website.

Dubow stated that there is a recommendation from the Planning Board to amend the Planned Sign Area for the Cayuga Mall. A new tenant is requesting signage that is larger than what is allowed under the current Planned Sign Area. The Planning Board is recommending a 45 square foot sign. Dubow explained that this has been an evolving process. The Planning Board has discussed the fact that different malls have different priorities and they feel that this mall has lost P&C and needs help. The Planning Board felt that the new restaurant is a good addition to the Village.

Lastly, Dubow stated that there has been a minor amendment to Proposed Local Law C which the Board has a public hearing scheduled for on April 2nd. Unfortunately, Tompkins County Planning has reviewed the proposed law and still wants to require the Village to do a 239 Review for minor amendments to previously approved special permits.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer