

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, August 6, 2012, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Don Hartill; Trustees Lynn Leopold, Patricia O'Rourke, and John O'Neill; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow; Planning Board Chair Mario Tomei.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. and opened the public comment period. There were no comments.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee Leopold moved to close the public comment period. Trustee O'Rourke 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

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from June 18th, July 12th & 16th.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from June 18, 2012

Trustee O'Neill moved to approve the minutes. 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

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from July 12, 2012

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

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

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

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from July 16, 2012

Trustee O'Rourke moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Abstain
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

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

Mayor Hartill stated that we have a trailer that is no longer useful to us which needs to be surplused. It is a 1996 trailer with wood planks. Some of the planks have been replaced in the past, but with our heavier equipment it is no longer useful.

Resolution #5892- To Surplus the 1996 Cross Country Trailer

Trustee Leopold moved to surplus the trailer. Trustee O'Neill 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

Mayor Hartill stated that the Board has previously indicated that they would contribute \$100,000 to the new Burdick Hill Water Tank project that is now about to be started, but has never passed an official resolution. Dubow explained that the proposed resolution provides for the approval of and authorization for the payment by the Village to SCLIWC for the agreed upon \$100,000 as part of the Commission's Burdick Hill Tank Project. Jodi stated that this amount was approved as part of the 2012-13 Village Budget. Hartill went on to explain that the reason we support this is when the original tank was built we shared in its use but never really paid for it, and therefore the Village got a significant benefit. This will be a one time payment. We will still have to pay our share of the SCLIWC bonding through water rents since we are a member of SCLIWC. Dubow stated that all five municipalities have completed their paperwork for the Tank project and the additional North Triphammer Road Water Main Replacement Project, and the Commission's bond counsel has confirmed that all required documents and actions have been finalized as of last Thursday to authorize the bonding. August 15, 2012 is the target date to close on the bond. This new bonding will also include the inclusion of the previous Bolton Road project bonding of a few years ago, the consolidated bond interest rate to be the 3.25-3.5% range. This will be a 20 year bond. It was asked if there would be an increase in the water rate next year. Mayor Hartill stated that the Commission already took this into consideration with this last rate increase.

Resolution # -5893- To Authorize the Village of Lansing to Pay SCLIWC \$100,000 as Part of the Commission's Burdick Hill Tank Project

WHEREAS, the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission (the "Commission"), a commission created by intermunicipal agreement between the Towns of Dryden, Ithaca, and Lansing and the Villages of Cayuga Heights and Lansing (individually a "Member Municipality" and collectively the "Member Municipalities"), has prior hereto approved the following project (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"):

Construction of a new 900,000 gallon concrete water storage tank (the "New Tank") 60 feet in diameter with a liquid height of 42 feet (with a total height of 50.2 feet, 46.2 feet of which will be above grade), such new tank to be constructed on the site of the Commission's existing 37± year old 1,500,000 gallon welded steel water storage tank (the "Existing Tank") just east of the intersection

of North Triphammer and Burdick Hill Roads in the Town of Lansing; construction of a 20 inch ductile iron main running from the Commission's existing transmission main; and construction of provisions for overflow of the New Tank in the form of a drainage system and discharges to a swale in the northeast corner of the site; the maximum estimated cost of which having been determined as \$1,200,000; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing, as a Member Municipality of the Commission, has derived individual benefit from the Project by being able to eliminate and demolish an old and deteriorating water tank previously situated on property of the Village and upon which the Village Office is currently located and upon which a new Village Office and related improvements can now be constructed; and

WHEREAS, in consideration for the benefit derived by the Village of Lansing as provided above, the Village Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Village as a Member Municipality of the Commission, has previously committed to the contribution of the sum of \$100,000 to the Project cost, such funds having been budgeted for by the Board of Trustees for the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has concurred with the Village Board of Trustees that the contribution by the Village of the sum of \$100,000 to the Project cost is fair, reasonable, appropriate and acceptable; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Village as a Member Municipality of the Commission, hereby wishes to confirm its contribution of the sum of \$100,000 to the Project cost and authorize the payment thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Village of Lansing Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Village as a Member Municipality of the Commission, hereby approves of the payment of the contribution by the Village of the sum of \$100,000 to the Project cost, and authorizes the payment thereof to the Commission; and
2. The Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and requests that the Mayor, Village Clerk/Treasurer and the attorney for the Village take such steps and execute such documents as may be necessary, desirable and/or appropriate to effectuate the intent of this resolution; and
3. Any and all actions heretofore or hereafter taken by the Mayor, Village Clerk/Treasurer and the attorney for the Village within the terms and in conformity with the intent and purpose of the this resolution hereby

are in all respects ratified, confirmed and approved as the proper and authorized acts and deeds of the Village.

Trustee O'Neill moved this resolution. 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

Mayor Hartill asked Lynn to stand in for him at the Harbor Festival on Saturday at Myers Park. Lynn stated that she was available since she would be down there already with the Floating Classroom. Lynn asked if the Village was going to contribute to the Harbor Festival this year. Jodi stated that it was not a budget item and if this is something the Board would like to do every year it should be included during the budget process. Mayor Hartill stated that the Board will definitely do that next year, and this year we can use the contingency fund. The Board decided to donate \$300 to the Harbor Fest.

Resolution #5894-To Give \$300 to the Lansing Harbor Festival and Make a \$300 Budget Transfer from Contingency A1990.4 to Celebrations A7550.4

Trustee Leopold moved this resolution. Trustee O'Neill 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

The Mayor stated that since the DMAP Program has changed, the Board needs to review our current legislation to make sure it complies with what the Village wants and with the new State Regulations. The Village still needs to have oversight and control of the hunt as we have in the past.

Lynn stated that she sent an email regarding this to Bernd and Jay to see if they saw any limitations. She also sent them a copy of the Village of Lansing Codification Chapter 67, which is our Firearm and Bow Discharge Law. Jay emailed Lynn back and stated that he read through Chapter 67 and there is absolutely no reference to DMAP, only a "DEC Deer Management Program" which is open to interpretation. Thus, Jay indicated that he does not see any changes that need to be made. The DMFA [Deer Management Focal Area] is a positive change and will require less work for Bernd, who manages the DMAPs. Vetting will remain the same. He also feels that not allowing crossbows will have little impact on harvest, but it is an issue of equal opportunity. By not allowing crossbows, Jay feels the Village of Lansing is sending a clear message to the public that hunters with disabilities (e.g., who are not able to pull back a longbow), but who are otherwise fit (e.g., can cock a crossbow), are not welcome to participate in the program. It might seem strange to some that a village would not align itself with State regulations, but Jay understands that there is some local opposition.

Don stated that we need to know what is the scale and how many would participate. Lynn stated we need to know the names of who is hunting and the properties that they hunt on. A concern is property owners allowing hunters on their property when they are not registered with the Village. Crossbow range is equivalent to that of a compound bow. Lynn doesn't know what is going on with the Cornell Deer Program. Lynn suggested that since we receive a lot of help, the Village should consider contributing funds in the future if approached. Mayor Hartill is in favor of this also.

It was acknowledged that since the Board of Trustees will not be holding meetings on September 3rd and 17th, the discussion on the Comprehensive Plan will tentatively take place on October 22nd. Yasamin Miller questioned why the Board did not have any meetings in September. It was explained that the Village of Lansing meets on the first and third Monday of the month except on Federal and Religious holidays. The Board runs into this every year with Labor Day being the first meeting of September and Columbus Day being on the first meeting day of October. This year Rosh Hashanah happens to fall on the third Monday of September. The Board still has their Thursday noon meetings to approve vouchers. This is usually not a problem because this time of year seems to be slow. Dubow stated that if there is pressing business the Board can always call a special meeting.

Yasamin Miller stated that she thought Julie Baker said that the Board was going to solicit input from residents. What was stated during the July 16th meeting was "Julie Baker wanted to inform the audience that the Village will be gathering topics for a survey or questionnaire for any topic relating to the Comprehensive Plan. This information will also be stated in our next newsletter. If anyone has any suggested topics they can submit them to the Clerk's office and we will compile a list."

John O'Neill submitted a letter to the Board that was received from a resident on Janivar Dr. The letter from HomeServe stated that a recent review of their service area indicates that their home is not covered by Water service Line Coverage from HomeServe. They offer optional coverage to protect against the cost and inconvenience of emergency repairs to your water service lines. Jodi stated that the Village received a letter from HomeServe informing us that they were mailing a solicitation for water service line coverage. Dubow suggested that if anyone inquires about this that we should suggest to them that they contact their personal insurance agent with any questions.

Lynn Leopold reported that a black bear was seen in Lesly Lempert's compost pile on Wedgewood Drive. Bears have moved into the area and residents need to keep an eye out.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer