

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, August 16, 2012, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Patricia O'Rourke, John O'Neill and Lynn Leopold; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Marty Moseley; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; Laborers, Asst. Supt. of Public Works Adam LaLonde; MEO, Nolan Hatfield; TG Miller Engineer, Dave Putnam.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm.

Dave Putnam stated that he had sent a change order to LRS but it hasn't come back yet. The change order was to have them put gravel back in and not asphalt and an adjustment for contract price for quantities. The net change will add approximately \$8,000. There is a problem with one of the hydrants. HD Supply will be sending out a hydrant representative to assess and fix the problem. This is part of the 2011 Water Contract.

There was a water break on Warren Road. RC Wilson is scheduled to pave that area on Monday. It was questioned whether Tompkins County was responsible for that or not because it is a County Road that runs through the Village.

Courtney stated that they refurbished 10 to 12 manholes on Highgate Circle. The bricks were starting to deteriorate so we installed concrete rings. They will mill and rebate this week so that Highgate Circle can be paved next week. RC Wilson will also pave Highgate NE and Highgate Place at the same time. Next week Suite Kote will be doing the top course on Burdick Hill Rd.

Courtney met with Mrs. Ripple to discuss her driveway encroaching into the roadway. She has agreed to allow the Village to do the work to remedy the situation. Lynn pointed out that the Ripples were the ones that had an issue with sewage going into their basement. Courtney had discussed with her having a backflow preventer installed. Every time Triphammer is flushed they also do Ripple.

For \$7,200 Limbwalkers has done tree trimming for the Village. The trees on Esty Drive were bad. The trimming they did at Dankert Park really opened it up on the west side. They took care of some stumps in the Park. Limbwalkers also trimmed trees on Oakcrest and a willow on Burdick Hill.

Adam Lalonde stated that the 10% ethanol that has been added to gas has caused a lot of problems with our equipment. They were putting in Marine stabilizer but have switched to regular stabilizer. The trail in Lansing Trails Subdivision has eroded. It looks like a muskrat got in there and caused damage. Courtney stated that that will be fixed this afternoon.

John O'Neill stated that the Town of Lansing will be coming to the Village to discuss hooking sewer up to a proposed 138 apartment unit expansion of the Village Circle Apartments complex located on Warren Road. Hartill stated that 150 units were allocated in the original agreement and this is in addition to that. Marty stated that he has a copy of the plans for the proposed apartments in his office. Another issue at the last Town of Lansing meeting was games of chance. All raffles have to be approved by the Town, and then the State has to approve.

Lynn Leopold stated that the Lighting Commission has been dealing with BJ's lighting. BJ's has received a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to continue operating. BJ's has sent the Village a commitment letter saying they will comply with all of the Lighting Commission conditions and requirements.

Lynn also stated that the Cayuga Mall is coming in with new ideas and improvements. It will be nice to see that mall with a new face lift and new tenants in the empty spaces. The Board discussed the new pylon being proposed by Cayuga Mall and would like it to be comparable in size to the other pylons currently in the Village. Marty stated that the current pylons already in the Village are 110 to 113 sq. feet in size. The currently proposed pylon for the Cayuga Mall is 155sq. ft. Hartill feels they should be the same size as the other malls. This issue will be on the agenda for Monday's meeting. The Board also discussed taking over the road that goes into Cayuga Mall by First Niagara Bank. The Village already owns the road up to the bank entrance, but the section that goes on into the Cayuga Mall is owned by the mall and we've had constant issues with that section of road. Hartill would prefer to own that additional section also. A turn around for the snow plow is also an issue in that area.

Lynn stated that she received a letter from Frank Proto of the County Board wanting the Village to reappoint members to the Tompkins County Water Resource Council (TCWRC) and the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council. (TCEMC). Lynn is already a member of the TCWRC and is not sure if she needs to be reappointed. John Dennis was appointed mid way through last year's term at the Organizational Meeting. Lynn will call Kathy Wilsea at Tompkins county Planning and see what is needed and will let the Board know on Monday.

Lynn spoke with Karen Veanor who expressed her gratitude for the donation that was given to the Harbor Fest this year. There is also discussion in the Town of Lansing of having trails that extend to Burdick Hill Road. It was suggested that the trails link to our trails here in the Village. Jodi suggested giving the Town Board copies of our Greenway Plan so they could see where our trails are. John O'Neill will take those to the Town Board. Courtney stated that there is a water line easement by Burdick Hill which can be looked into to see if a trail could be installed within the easement area and over the water line.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5895- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$57,840.03 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$58,585.95, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$184,376.95, 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

Jodi stated that at the noon meeting in June we had discussed canceling the Coyne uniform service or getting another service. Courtney was going to look into this, but after talking to John he wasn't sure he wanted another service. Jodi stated that she feels the service is very expensive and has done a little research on the issue. Each year the Village pays approximately \$941 for basic uniform service, \$800 for towels and \$715 for fuel and delivery charges. Many municipalities are getting away from a uniform service and give their employees a clothing allowance. Jodi distributed a list of clothing allowances done by neighboring municipalities. If the Village were to go to a clothing allowance, they would need to decide how much to allocate to each employee, what would be covered by that allowance, what would be provided by the Village and how to pay for it. Adam stated that he doesn't think Coyne is worth the money and it is not good service. John brought up a new concern of throwing away towels verses recycling. John O'Neill asked Adam to call the Town of Lansing and find out what they do for towels. Mayor Hartill asked John to make some calls and have data for the next noon meeting.

Patricia O'Rourke stated that the next Youth Board meeting is in September.

Marty Moseley stated that the Fire Department Building was approved by the Planning Board. BJ's has moved their electric refueling station to the south side of the building. Ithaca Mall has some new tenants. Cayuga Medical is coming in for a third time for a special permit at the corner of N. Triphammer and Craft Road. There was a garage addition at 36 Janivar Drive. 20 Esty Dr. is back for a home occupation. Boris Simkin was in for a lot reconfiguration and subdivision. The Planning Board is still working on proposed revised language for the Commercial Low Traffic changes under consideration. Verizon would like to install a 100 foot tower on Village property behind the garage. The Village is not interested in having a tower behind the garage.

John O'Neill leaves the meeting.

Nolan has nothing to report.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:37pm.

Jodi Dake

Clerk/Treasurer