

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, August 20, 2012, in the Village Office.

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

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. and opened the public comment period. There were no comments.

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

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

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from August 6, 2012. Lynn pointed out that a black bear was seen in Lesly Lempert's compost pile on Wedgewood Drive, not on Cedar Lane. This correction was made to the minutes.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from August 6, 2012

Trustee O'Neill moved to approve the minutes with the above mentioned correction. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Abstain

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

The next item on the agenda was to consider setting a public hearing to amend the Cayuga Mall Planned Sign Area (PSA). Leopold stated that the pylon was the same design as the one across the street and that there is an increase in signage for the stores. Hartill stated that the proposal for the Pylon is quite a bit bigger than the other pylons in the Village. All of the other pylons in the Village of Lansing range from 100 sq. ft. to 115 sq. ft. The current proposal for the Cayuga Mall Pylon is 155.76 sq. ft. Dubow stated that the Planning Board has looked at this along with the special permit that came in for Cayuga Mall. The new summary Section B is the threshold for sign area. He also stated that because this is a PSA, the Planning Board has referred this to the Board of Trustees with its recommendation. The Trustees set the following Public Hearing:

Resolution #5896- To Set a Public Hearing to Consider an Amendment to the Cayuga Mall Planned Sign Area for October 1, 2012 at 7:35pm.

Trustee Leopold moved to set a public hearing. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

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

S.C.L.I.W.C. has sent an agreement to the involved municipalities to change the water rate schedule for 2013. Mayor Hartill had not heard about this increase and will discuss this at the Commission meeting next Tuesday. Hartill was under the impression that the last water rate increase took into consideration the capital improvements that are taking place. Even though it is not a requirement, the Board decided to set a public hearing to give the Village residents a chance to comment on this increase. Yasamin Miller asked why the Board would hold a public hearing if it was not a requirement. Hartill stated that the last increase by the Commission was significant, and so is the proposed increase. Based on the outcome of the conversation, we may accept that rate and then the Village will also consider lowering our surcharge percentage, which is currently 30%, to offset some of this proposed rate increase. The proposed rate the Commission would charge would jump from \$3.15 to \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons if all municipalities approve it. Hartill stated that S.C.L.I.W.C. just went for bonding for the new projects with favorable interest rates and he thought that this was already factored into the \$3.15 rate. Hartill will be looking at the S.C.L.I.W.C. budget very carefully. Hartill would like to see the City of Ithaca buy water from the Commission which would benefit everyone. Stearns & Wheler are the engineers pushing for the City of Ithaca to build their own plant.

Resolution #5897- To Set a Public Hearing to Consider a Water Rate Increase Proposed by S.C.L.I.W.C. for October 1, 2012 at 7:40pm.

Trustee O'Neill moved to set a public hearing. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

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

The next item on the agenda was to continue the discussion on the Deer Program. Bernd was present to help answer any questions that the Board had. 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 questioned how to go forward with the new regulations as opposed to us controlling DMAP Permits.

The DMFA [Deer Management Focal Area] which the Village is in will allow hunters to take two antlerless deer per day. The tags are done online. There will be no more DMAP tags to hand out in the Village. The Village will still need to receive a plan from the property owners, know the names of who is hunting, the properties that they are hunting on, and written permission from the neighbors. A concern is property owners allowing hunters on their property when they are

not registered with the Village. All the same rules will apply for hunting as they did with the DMAP tags. The goal is deer number reduction.

Stu Jewel, a regional biologist told Bernd that the Village is still in control and it's up to the Village to decide how to structure the control. The Village is not obligated to buy into anything it does not want or approve of. Mayor Hartill would like to continue as we have been in the past few years.

Another question to consider is will the Village allow the use of crossbows. Hartill feels they are not much different than a compound bow. Bernd stated that crossbows maybe add 5-10 yards, speed is a little higher but reloading a crossbow is a nightmare. The only reason that the Village may consider allowing crossbows is to allow handicapped hunters to hunt in the Village. Don asked how many people are interested in using crossbows. Bernd stated that he has only heard of two people that may be interested which is less than 10% of the overall number of hunters. Hartill stated that there is no pressure to allow it currently, but we may want to discuss this in the future if there is an interest.

Bernd stated that there have been changes in the hunting season. The season used to open on the third Saturday of October but will now open on October 1st. There will also be an additional hunting season in January for 20 days. Anyone can go to the NYSDEC Website for more details. Bernd will continue to have a website for authorized hunters to sign up to use tree stands in the Village. These new regulations allow us to have a good core group of hunters to reduce hunting pressure.

Bernd stated that he is actively recruiting properties to participate in the hunt. He stated that they have enrolled Roy Parks properties. The permission forms that Bernd has created are agreements that are in effect until revoked so that they don't have to get approval every year. 7-8 new properties have signed up for the program. Jay and Bernd have been knocking on doors and talking to people. Bernd stated that he believes the Board will be surprised by the support.

Bernd will hold a meeting in September with everyone that is involved in the program. Once the date is decided upon, Jodi will post a notice on the webpage. A map will also need to be created for hunters so they now where they can hunt. Hartill would like to use the guidelines as we did in the past.

Lynn Leopold stated that we still have a problem with residents feeding wildlife. Last year the NYS Conservation Officer spoke with a resident about this and the daytime feeding stopped. However, nighttime feeding started. Feeding deer and turkey is illegal.

Yasamin Miller asked if there was any hunting allowed on Village Property. Hartill stated that hunting is not currently allowed on Village property because public access is a problem. Bernd stated that he would be happy to meet with Yasamin to discuss the possibility of hunting in her area. Hartill thanked Bernd for all his efforts.

Since Don will not be here for the September noon meeting and Jodi will be away at the NYCOM Fall Training School, the Board considered changing the meeting to the following

week.

Resolution #5898- To Reschedule the Thursday September 13, 2012 noon meeting to Thursday, September 20th, 2012

Trustee Leopold moved to reschedule the meeting. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O’Neill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Patricia O’Rourke-Aye

During the Mayor’s Comment period Hartill stated that all maintenance is on schedule. We have a project manager for the Village Office Project. It is necessary to have a project manager because of the Wick’s Law. The design is complete and he hopes our estimate of costs is on target. The Village will be responsible for coordinating the moving of NYSEG’s power lines, but all of the other infrastructure will be included in the project.

Mayor Hartill will be writing an article for the Town of Lansing Newsletter in an effort to get the word out about starting the Comprehensive Plan review process and how to get information from the Village. The newsletter will be mailed out to all Town of Lansing residents in September.

Jodi informed the Board that today QPK sent an advertisement for bid for the new Office building project to the Ithaca Journal and it should be in the paper on Thursday. Vince plans on having a “walk through” on Thursday August 30th with interested bidders, and the bid opening is scheduled for September 13th.

Lynn Leopold stated that John Dennis needs to be reappointed to the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council (EMC). John was already appointed for a one year period at the Organizational Meeting this May, however, they want the Village to appoint along with their calendar year.

RESOLUTION #5899-Appointment of John Dennis to the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council for a Period of Two Years

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints John Dennis to the TCEMC for a two-year term from January 1, 2013- December 31, 2014.

Trustee Leopold moved to appoint John Dennis to the TCEMC. Trustee O’Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O’Neill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Patricia O’Rourke-Aye

Jodi will send a copy of this resolution to Kathy Wilsea.

Lynn also reported that there has been no hydrilla found in Cayuga Lake since the treatment. She also informed everyone that there is a tire collection day on October 13th. Information on this can be found on the Tompkins County Recycling & Solid Waste webpage. It will also be in the October Village Newsletter.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer