

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, February 4, 2013, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Lynn Leopold, Julie Baker, 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. Gerry Monaghan of 15 Beckett Way was here as the citizens observer.

Robin Schuttenberg was present to ask the Village to support the East Shore Festival of the Arts. Robin explained that it is held in Lansing at the Lansing Library, Town Hall, and old school house, and will hopefully be expanding into the Lansing Community Center this year. This will be the 4th year of the festival which celebrates the arts in all their forms. They expect 500 people to attend the opening night on Friday May 3rd. They put together an artist catalog. The program is through the Lansing Recreation Department. Gerry Monaghan stated that he has been a resident of the Town and Village of Lansing and would like to see Village/Town cooperation. Robin would like the Village to join as a sponsor and participant. Robin will do a proposal and submit it to the Village. John O'Neill suggested that we place an article in the spring newsletter.

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

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

John Dennis was present to give an Environmental Management Council (EMC) Report. John is the Village of Lansing representative. John thanked the Board for the opportunity to talk. The EMC has no administrative duties, they simply advise the County Legislature. They are more of a research group. John is the chair of the Environment Review Committee. The following examples were given as activities that they are involved in: sailing club wanting to do dredging, dredging Cayuga Inlet, looking at sustainability issues and giving advice. The State of the Environment Report, which was done 20 years ago, is getting reviewed. They are discussing the possibility of a new State Forest next to AES in the Town of Lansing. There is a natural gas drilling committee. John suggested that the Board consider banning drilling in the Village. They are looking at the impacts of Lake Source Cooling. It was asked if there is any discussion regarding a hydrological study of Cayuga Lake and the surrounding waterfalls. It was commented that the waterfalls in this area are important to tourism so it is important not to build infrastructure in these areas. John requested that if the Board had any issues for the EMC, to send him an email.

The next item was to consider refunding some or all of the remaining \$15,000 being held in escrow for the Shops at Ithaca Mall (formerly Pyramid Mall) for final site development dating back to 2003. Mayor Hartill stated that as he has previously indicated, it is a complicated situation. We ended up with a sidewalk to nowhere. We didn't catch that. The Village was also considering a sidewalk along Graham Road West. The now intended solution will be a southern extension of the sidewalk that currently ends next to TOPS for which the Village will share in the cost of completing, including it being ADA compliant. There is an existing sidewalk on the north side but that one is not ADA compliant. The Mayor suggested refunding \$10,000 that was being held for other items which have since been completed, and pursue discussions with the Mall regarding the cost of extending that sidewalk and appropriate cost-sharing arrangements. It is a way to clean up something that needs to be done. A portion of the sidewalk extension will be on the Mall property so we will get an easement. The cost of this sidewalk will be \$20,000 - 30,000. There is \$5,000 left in escrow to get the project underway. The Mayor is much more concerned with the safety aspects. Eric Goetzmann, on behalf of the Mall, is willing to work with us. O'Neill was concerned that the Village would not have leverage to get the project completed if we returned the money, much like the senior housing portion of Lansing Meadows PDA. The Mayor stated that the housing project is moving forward.

Dubow explained that 10 years ago, out of the list of then outstanding items on the Mall punch list, only the sidewalk item has not been completed. At that time, each item had a dollar value and that is where the \$5,000 number came from for the sidewalk. TG Miller is currently designing a full ADA compliant sidewalk for that area.

Res#5929- To Return \$10,000 of the \$15,000 Escrow Deposit From 2003 to Pyramid Mall Ithaca and Retain \$5,000 for the Completion of an ADA Compliant Sidewalk.

Trustee O'Neill moved this resolution. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

The next item on the agenda was an update on the Joint Youth Commission. Patricia O'Rourke stated that the Joint Youth Commission is in the process of reviewing the Commission by-laws. When going through the process, the Commission really felt that it was important to continue to have two representatives from the Village of Lansing serve as members on the advisory board. Unfortunately, there are vacancies in at least one of these seats at this time. Gina Giambattista, who was appointed to the JYC last spring, has recently become unable to attend meetings as frequently as she thought and may look to resign in the future. The Commission has asked if we could get two new representatives for the Village of Lansing. Pat stated that she is on the Youth Board and is unable to serve on the Joint Youth Commission because they meet on the same night. Jodi agreed to post the recruitment flyer on the bulletin board, include a notice in the next newsletter, and mention the open positions on our webpage.

O'Rourke stated that the changes to the Joint Youth Commission Operating Guidelines don't have much content changes. The Guidelines more accurately reflect current procedures and actual membership of the Commission. The Board had previously received a copy of these revisions to review.

Res#5930 -To Approve the Operating Guidelines for Joint Youth Commission
Serving: Town of Ithaca and the Villages of Cayuga Heights and Lansing as
Revised 11/12

Trustee O'Rourke moved this resolution. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Jodi will send a copy of the resolution to the Joint Youth Commission.

Hartill stated that Richard Durst will be leaving the country and Mario Tomei has asked that the Board of Trustees appoint Alternate Jonathan Kanter to fill the remainder of his term. O'Neill asked if there would be any conflict because Kanter is also a Planning Consultant for the Town of Lansing. The Board felt that it may be a good way to keep communications open between the Village and Town. Lynn stated that we will need to find a new alternate for the Planning Board. Jodi will place a notice on our webpage and in the next newsletter.

RESOLUTION #5931-Appointment of Member to Planning Board

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Alternate Planning Board Member Jonathan Kanter as Planning Board Member to serve the remainder of Richard Durst's term starting March 1, 2013 and expiring at the end of the Village's official year in 2014.

Trustee Leopold moved to appoint Jonathan Kanter to the Planning Board.
Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

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

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from January 7 and 17, 2013.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from January 7, 2013

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Abstain
Trustee John O’Neill-Aye
Trustee Patricia O’Rourke-Abstain

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from January 17, 2013

Trustee Baker moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Abstain
Trustee John O’Neill-Aye
Trustee Patricia O’Rourke-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Mayor Hartill stated that it is nice to be back in town. He will be meeting with Vince at QPK Design on Wednesday morning to take another look at our new office building. He wants to make sure that the contract language will ensure that we get competent bidders. He also wants to look at the plans one more time and make sure we haven’t forgotten anything. A date has not yet been set for a joint meeting with the Town of Lansing. It is getting close to budget time. Notices will be sent out soon on this subject. There has been a lot of building at Cayuga Mall. There was previously an issue with traffic flow as you came into the Cayuga Mall during the construction period, but Marty has spoken with them and it is now well marked.

Leopold stated that a friend on Oakcrest has complained about the speed of traffic on Oakcrest Road. Her friend had two vehicles tailgate her and pass her on Oakcrest Road. Lynn suggested that we try what Ithaca did and paint the shoulders green to make the road feel narrower. The Mayor was unsure how effective this has been. He suggested that Lynn talk to them to see if it was officially making a difference. If the technique works, the Mayor is willing to spend the money to paint the shoulders. It was also indicated that the Sheriff’s Department may also be able to resume its efforts.

Julie Baker stated that she has met with her Comprehensive Plan group and they are making progress. Jerry Monahan has volunteered to join a group. O’Rourke stated that he can join her group along with Lisa Schleelein and Debra Dawson. Pat’s group will be meeting at the end of February.

Pat stated that she will not here be in town for the February 14th noon meeting.

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 Patricia O’Rourke-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer