

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, March 14, 2013, in the Village Office.

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

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:16pm

John Courtney stated that they are working on the final touches of the potential traffic light at the corner of N. Triphammer Road and Craft Road. Marty indicated that there was an article on the accident report in the Ithaca Journal. John noted that he has received the accident report from Tom Mank, Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council. John stated that he will forward it onto the Board and to Fisher Associates. Uptown Rd. is also another hot spot. There are low speed accidents on corners. That area is a 30 mph zone and has plenty of signage. The remainder of the traffic study will coincide with the budget.

O'Neill asked if there would be a right turn lane from Craft Road onto N. Triphammer Road. Courtney stated that there would be a right turn lane like the one at Graham Road. O'Neill stated that they would need to be careful with the sidewalk in that area. Courtney confirmed that is all being looked at by Fisher. Fisher is doing more studies to make sure that the timing on N. Triphammer Road won't be disrupted. The accident study will also be incorporated. Courtney feels the study will solidify the need for a traffic signal.

Leopold asked if there was anything that could be done about the poor striping at the entrance of Triphammer Mall and the ring road around their parking lot. The lines are almost gone making that area hazardous. Courtney commented that he didn't like the road design in that area. The Village plows Substation Alley up to Kinney Drug with the big plow but then the turnaround is smaller making it difficult to navigate. Courtney stated that either he or Marty will talk to Bob to see what they can do about the striping. The Highway Department managed to fix the pot holes a little better by using a modified patch from Suit Kote. They stored it in the garage so it was pliable. One of the potholes by the Ramada Inn was so deep that you could see the start of the loop detector.

Patricia O'Rourke asked John if he knew signs were down at Cayuga Hill Rd. Courtney knew this and stated that they will take care of getting them back up.

Adam reported that they have been painting the inside of the shop and installed energy efficient lights. The new tractor has arrived and it is really nice. It has a glass heated cab.

O'Neill asked when the next newsletter would come out. Jodi stated that the newsletter comes out in the beginning of April to coincide with the announcement of the budget public hearing. Courtney stated that the brush pick up will be the first week of May. He hopes to get the Town of Lansing to help us with brush pick up again this spring. Hartill added that we need to make sure this information also gets to the Lansing Star and Ithaca Journal.

Lynn read the fall publication from NYCOM and commented on the public work awards for stormwater.

Lynn attended the Town of Lansing Comprehensive Plan meeting last night. The Pathways Committee reported on trails that they have and ones they are proposing. A lot of the trails they are proposing run between the Village and the Town center area. Lynn suggested we coordinate with them. The Town of Lansing has a copy of our Village Greenway Plan. As they acquire land they plan to have land owner agreements to allow for these trails to either go around or through their land. There was also a lot of discussion about a resident survey as part of the Comprehensive Plan review. Lynn shared with them the discussion the Board of Trustees had about participating in the survey with them and contributing a share of the cost. SRI has told them that timing would be best if the survey was done toward the end of August. However, the Town is eager to keep the ball rolling. Lynn suggested that Cathy Miller and Don talk about this. Lynn stated that she and Julie are concerned because we have not met as a group after the previous joint Board of Trustees/Planning Board meeting. She feels we need to get more Planning Board input. We also need to be realistic as to how long this process will take. The Town of Lansing hasn't approved the survey yet because some members don't understand how surveys work. It was indicated that a survey sometimes is designed in a way to get what you want from the community. People aren't necessarily informed. The Town will put an announcement on their sign regarding when the survey will take place. Lynn will be attending the Climate Smart & Climate Ready Regional Conference April 18-21, 2013. There will be seminars and meetings in Cortland and Tompkins Counties. Whether we agree with climate change or not, there are more extreme weather events that have been occurring. Lynn plans to attend.

The Mayor stated that he is trying to get together with Eric Goetzmann of the Shops of Ithaca Mall to discuss a number of issues. He hopes to meet with him in the next week or so. The budget has proposed final salary numbers that were a result of an executive session. Don will get these numbers to Jodi within the next 24 hrs.

Getting back to the Comprehensive Plan and survey issue, it was indicated that when it comes to a survey the key is the questions. Unless we have a sensible set of questions, we will not get workable data. The Board will start to talk about this at Monday night's meeting. Pat will send the questions that her group has come up with to Jodi and Don. Lynn feels we have a lot of questions in common with the Town. She suggested that we develop a web survey as well. Suzan Tabrezi has personal experience and she is giving a presentation next Wednesday at 6pm at the Town Hall.

Cathy had commented that the joint meeting with the Village would be very informal. Don will talk to Cathy and suggest that we have both lawyers there.

Courtney stated that he rented a car Thursday thru Saturday to have warranty work done on the truck.

Jodi stated that after last Monday's meeting discussion, she has gotten some quotes for a new printer with a scanner from Xerox and is still waiting to hear from Ricoh. Williamson Law Book is coming to demonstrate their payroll program. That is the only component of their software that we do not have yet. Jodi stated that she will be out of the office April 20-22nd so she would like to get the timecards by Tuesday morning so that she can process payroll before she leaves. If there is any additional overtime we can adjust that with the next payroll.

Pat stated that the County Youth Board is looking for another youth commission member. A lot of money has been cut and they are trying to combine activities. Jodi stated that a lot of places in Ohio are now "pay to play" due to funding cuts.

Marty stated that the small addition at 1 Cayuga Hill was done. He has had no feedback from businesses in the Village on the proposed cart law. Lynn asked if we have any control over the lighting on the Cayuga Mall. Marty stated that the lighting there is grandfathered in. If there are any changes in the future, the Lighting Commission may have the authority to put conditions in their approvals. Moseley indicated that the Town of Ithaca has three Code officers, large staff and high taxes, which allows the Town of Ithaca to enforce new laws that are adopted and would not allow grandfathering. He noted that due to the small staff of the village that would be very difficult to make a retroactive code and enforce it. Courtney stated that if the Cayuga Mall adds new lights to outside then you can negotiate the current lighting.

There was discussion regarding photometrics for the whole parking lot. Courtney told the Cayuga Mall that they had to provide the photometrics for the whole Mall area, but Lynn Leopold and Lisa Schleelein wondered if it was really needed for the whole parking lot. The Mayor stated that it is nice to see this Mall being improved. Leopold added that Ace Hardware would also be coming to Triphammer Mall.

Mayor Hartill informed Courtney that for our small gas engines one can get premium gas from Fastrac instead of adding additive into our two strokes. John will check into getting a gas card with tax exempt status.

Marty stated that they have been working on the lighting code. Hydroponic's is coming to the Triphammer Mall in the old McNeill music space. Marriott is closing out their phasing. The lot on Sun Path has been subdivided and they are ready to start building two residential houses. Colbert will be starting the 2nd phase of development of the second subdivided parcel adjacent to the parcel on which Ithaca Cardiology is located. The second phase and proposed building were part of the previously special permit approval.

There was a podcast on the radio on a religious facility possibly coming on Graham Road. If the Board is interested, Marty suggested they listen to the radio podcast. Marty has heard it on the radio twice.

Marty thinks we need Arc Viewer to be able to read our outfall maps. He thinks the program costs around \$2,000. He will look into this. Marty stated that the Triphammer Mall did striping at the end of last year so he will have them look at it again.

Nolan had nothing to report

Courtney added that they have had two water breaks. One was Friday on Brook Drive and then another was on Saturday at the top of Burdick Hill Road. It was a really easy fix in the old section at the top of road where we didn't replace the water line when Burdick Hill was redone. The fix on Brook Drive was difficult because that line is in rock.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5938 - Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$50,000.29 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$21,745.62, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$189.26, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Leopold moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted and Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill -Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill -Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:11pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer