

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, June 3, 2013, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Lynn Leopold, Julie Baker, John O'Neill and Patricia O'Rourke; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow; Planning Board Chairman, Mario Tomei, Planning Board Member, Lisa Schleelein

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm and opened the public comment period. Nick thanked the Trustees for the low tax bill and for working hard to keep it low. As a home owner, he is not opposed to the tax rate going up for good reasons. Mayor Hartill asked Nick what good things we should be spending Village money on. Hartill stated that we are going through the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan and would like to know what people would like. The Mayor asked Nick to think about it and email him his thoughts.

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-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

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

The next item on the agenda was an update on the new Village Administration Building. Based upon issues with the first two lowest bidders and recommendations from Vince Nicotra, the Village's architect, the Village has engaged the 3rd lowest bidder. Vince is reviewing a proposed Service Agreement and is working regularly to get all paperwork together. There is a kick off meeting tentatively scheduled for June 10th. Leopold asked if we were going to have an official ground breaking for the new administration office. After discussion of schedules, the Board decided to have an official ground breaking on Monday, June 17th at 3pm.

Resolution#5978- To Authorize the Mayor to Sign All the Contracts/Legal Documents Associated with the Village Office Project

Trustee Baker moved this resolution. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

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

Hartill stated that we are well on schedule to complete this project before the snow flies.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss survey questions. The comments to each question will be attached at the end of the minutes.

The question that was presented to the Board was: Are we getting the information that we want from this survey? Dubow stated that this is just one means of gaining information for the Comprehensive Plan update. Hartill asked if the questions satisfy the Village's need. Leopold stated that it is hard to get people involved. This has always been a problem. Mayor Wixom use to have coffee meetings with Village residents, but it was not very successful.

Leopold stated that the Village will have to sign a service agreement with SRI. The whole Town population is approximately 11,000 people and the Village makes up about 1/3 of this population. When asked about the cost, Lynn stated that the Town will pay approximately \$9,000 towards the \$18,000 total cost for the whole survey. The Board feels that cooperating with the Town is saving us money. Lynn stated that the Town will also be paying \$2,100 for a web based survey. With fewer questions and sample size, costs go down. Once we determine the questions we can then know what we are committing to and then negotiate.

The Mayor stated that we have wanted to have a joint meeting with the Planning Board and June 10th works for them. O'Neill stated that he cannot make that meeting. This will be a good time to also get the Planning Board's input on the survey questions. The Planning Board has been working on uses allowed in the CLT District which will also be discussed. The Trustees received a list of current uses allowed in the CLT District and the proposed changes they are recommending.

Res#5979-To Schedule a Joint Meeting with the Village of Lansing Planning Board for Monday, June 10th. 7:30pm

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

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

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

During the Mayor's comments he stated that the minimum rate charge for water is an ongoing discussion at the Water Commission meetings. Don indicates that there have been a number of assumptions and bad math. Otherwise, things are quiet. All construction in the Village is going smoothly. There has been increased traffic down Cayuga Heights Rd. because of the E. Shore Dr. construction. There is also a lot of speeding on Cayuga Heights Rd. The Mayor will call the Sheriff's Department to ask them to patrol that area. The Dart Dr. storm sewers have been completed on the north

side and paving has been done on one side. We hope to do storm sewers on the south side this year. The Dart Drive shoulders will be striped. The Mayor stated that he read a report in the Ithaca Journal that the green shoulders on Ellis Hollow Road are not slowing traffic like they had hoped.

Lynn suggested that the Board of Trustees send a note to John Dennis and his family regarding his son Chris who died in Cayuga Lake last weekend. Lynn stated that she walked down the Bolton Point Road and it is nice. She noticed that all the people parked there had dogs. It's nice to see that people are using this trail. Lynn added that there is no poison ivy on Poison Ivy Point. It is infested with Black Swallowwart. There are also a lot of birds on the point. It's a natural area with a pond. The cove is full of junk. There is a picnic table and hammock there. She feels that in the future, other than cleanup efforts, we should just leave the point alone.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke -Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill -Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Jodi Dake

Clerk/Treasurer