

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, September 12, 2013, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold; Trustees, Julie Baker, John O'Neill and Patricia O'Rourke; Code & Zoning Officer, Marty Moseley; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; MEO, Nolan Hatfield.

Deputy Mayor Leopold called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.

Courtney stated that they have been very busy. The cross culvert on Graham Road by Swartout and Lansing Meadows was replaced in two days. The willows had grown into it and it was not possible to clear it. There is still a little more paving to do this year and we also need to put some more gravel down on the road that goes down to the lake. Bolton Point plows that road in the winter so it needs to be oil & stoned to stabilize the surface. All ditches are working. We have set a lot of rip rap this year. Lynn stated that the damage from the August 5th storm could have been so much worse than it was. Courtney stated that we spend about \$15,000 on rip rap. Courtney thinks that the final numbers on all storm damage is around \$30-40,000. Courtney feels we need to expect that when we start diverting water to build roads. John thinks that there is some error in engineering of some of our infrastructure. Lynn feels we should look long and hard at all of our storm water devices and facilities. This also needs to be done by the State and other municipalities. Little debris can do great damage even if your infrastructure is working correctly. There was a Styrofoam cooler that blew down and blocked a culvert and destroyed a driveway. These type of things happen and are out of our control.

Courtney stated that a gentleman will be coming to the next Board of Trustee meeting to talk about the damage that he had on East Shore Drive. Lynn stated that it was probably her neighbor, Bob Nevin. Lynn state that the next drainage over is Kate's Hole and it is almost completely eluded. We do not have access to that creek because it is on private property owned by Twin Glens Association. He was also concerned about the Cayuga Hill's Road drainage. Moseley stated that he has spoken with the Mayor who gave him the go ahead to have Brent Cross do an inventory of all our stormwater management facilities and analyze it to see if it is in working condition. Cross is getting Moseley some numbers on that. Cross has approved many of them and he can determine if they are operating as it was originally engineered. We do need to have an inventory for the NYSDEC anyways. Lynn stated that the Twin Glens Association have been notified several times about all the debris that is down in Kate's Hole. Now the rock has come down and blocked the box culvert. It will not be easy to get equipment down there to move the rock. Lynn feels it is up to the private land owners as to how to deal with that. Lynn stated that there is some Village land down in there on the north side. Lynn feels this is a warning sign to us to be more diligent. The water caused a lot of damage in the woods and erosion. NYSDOT did a good job of repairing East Shore Dr. after the storm. Courtney feels the storm was a 500 year storm. It was very localized and he doesn't

expect to see anything like that again here in the Village. Oneida got a state emergency declaration. There was not enough damage to get anything here. We were able to handle our obligations.

Moseley stated that Hazardous Mitigation is available for infrastructure upgrade. The grant is currently available. Courtney stated that we have infrastructure that was designed in the last couple of years that were theoretically supposed to handle the flood. We can't upside those. Courtney feels we probably wouldn't be eligible for that anyways. Basically we put everything back together the way it was only used some larger rocks. Lynn feels that the ground was so saturated that the water didn't have anywhere to go.

O'Rourke asked if there were any complaints from the storm last weekend. Courtney stated that there weren't. The Village of Cayuga Heights had a lot of trees down. Moseley stated that Treman Park lost a lot of trees also due to the wind.

O'Neill wanted to discuss the sewer permit that a lady in his development had to obtain because she is converting her garage into an apartment for her son. He doesn't feel she should have to buy another sewer permit for \$2,350 since she is already connected to the sewer. He feels it should be more like \$1,000. Courtney doesn't see how this happened. Moseley stated that she has a single family home that she is converting into a two-family home. A two family home requires two units. Regardless of whether it is an existing connection or not, when converting one must get an additional sewer permit. O'Neill would like to see all sewer permits reduced to \$1,000 from \$2,350. The fee got established in the first place with the sewer moratorium back in the 90's. Courtney thinks that it is a justifiable expense. He isn't sure we could sustain our funding and still do improvements on our infrastructure if we didn't have that number. Moseley explained that if an apartment comes in and has 37 apartments then they would have to purchase 37 sewer units. O'Neill wondered what we would have to do to reduce this. Leopold stated that we would need full cost accounting of what it costs us when there is a new connection made. O'Neill stated that there costs associated with new connections such as inspections, maintenance and videoing lines for I&I. Courtney thinks the sewer funding is strong and maybe it could be decreased but not down to the level that the Village of Cayuga Heights is at. (\$150) They don't cover their costs. Courtney asked them to consider what it would cost to install a septic system. He feels that septic is more expensive than what our residents are paying for sewer. A Village cannot have separate sewer districts. Residents that are in the Village and cannot connected to sewer because there is no infrastructure there to connect to are not charged for sewer in any way. Marty suggested that the Board check with Jodi Dake when she comes back to find out exactly who is charged and how all this works. O'Neill stated that Karen Hayes will be at the meeting on Monday to discuss this further.

Baker stated that she is trying to understand the numbers from the SRI survey. She has received some initial raw data but SRI is still computing. All the statistics have to do with how the Village responded verses the Town. That is only one piece of the data. They are going to give us different views. It seems that it confirms that people feel similarly as to how the village operates. People like bike paths and sidewalks which are things that we

already try to do anyways. It confirms in general that we are going in the right direction. There may be some specific things that we need to consider and ask more questions about. The Board will need to look at this. Leopold stated that the Town is moving ahead and we are stalling out waiting for the survey to be over. We need a plan to revise and reorganize. We have a lot to do but it is hard to do on our own. The Town has the staff that can do it. Jon Kanter has a Cornell grad student helping him. Apparently, there was some grant money available for this. The grad student is working with census data. He gave a presentation last night which Leopold attended. He may be willing to also do it for us. He is using US Census Data. It had nothing to do with the survey. It will help us to update the comprehensive plan. Leopold added that the Town of Lansing is updating their land usage plan. They are using the Town of Ithaca Plan as their model. It sets out clear goals and a series of actions that should be taken. Leopold thinks this would be a nice template to follow.

Courtney asked the Board to surplus the John Deere x744 Tractor. He stated that this is a little late because he already took it to the auction. He has already spoken with the Mayor about this. He also spoke with the Clerk/Treasure who told him that technically he needs a resolution to surplus the equipment before taking it to auction. She suggested he get a resolution passed by the Board at the next meeting.

Resolution#5997–To Surplus the John Deere x744 Tractor to the Lansing Municipal Auction

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

Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold-Aye	Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee John O’Neill –Aye	Trustee Patricia O’Rourke-Aye

Marty stated that there were a couple of solar projects last month. Lynn asked who did the solar project. It was done by John Dennis. There was been progress on the road installation between Lansing Trails I & II. They are getting ready to put the base at Norway coming down from Bomax. Courtney and Cross will both have to approve the base. Ivar Jonson will also be put a foundation in this year on Jon Circle Dr.

The Clarion Hotel, which is now called the Trip Hotel, is coming into the Planning Board. Dan Homick is proposing some reduced parking and increased plantings. Leopold feels that this improvement will be very nice. Courtney stated that when we did Sheraton Drive sidewalk Homick would not give us enough easement for the sidewalk and that is why the sidewalk ramps are the way they are. Homick is also proposing to shorten the canopy and have a way around the front for trucks & buses. Courtney asked if this project needed a special permit. Moseley stated that they do. Courtney asked if it would be useful to ask Dave Putnam about getting the sidewalk ramps as a condition.

Moseley stated that Bookers will also be in for a special permit to expand their parking lot. There will be some change orders coming to the Trustees for the new building. The

new building will have an operational window into Jodi's office and the window into the Code & Zoning office will be removed. The brick mock up for the building is being done. Other change orders that will be coming through include storm improvements and soffit lights that were forgotten. Moseley stated that there are a couple of different options for stormwater. They discussed the option of permeable pavement and the concerns associated with it. Leopold suggested talking to the people around the area that have already installed permeable pavement. Courtney stated that he didn't know that there were soffit lights going in so their lighting plan is no good because the Lighting Commission needs to see accumulative lighting. Lynn asked about the landscaping around the building. We have not heard anything back from Dave Fernandez on landscaping. Moseley will check on that. The board of the office heater went and has been repaired.

Nolan had nothing to report.

O'Neill had a concern with road striping in the Lansing Trails Subdivision. He also wants striping for the crosswalks where the trails cross the roads. John Courtney stated that Mayor and he had talked about striping the sidewalk on the roadsides. Now that we have repaved Janivar all our side striping is gone. Courtney doesn't want to stripe off the sides for pedestrians. On Craft Road we will run a center stripe and edge lines up to Janivar Drive. Courtney will look into whether it is necessary to have a center stripe in that area. Courtney will look at crosswalk and where they go because you can't solid line through a crosswalk. Courtney will get back to the Board on this. Leopold added that the Triphammer Mall still has not striped their road yet. Marty stated that he

Motion- To Adjourn

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer