

## Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, June 11, 2015, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Patricia O'Rourke, John O'Neill, Gerry Monaghan, Ronny Hardaway; Code & Zoning Officer, Marty Moseley; Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer; Fire inspector, Brian Quadrozzi; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; MEO, Nolan Hatfield.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:31pm.

Ronny Hardaway stated that he attended the Youth Services Board. He couldn't vote because he was not officially appointed. It was the budget process and the Board discussed their survey results. They are looking for volunteers for Groton and haven't been able to fill the youth member positions. The State made a recommendation of a minimum number of chairs to be filled. However, if they can't get anyone to fill those positions they can still vote. It was a mandatory statement that had to be added to their charter. Hardaway feels it was an interesting meeting.

Hatfield stated that he has been doing a lot of mowing and fixing.

O'Neill wanted to see if it is possible to get the speed signs in the Lansing Trails neighborhood. Previously, Courtney had told O'Neill that it had to wait until summer. Courtney asked if he wants mid-block speed signs. Courtney and O'Neill will meet to look at the speed sign issue next week.

Monaghan stated that he has a meeting with Trails Commission here tomorrow. One big question is the possibility of trails in our new park land. Hartill stated that currently there is no access, but we are working on it. Monaghan has spoken with Youth Services regarding Party in the Park, but they want to make it too complicated. He will report on this in the future.

Monaghan asked the Mayor if he got a lot of calls or texts on his cell phone. The circus had a sign that told people to text the Mayor with concerns. Mayor Hartill stated that he did not receive any calls and doesn't know how anyone would get his cell number. Monaghan feels there is a problem with the trail behind the Shops at Ithaca Mall being too dark. Courtney stated that it is Mall property and they are not looking down there for issues. Monaghan stated that he found cans in the neighborhood which he believes were left by the circus people. Moseley stated that we can talk about this and other concerns next year if the circus comes again. O'Rourke added that this year they had a canopy with the elephants baking under it.

There was a presentation regarding the proposed Islamic building at last Planning Board meeting.

Courtney talked to Bellwood residents regarding a problem with someone dumping leaves. It appears to be the contractors. Courtney sent out a generic email. Ted Palmer is going to paint 34 streetlight poles on Beckett Way and Wedgewood.

Mayor Hartill stated that he is talking to the State about changing the speed limit signs on East Shore Drive. Currently, it is 45mph thru the Town of Lansing, 55mph thru the Village of Lansing, and then 45mph when you head back down the hill. Hartill would like to see it be all 45mph. Monaghan stated that there is a meeting next Tuesday and he will mention that.

Hartill stated that he would be away for the next two weeks. He sent out a message to the Rosens to set up a telecom conference call to discuss the completion of the dedication and acquisition of Northwood Drive. Part of the agreement is that there will be no road connection at the other end. However, there will possibly be an emergency access. Hartill added that he continues to hear nice comments about our Village infrastructure

Dake reported that she started back to work part time last Tuesday after having surgery the previous Wednesday. The Board told her not to over-do it. Tax Bills went out at the beginning of June so she has been processing many payments. There are a couple of sets of minutes that need to be approved. They must be approved separately since the Mayor was not present at the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes of June 1<sup>st</sup>

Trustee Monaghan moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill –Aye	Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye	

Motion- To Approve the Minutes of May 18<sup>th</sup>

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Abstain	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill –Aye	Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye	

At a previous meeting, Mayor Hartill assigned Ronny Hardaway to be the Village Representative to the Youth Services Board. The Youth Services Board is requesting that a formal resolution be done.

Res #6171-To Appoint Ronny Hardaway as the Village Representative on the Youth Services Board

Trustee O'Neill moved to appoint Hardaway to YSB and Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill -Aye	Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye	

Dake informed the Board that Leopold has agreed to take over as the Board of Zoning Appeals Chair. Mary Sirois has been in that position for many years and has expressed an interest in stepping down. Sirois has agreed to stay on as the BZA Alternate.

Res #6172-To Appoint Lynn Leopold as the Board of Zoning Appeals Chairman Replacing Mary Sirois Who Will Become the BZA Alternate.

Trustee O'Rourke moved appoint Leopold to BZA and Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill -Aye	Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye	

O'Rourke stated that the site at the Shops at Ithaca Mall where the mission collection of clothing is getting worst. It looks bad with bags laying all over. Moseley will send a note to the Mall to handle the situation since it is on their property.

Moseley reported the following:

- The BZA heard the proposed changes to the CU Suites mixed use project. The BZA hasn't voted on it yet. The Planning Board also got an informal presentation on the project.
- The Planning Board is also working with the Shops at Ithaca Mall on the Planned Sign Area temporary signage issue.
- Squeaky Clean is doing a small asphalt improvement.
- The Planning Board will be recommending Mike Baker to the Trustees as a Planning Board Alternate. Dake added that this will be on Monday's agenda.
- The Islamic Center has proposed to increase their square footage since they will be eliminating their basement.
- Building permits-reviewing quite a few right now.
- Finalizing the Dairy One Building Permit. They just tied in to water and sewer.

- Estimate to value property at Graham Road West. The company providing the service is the same one that was used on Northwood Property. There is an estimate for that.
- There is an estimate from Cayuga Landscape for seasonal maintenance of gardens that the Board can consider at Monday's meeting.
- Catherwood Road acquisition from the State is progressing.
- There are proposed Code changes that the State has talked about. The changes were supposed to be this Fall but it is being pushed back to the first quarter of next year. Mainly because of requirement for sprinklers in residential dwellings.
- There were no laws to enforce on the Circus. Next year, we can make some suggestions as to where to set up camp.

Courtney stated that he recommends Christopher Zavaski to the Board for the position of Laborer. Courtney feels we didn't get a great bunch of good applicants. We got the best that can fit for now. Zavaski is starting a new career and Courtney thinks he will be a good addition. Currently, he is a tow truck driver and knows all our roads. If approved, he will be able to start June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Resolution #6173 -To Hire Christopher Zavaski as Laborer at a Rate of \$18/hr. with the Stipulation that he Gets His Commercial Driver's License Within 6 Months at Which Time He Will be Promoted to Motor Equipment Operator at a Rate of \$19.50/hire

Monaghan moved to hire Zavaski and Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Courtney reported the following:

- Triphammer, Catherwood, Wakefield and Churchill Drive have all been paved by Suit Kote
- Recommend Bellisario again for contractual work. We bid it out last year and Courtney would just like to extend that contract. They are used for services we can't get to. Courtney stated that he researched it and we can legally extend the contract for one year and rebid next year. Last year we only received 2 bids out of

5 people he sent the request to. Supplemental benefits were increased a couple of dollars, but Bellisario has agreed to stay at the same rate. Courtney likes the fact that he responds quickly and gets him all the payroll reports. Dake stated that there are some reports that Courtney has not gotten to her. The Board agreed to allow Courtney to extend the contract one year and bid next year.

- New budget year so looking at new equipment. This year we budgeted to buy a mini excavator and new pickup truck to replace the 2011 pickup. Courtney will choose the vendors on contracts. State has cut staff that negotiates contracts. State bids are now having minimum purchases making other contracts such as National Joint Power of Alliance and HDAC less expensive. We depend on the State contract for road salt. New York State small municipalities make ½ of the States buying power.
- Suit Kote did crack sealing. We had some complaints. It goes back to the contractor to fix any issues.
- There has been a shift on Uptown Road and now we have to get an easement. Courtney met with Cornell and they think it is a good idea. The bad news is that they found culverts are failing. Another culvert is potentially failing on Janivar Drive. Courtney will try and slip line the Janivar Drive culvert. For Uptown at corner will be digging road up and will have Bellisario do it. Our staff will do traffic control. Hartill ask if it can be slip lined. Courtney will write up a proposal to Mayor. Scope of project has changed and so will the cost.

Hardaway reiterated a previous inquiry from Lisa Schleelein regarding replacing trees that died on North Triphammer Road. Courtney stated that he mentioned to the Mayor that it was due to poor placement of the trees. Areas such as by Mobil they couldn't get a tree to live there ever due to gas in the soil. He feels there are areas were we should give up on planting because they won't ever grow. Cayuga Landscape offers a warrantee to replace any tree that dies within a year. It was asked if this was planned for in the budget. Courtney stated that when it is within the highway right-of-way it is covered under Budget Item A5110.4, Highway Contractual. There is also a similar situation at Becket Way.

Dake stated that if the Board wanted to authorize Courtney to continue to use Bellisario they would need to pass a resolution.

Resolution #6174 -To Extend Bellisario Contract for One Year

O'Neill moved this resolution and Trustee Monaghan seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee John O'Neill –Aye  
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Monaghan stated that he is noticing a lot less deer in the Village. The total taken in the Village this year was 80 deer. Courtney added that at the end of winter they took 2 dead deer off the road but none since then.

The Mayor reported that there was a drone report but can't be official because it was too close to the airport and didn't have FAA approval. He will still get a report.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6175- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$43,527.70, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$17,887.66, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$24,367.65, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$15,000, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$3,788.00, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,840.45, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$20,000.00, is hereby approved for payment.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill  
Trustee John O'Neill –Aye  
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee John O'Neill –Aye  
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer