

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, August 13, 2015, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Patricia O'Rourke, John O'Neill, Ronny Hardaway, Gerry Monaghan; Code & Zoning Officer, Marty Moseley; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; Laborer, Chris Zavaski.

Courtney stated that the general consensus is to fill the Sheraton Drive ditch with rip rap. TG Miller Engineer, Dondi Harner, will have a more definitive location of utilities on Monday after the area is surveyed. One problem is that there is a 1400 pair copper line and a water line in the ditch area. Courtney feels it is an engineering problem with no good solution. Sheraton Drive is on our list of roads to repair this year. We want to stabilize the ditch before we pave it. It is soft on the south side and it makes it hard to get in there. Courtney stated that he was in there with the backhoe, pushed dirt and a blue line popped up because the lines are buried at different depths and it is difficult to determine the exact location and depth of the utilities.

Monaghan stated that they did a great job painting the posts in Shannon Park. The budget for street lighting each year is \$45,000 which is mainly the cost of electricity. Brentwood/Arrowwood street lights are 250 watt high pressure sodium bulb. Previously we installed a photometric eye at each pole to allow for the street light to automatically turn off during the day time. It may be a good idea to look into turning that area over to LED lighting since the current system is so costly. It would be \$200-300 to replace each fixture. LED bulbs need to be changed less often than the incandescent bulbs which is less maintenance. The City of Ithaca does our bulb replacements for our traffic and pedestrian signals. Next year Courtney will look into switching to LED bulbs during the next budget process. Courtney stated that the medical complex on the corner of Craft Rd. and Triphammer Rd. has installed all exterior LED lighting, which provides for nice lighting levels. He thinks it would be less than a two year pay back to switch to LED.

O'Neill wants to know what is going on with the traffic light construction at the corner of N. Triphammer Road and Craft Road. There have been construction signs up for three weeks and no activity. Courtney stated that Binghamton Road Electric had to wait until submittals were approved. The poles shop drawings were approved. He is trying to get a work schedule. Binghamton Road Electric should be starting August 24th. Dake put something up on the website to let residents know about upcoming construction. We've received some calls with people inquiring about the project.

Cayuga Heights Bridge is scheduled to be completed at the end of this month. The Village rented a roadside mower for 2 weeks. Nolan did the mowing and Chris went through and did a little extra with our roadside mower.

Courtney is trying to work with engineers to get Uptown and Sheraton jobs going.

Courtney met with Dan Homik, owner of the Trip Hotel, who has no objections to sidewalk improvements at his three entrances onto Sheraton Drive to make them ADA compliant. They also talked about repairing the sidewalk, and Courtney will continue that process. We have no good way to walk to the mall. We'll look at different ways to put the walk down through there.

Courtney emailed Putnam about the stop sign discussion we had at the last meeting. He suggested we stripe a crosswalk and put up signs that state you must yield to pedestrians in the sidewalk. Putnam thinks installing stop signs at that intersection will be problematic. Putnam doesn't think you will ever be able to have ADA compliant sidewalks down in that area due to the landscape. Hartill will talk to Eric about the sidewalk. It is our property but we want to keep a good relationship with the mall.

The Board directed Courtney to improve the sidewalk in front of Tops Markets on the south side of Pyramid Drive, and provide pedestrian striping at the intersection of Pyramid Drive and the ring road for the Shops at Ithaca Mall. The Board also determined that pedestrian crossing signs should be installed for vehicles to be aware that they are required to yield to pedestrians.

A contractor was hired to do trimming up in Northwoods.

Courtney ordered pipe for a culvert to replace the wooden bridge at the path on Churchill and Wakefield leading to Wood Thrush Hollow Road and the Lansing Trails development area. The problem is we use the skidster, which weighs about 8-9000 lbs., and it is not safe to drive over that bridge. Courtney feels it should also beautify the area.

A UFPO has been called in for Lansing Trails I speed limit signs which will be installed next week. Lansing Trails II will also be getting additional signs. We need to expedite ownership of the south portion of Nor Way that is being dedicated to the Village. We need to get a top on the road this year so we don't lose the road. Courtney, Moseley, and Cross met with Frabboni in an effort to resolve issues that need to be addressed before the Village takes the road over.

Hardaway asked about the repair at 22 Thornwood Road. Courtney explained that a valve blew off. The repair took about 15 ½ hours that day. They couldn't shut that valve down. They hit a 6" sewer line because it is hard to mark. Bellisario helped them out since Hatfield had to leave to take care of his children. Plus we have them available for these types of problematic breaks. Stainless steel bolts are now used every time we do repairs to replace the existing bolts that rust and break on the valves.

Monaghan indicated that he was going to mow the dividing strip, as you enter into Shannon Park because it has not been maintained. Courtney will send a guy down to weed wack. Also, the pathway from Beckett Way to Shannon Park needs mowing. The path to the pond is heavily used and also needs mowing.

Courtney is going to put a no parking sign at end of St. Joseph Lane even though he knows it is not in compliance with our law. There have been complaints from residents about people from Colonial Vet parking in the cul-de-sac. Courtney will work with Moseley on changing our Sign Law.

Chris reported that he has been mowing and has done a little blacktop repair.

Hardaway had nothing to report on the Youth Services Board. Hardaway emailed Trustees to add an agenda item for supporting YS ???. It was asked if there would be an agenda for Monday to further discuss a Landscape Committee. Hartill would like to combine Greenway, Landscape and Village beautification together. Hardaway will be in charge of this group and solicit members. Hartill suggested that this committee have 5-6 members. To avoid having a quorum, the committee can only have two members from each Village board. Possible members for this committee are: Lisa Schleelein, Deborah Dawson, Lynn Leopold, Carol Klepack and Jim Orcutt. Monaghan stated that his neighborhood has talked about having a group that would volunteer to help with beautification within the Shannon Park area

Hartill and Dubow had a meeting Tuesday with the Rosen's regarding taking over Northwood Dr. The goal is to be wrapped up by the end of September. Courtney asked if a temporary path/road can be installed this season. Hartill feels the main thing that needs to be done is to trim the trees in that area so the snow plow doesn't hit branches. Courtney stated that in November we can do a small gravel base with oil and stone to set us up for next year. Hartill went on to explain the issues over the years relating to taking over Northwood Rd. as a Village road. We had a tentative agreement with the Colbert's back in 2008 but they sold the property to the Rosen's. After this we basically had to start negotiations over again with them. There were issues with the banks and releasing that portion of the property.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6189- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$47,671.45, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$6,862.24, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$2,618.24, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Monaghan moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted and Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill –Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Moseley stated that Dake had left a note that a budget transfer is necessary to purchase the work platform that was purchased and being paid in these vouchers. The property card also needs to be filled out by Courtney.

Resolution#6190- To Authorize a Budget Transfer from A5182.4 Streetlight Contractual to A5182.2 Streetlight Equipment in the amount of \$2,025.

Trustee O'Neill moved that the budget transfer be authorized and Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill –Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Courtney and Zavaski left the meeting.

Monaghan asked about changing the speed limit on E. Shore Drive. Hartill stated that he has sent a letter requesting the speed limit change to 45mph. Monaghan is also concerned with the intersection at East Shore Dr. and Cayuga Heights Rd. Monaghan wondered if this is something he can bring up with the Transportation Council. Hartill stated that we would need to design a new intersection. Putnam has looked into this situation before. What the Mayor would like to do is curve Cayuga Heights Rd to the east. Monaghan wondered if there was a history of accidents at that intersection. Hartill stated that the biggest problem is the speed on Cayuga Heights Rd.

Monaghan was also concerned with the path into Shannon Park. There are boxes of wires on the Mall property that are constantly being vandalized. Hartill will take a close look at this.

O'Rourke reported that the mirror at the intersection of Twin Glens Road and Cayuga Heights Road has cracked. Hartill stated that it needs to be fixed. O'Rourke is to email Courtney about this and C\copy Hartill.

O'Rourke continues to be concerned with the donation box by the mall that is overflowing and looks terrible. Moseley will talk to the mall about it.

Marty Moseley reported the following:

- BZA approved the requested height variance for the C.U. Suites Project.
- Village permits are down but most other municipalities are up. The quarterly Building Permit Report was given to the Trustees.

- Catherwood Road acquisition is still oncoming from the State Department of Transportation. Currently, we are waiting on a signature from Albany office.
- Received report by North East Appraisals & Management Co. for an appraisal of Graham Rd. West . Hartill to review before we proceed.
- The draft of the proposed revisions for the Sewer Law is done and will be sent to all Trustees to review. After the Trustees review the proposed law revisions it will be sent to Dubow.
- On August 25th the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on a special permit for a deck extension at 26 Beckett Way
- BZA will meet August 24th regarding an area variance for the proposed construction of a garage on the Bonniwell property at 2 Jon Stone Circle, which requires a side yard setback variance.

Hardaway asked about the Graham Road West pothole repair. Hartill explained that we are trying to acquire Graham Road. Hartill believes we have an agreement with Pyramid which is the largest of three property owners. Efforts are being made to arrange for repairing pot holes and paving. Moseley stated that we have a plan in place with TG Miller once we acquire the property to rebuild the road and improve the connectivity.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Hardaway moved for adjournment. Trustee Monaghan seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O’Neill –Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee Patricia O’Rourke-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:12pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer