

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, July 14, 2016, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Gerry Monaghan; Trustees, Ronny Hardaway and John O'Neill; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake

Deputy Mayor Monaghan called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:03.

Dake reported that Courtney and Hatfield are unable to attend the meeting because there is a water main break on Graham Road. The Bid Opening for Integrally Colored Hot Applied Polymer Modified Synthetic, wearing surface-course aggregate Type F2 conditions to be installed at various locations on North Triphammer Road, was today at 10am. There was only one bid submitted. After reviewing the bid provided by Dynamic Surface Applications, LTD, Courtney has recommended we accept their bid for the estimated sum of \$88,844.37. This price could vary slightly to the actual measurements agreed upon between the Village of Lansing and Dynamic Surface Applications, LTD. They were the original contractors who installed the crosswalk in 2006 under the North Triphammer Road Project. Due to the volume of traffic on North Triphammer, no other options are available to withstand the loads. The material lasts as long as the pavement.

Resolution# 6293-To Accept the Dynamic Surface Applications, LTD Bid for the Estimated Sum of \$88,844.37.

Trustee O'Neill moved to accept the bid. Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Gerry Monaghan –Aye Trustee John O'Neill –Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Dake reported that tax payments were due by July 1st. There are still 54 unpaid tax bills totaling \$66,140.12. Quarterly water bills went out July 1st and are due by the 20th. Dake has been working on closing out the 2015-16 budget year. The AUD is due by the end of July. Dake will be on vacation the week of July 25th.

On Monday, Dake and Lisa Schleelein worked with a group of kids from the Learning Web to clean all the gardens around the office. We had a second group come on Tuesday and we did some much needed maintenance on the gardens by our wall and bench area at the corner of Pyramid Drive. Gerry asked if we had beautification funds. Dake stated that there is \$2,000 in the current budget for beautification. Hardaway asked if this money could be used to plant trees in Dankert and Village Park. This money is for the Tree Planting Program and any beautification the Village does. Monaghan would like to see the boulevard into Shannon Park cleaned up and something done with the old pear trees. Dake stated that if there are specific projects that the Village would like to do they should propose to have them added to the budget next year.

Hardaway stated that the Greenway Committee has planned a field trip to Shannon Park. They plan to create a list and prioritize greenway issues.

Monaghan entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6294- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 14 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$2,413.53, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 2 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$60,129.22, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 2 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$16.99, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 2 for the Special Assessment Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$1,740.00, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 2 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$199,126.96, is hereby approved for payment.

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

Deputy Mayor Gerry Monaghan –Aye Trustee John O'Neill –Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Moseley is on vacation this week but has provided the following update on his department from the last month:

Building Permits:

1. Roof replacement at 30 Janivar
2. 20 Arrowwood Dr. alteration
3. Target Storage trailers
4. 23 Wedgewood air conditioning system
5. 45 Beckett Way new roof
6. Cell tower alteration at 2350 North Triphammer Rd.
7. Sew Shannon – Alteration in space 9 of the Triphammer Marketplace
8. Party by the pond in the Cornell B&T Park
9. 36 Twin Glens Road new house

Planning Board:

The Planning Board has officially recommended new language be adopted and amend the zoning to include senior housing and special care facility uses and densities in the residential areas. This will officially be presented at the joint meeting on Monday, July 18th. On July 26th the Planning Board will hold a public hearing for 36 Twin Glen Road to construct a new house due to the proximity to steep slope area on the lot.

BZA:

The BZA met on June 21st and 44 Dart Drive was approved to have less of a side yard setback for a cover over an existing stairway leading to the basement and for a new deck.

Other Business:

Moseley met with John Courtney to discuss the proposed Highway Law and his proposed changes. Currently, Moseley has sent it over to Dubow to make sure that it is legal in all areas before presenting it to the Boards. He has also been working on amendments to the Zoning Law pertaining to solar farms (large scale solar facilities) and smaller solar arrays. This will provide more clarification to what these systems are and where they are allowed to be installed. This has also been sent to Dubow to verify that it is legal before sending it off to the Boards. Once Moseley hears back from Dubow, he will start the process with the Planning Board on both of these proposed changes to the Village Zoning Law.

There are packets in everyone's folders in the back office that pertain to the re-zoning request that will be presented at the joint meeting on Monday for the property next to Transact (20 Bomax Drive). The property is currently vacant and there is a request to change the zoning from Business and Technology District to High Density Residential District.

O'Neill had nothing to report.

Hardaway reported that he attended 3 meetings in the last month. The Youth Services Board met on the 28th. There is a request for funding through Tompkins County. There are three over target requests that impact the legislature. They are in the process of scheduling sight visits to the agencies they work with. Hardaway has volunteered to go along with Dave Sanders of the Learning Web. Last night AJ & Alex is a good mentor. (Help here Ronny) We always see reports on paper but it is great to get out to witness mentoring. Hardaway updated the Board on the meeting the Greenway Committee had with Rusty Keeler of Earthplay Design, a local company that designs and builds "natural playgrounds" to provide play opportunities that "connect kids to nature." More information on this meeting can be found in the Greenway Committee meeting notes online.

Hardaway stated that he and Dawson have been doing voluntary park visits. They visited the Children's Garden and a dog park. There were some significant funds spent on the dog park. Hardaway feels a dog park would be overkill for our park right now. On

Monday they toured Dankert & Village Parks and made a priority list of what needs to be done at each park. Shannon Park is next.

Monaghan attended the SCLIWC meeting. Hartill was there for a short time. They are thinking about updating the Municipal Cooperation Agreement that was created in 1974. Eventually, a Bolton Point representative will come to discuss this with the Trustees. The Draft SCLIWC Operating Budget is out and has a \$50,000 increase from 2016. The Town of Ithaca has to approve it first. The drought we've been having is increasing water consumption. Cornell Universities water supply is very low. Cornell has asked if the Commission could support them. Engineers are concerned because the Commission is already supporting the City of Ithaca while they are building a new water plant. New automated water meters are being installed for all Bolton Point customers. Ithaca has already completed installation. It is unknown what the rate increase will be for 2017 because they have to wait for all meters to be installed. It looks like they will be going from a 10,000 minimum to a 5,000 minimum as part of the Agreement of Municipal Cooperation.

O'Neill stated that many people in the Town are also upset about high minimum. The Bush Lane Water Project is 2/3 complete.

Monaghan would like to figure out how to get public feedback on deer. He is seeing a profound difference in the number of deer in his area. Hardaway stated that he also has observed less deer and Moll has also made that same comment to him regarding less deer on her Dart property. Monaghan would like to do a survey. The Board discussed different ways to conduct a survey without spending a lot of money to have a professional survey done. Different options included a newsletter article, a questionnaire sent to the different neighborhood email groups, and a survey that could be done online.

Monaghan asked where we are with providing plastic dog waste bags. Previously, Courtney stated that there was a problem with people stealing the bags so they stopped filling them. Hardaway asked if there was an alternative to how they are dispensed. Surely, this is not our problem alone and we should see how other municipalities deal with this. Monaghan asked what the bags cost. It was suggested that we instruct the Highway Department to start filling the dog waste bag dispensers again and monitor how many bags we are going through. It was asked where we have these stations in the Village. The Board knows there are stations in Dankert Park and at Blackchin Blvd., but will ask Courtney to identify if there are any other stations in the Village.

Monaghan stated that Art in the Park Project was good. He will be taking down the hoops. He didn't get the language statements up. Monaghan reported that TCAT has enough drivers to go back to full service. Tompkins Council of Government wants to focus on aggregate buying of energy services. They will look at how gross receipts affect taxes. Lastly, Monaghan stated that he spoke with a parent of the skateboarders and he suggested that the Village pass a Helmet law. Previously residents had voiced a concern over the danger of skateboarders flying down Pembroke Lane.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Deputy Mayor Gerry Monaghan –Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill –Aye

The meeting adjourned at 12:44pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer