

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, December 12, 2019, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill, Trustees Ronny Hardaway, Patricia O'Rourke and Randy Smith; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Michael Scott; Working Supervisor, John Courtney; MEO, Nolan Hatfield and Chris Zavaski.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:42pm.

Courtney finishing up his inspections at East Pointe. We did fairly well with the last ice & snow event. A lot of salt was used. Streetlights on Northwood Road went up but are not energized by NYSEG yet. Courtney is still trying to figure out if we should go with metered or a fixed rate. Five streetlights were installed and there is one more to put in by the park.

The park benches will not be installed until spring. Dake contacted Tompkins County to see if we could wait until the spring to install the benches and they agreed. We have received the \$5,000 grant monies from Tompkins County. Once the benches are installed, we will need to send pictures. Hartill stated that he still needs to write a check for the bench that he is dedicating in remembrance of his wife.

Courtney would like to start installing the waterline on Northwoods. We can work in the winter which gets our goals at the end of the day.

It was asked if the signs for the parks had been ordered. Hardaway had not had time to order the signs. It was decided that the signs would be ordered from Vacker Signs since they had the best warrantee. The Vacker warrantee was for 25 years where the other quotes which were less had only 2- and 5-year warrantees.

Resolution #6625- To Order Park Signs from Vacker Signs for \$7,282 Which Includes a 25 Year Warranty on the Signs and 50 Year Warrantee on the Posts.

Trustee Hardaway moved this resolutions and Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye Trustee
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Nolan had nothing to report.

Smith stated that at the joint meeting Monday the Cornell class had three presentations on breaking up the Shop's at Ithaca Mall and connecting the two mall area. This is going to be a growth project. This area could be a destination place. It will be interesting to see how the mall changes. It doesn't function well now; Smith feels it needs to change. The mall is now losing Planet Fitness. In other areas of the country the trend is to go with mix use.

Scott has received calls on the old Imperial Restaurant at the corner of N. Triphammer and Graham Road. The property is owned by Eric Goetzman. The Board wondered why nothing was being done with that property since there is clearly some interest.

Unfortunately, the new owners of the Shops at Ithaca Mall are not putting any more into the mall and are doing minimal maintenance. The new owners bought for the note. However, Target, Regal, Dicks, Ultra and Best Buy seem to be doing well.

Scott reported that East Pointe is being finalized. The place looks really nice. Lansing Meadows has a framing inspection tomorrow on their first of three buildings. The second building is being framed. They plan to pour the slab for the third building next week.

Planet Fitness plans to open in the Cayuga Mall at the end of January. Nissan has all their knee walls poured. They may want to subdivide the Nissan lot off. Size wise it is big enough but may need variance for side setback. They have seven variances already.

Scott has received an updated site plan for the proposed solar project off Northwood Road. They will attend the Planning Board meeting on January 13th for a sketch plan review. Courtney has concerns with where the sewer for that project would tie in. He feels it would be better to connect to Dart. On Northwood Road the sidewalk would be very invasive. The slope is better to Dart Drive. Mayor Hartill will get involved and look at the design. These details need to be figured out. Hardaway added that we are looking at reworking the sewer lines on Dart Drive so we could plan to have solar hook in there. This is a good opportunity to revitalize this area.

Scott heard that the winters farmers market is moving from Greenstar to Triphammer Mall. However, they have not contacted Scott yet. He assumes it will be in the old Ace Hardware space since they have closed.

Dake reported that her new computer is up and running. The company that provides our current life insurance has been sold so we are changing our life insurance provider. All full-time employees were asked to fill out new Beneficiary Designations for Sun Life and Health Insurance Company. The new policy goes into effect January 1, 2020.

O'Rourke stated that there was another Cornell Class that did a cost analysis of changing the mall area and wondered if anyone had seen that. Hardaway stated that he got an email on this and would forward it to the Trustees.

Hardaway stated that his first proposed resolution for the CSC Task Force resolution was premature, however, Attorney Troy should now have enough guidance to create a resolution. Dake stated that she would request that Attorney Troy provide a draft resolution for the first Board of Trustees meeting in January. Hardaway has started getting information for our website so task members will be able to see what is going on. This is similar to what he did for the Greenway Committee. It will show top level details of any decisions made. Hardaway plans to archive task-force work within Google Drive. Hartill reminded Hardaway that all this can be foiled and that prioritizing is the first step to see where we are. The Village will document and submit to get credit for what we have already done.

Smith thanked Jodi and Mike for putting together a very nice Village Holiday Party.

A letter has gone out to Janet Jonson regarding the area between their property and East Pointe Apartments and the streetlight. Scott will get a copy of the letter to Dake. Courtney will get on the streetlight.

Scott stated that New York State has approved the 2019 ICC Code. The Village will need to get the new code books. In the past they would note what is different in the Code, but this update they did not. NYS stated that they had no time to note the changes. A searchable PDF of the new Code will be available free of charge, but the new books will actually cost money this year.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6626- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$233,675.12 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$376.80 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,982.39 is hereby approved for payment.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye Trustee Ronny Hardaway–Aye Trustee
Patricia O’Rourke-Aye Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye Trustee Ronny Hardaway –Aye
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye Trustee Patricia O’Rourke-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:27pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer