

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, May 1, 2000, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Trustees Lynn Leopold, Larry Fresinski, Frank Moore and John Bailey; Planning Board Chairman Ned Hickey; Village Attorney Randy Marcus.

Deputy Mayor Larry Fresinski called the meeting to order at 7:37P.M.

The Deputy Mayor opened the public comment period. There were no comments.

Motion- To Close Public Comment Period

Trustee Lynn Leopold moved to close the public comment period.

Trustee John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye

Trustee John Bailey- Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold –Aye

Scott Hollister, George Gesslein, Scott Pronti, Todd Mix and Chris Burris from the Lansing Fire Department were present to give a presentation on the proposed purchase of a ladder truck to replace the 1979 ladder truck they have now. The Lansing Fire Department has sunk a lot of money into this old truck in the past few years and the inspections are declining. At this point, they are unsure if it would even pass.

Scott Hollister explained to the Board that an aerial platform is a multi purpose truck with a heavy-duty ladder, which has a platform or “bucket” at the end. It is also equipped with a Class A pump and is capable of carrying supply and attack hose lines. The proposed truck has a six person cab & chassis, 100 foot ladder with platform, 2000 gallons per minute pumping capacity, 300 gallon water tank, tandem axle, 60 series Detroit Diesel, Allison automatic transmission, 252” wheel base, weighs 37 ton and is 47’ in length. Scott Pronti stated that the truck is about 6 ½- 7 feet longer than the truck it would be replacing. To put it into perspective, it is about the same weight as a 10-wheel truck. As a rule of thumb, the fire trucks are never taken off paved surfaces. They do go in driveways if needed.

Frank asked what their greatest concern was in the Village. The chiefs’ response was Lansing has a wide area with many challenges. There is a huge exposure to life safety. It was asked how Lansing compares to other municipalities our size. The Fire Department tries not to compare to others around us because no other municipality has a power plant, state schools, Cargill Salt mines, a mall and an airport. All these create different challenges.

The benefits of getting this new ladder truck are:

- Safer aerial device (heavy duty vs. light duty)
- Heavy duty aerial allows greater reach
- Class A pumper to areas protected by hydrants (dual-purpose truck)
- Greater flexibility of usage (aerial, attack pumper, high angle rescue)
- Safer and more maintainable vehicle
- ISO Grading Advantage

ISO stands for Insurance Services Organization. This is who grades the fire department. This grade is reported to homeowners insurance and your premium is based on this. This better rating may save Lansing homeowners some money. The new truck is computerized, auto leveling and fail safe for firefighter safety. The present aerial bucket can only hold 250 lbs. and the new truck’s aerial bucket holds 1000 lbs., which will allow multi person rescues. The present truck requires climbing the ladder to get to the bucket whereas with the new truck you just get in the basket and it will take you up and down.

Lansing Fire budget for 2000 is \$638,000 without the loan for the truck. Financing for this \$676,975 truck will be paid by \$36,975 from the trade-in of the present ladder truck, \$140,000 from reserve and operating funds and a 10-year \$500,000 installment bond with a 5% interest rate. The average Fire District cost will be \$63,750 a year or approximately \$8.74 per household.

The vote for approval of this new ladder truck will take place May 23, 2000 from 4:00PM-9:00PM at Station 5 on Oakcrest Road for Village residents. If approved, the new truck will be stationed at the Central Fire Station on Ridge Road. Each of the officers are guaranteed to get 24 hours of training from the sales representative then they will train the rest of the fire department on the operation of the truck. The Board thanked the members of Lansing's Volunteer Fire Department for coming to the meeting.

Next on the agenda was the approval of minutes.

Motion-Approval of Minutes for April 17, 2000 as Amended

Trustee John Bailey moved that the amended meeting notes are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye

Trustee John Bailey -Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold -Aye

It was discovered that the amount in the 2000-2001 Budget for Planning Personal was insufficient. The Board's original intent was to pay each of the Planning Board Members \$2,500 and the chairman \$5,000. It was suggested that to fix this we should transfer \$1,000 from the Planning consultant line item because \$2,000 would be sufficient for that item.

RESOLUTION #3659-2000-2001Budget Transfer of \$1,000 from A8020.45, Planning Consultant to A8020.1, Planning, Personal Services

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board transfers \$1,000 to correctly state what was intended for the budget.

Trustee Lynn Leopold moved to approve the transfer and Trustee Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye
Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye

Trustee John Bailey-

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

On November 2, 1999 a flagman from Patch 'n Seal flagged Gretchen Papariello's car through before the crack seal had hardened. The tires were packed full of this material and the chemical bond that takes place would not allow the material to be removed from the tire. Therefore, the tires were lop-sided and could not be balanced. It was necessary to replace two tires. Dennis has inspected the tires and feels we should reimburse Gretchen for the tires since we have not paid Patch 'n Seal and they have no interest in resolving this issue. Dennis has also spoken with the Mayor who approves of this resolution.

Randy stated that if this claim were approved for payment it would set an undesirable precedent. Legally the Village is not responsible for this claim. Patch & Seal is legally responsible. This is a unique situation in that we have never had a contractor work for the Village that hasn't performed up to expectations. Also, Dennis had indicated that there may be a question of fact whether the motorist was flagged on, or proceeded into the work zone without being flagged on. Consideration of payment may be a political, not a legal issue. Frank asked if we could pay this claim then try to recover the money from Patch & Seal since we made a bad contractor choice. This would establish expectations of motorist and make Village defense more difficult in the future if we paid this claim when legally we were not responsible.

The comment was made that this claim is very old. It was suggested that there should be a reporting procedure in the Village. John commented that the Town of Lansing has a nice incident report, which they use. Jodi will call Sharon at the Town to get a copy of their incident report. The Board tabled the payment of this claim pending further discussion with Dennis and the Mayor.

Next on the agenda was consideration of a number of items for the Annual Organizational Meeting.

RESOLUTION #3660-Appointment of Clerk/Treasurer

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Mayor to appoint Jodi Dake as Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Lansing

Trustee John Bailey moved to authorize the Mayor to appoint Jodi Dake as Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Lansing and Trustee Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee John Bailey-
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

RESOLUTION #3661-Appointment of Clerk Part Time

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Mayor to appoint Carol Willard as Clerk Part Time of the Village of Lansing

Trustee Frank Moore moved to authorize the Mayor to appoint Carol Willard as Clerk Part Time of the Village of Lansing and Trustee John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee John Bailey-
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

RESOLUTION #3662-Official Newspaper of the Village

Be it RESOLVED, that the Ithaca Journal is hereby established as the official paper for the publication of legal notices for the Village of Lansing.

Trustee Lynn Leopold moved to establish the Ithaca Journal as the Village's official newspaper. Trustee John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee John Bailey-
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

RESOLUTION #3663-Establishment of Meeting Days

Be it RESOLVED, that the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, at 7:30PM, and the second Wednesday, following the first Monday of the month, at 12:00 noon are hereby established as regular meeting days for the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing with the exception of July 3, 2000, Labor Day September 4, 2000 and New Years Day January 1, 2001.

Trustee John Bailey moved to establish the meeting days. Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee John Bailey-
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

RESOLUTION #3664-Roberts Rules of Order

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts Roberts Rules of Order as a procedural guideline for Village meetings.

Trustee John Bailey moved to adopt Roberts Rules of Order as the procedural guidelines for Village meetings. Trustee Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee John Bailey-
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

RESOLUTION #3665-Authorization to Pay Claims prior to Audit

Be it RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay claims for utilities, postage, insurance, debt service and Bolton Point's charges for the quarterly water bills prior to audit by the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Frank Moore moved to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the above stated bills prior to audit by the Board of Trustees. Trustee John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee John Bailey-
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

RESOLUTION #3666-Salary for Board of Trustees

Be it RESOLVED, that the salaries for the Board of Trustees and the Mayor are hereby set at \$3,500 for each member of the Board of Trustees and \$9,000 for the Mayor for the next fiscal year.

Trustee Lynn Leopold moved to establish the salaries for the board members at \$3,500 and for the Mayor at \$9,000. Trustee John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee John Bailey-
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

RESOLUTION #3667-Compensation for Planning Board

Be it RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to Planning Board members is hereby set at \$5,000 for the chairman and \$2,500 for each of the four members for the fiscal year 2000-2001.

Trustee John Bailey moved to set the compensation rate for the Planning Board at \$5,000 for the chairman and \$2,500 for each member. Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee John Bailey-
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

RESOLUTION #3668-Appointment of Elected Member to the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission

Be it RESOLVED, that Donald Hartill is hereby appointed as an elected Village representative to the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission.

Trustee John Bailey moved to appoint Donald Hartill as the elected S.C.L.I.W.C representative. Trustee Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee John Bailey-

Aye Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

RESOLUTION #3669-Appointment of Non-elected Member to the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission

Be it RESOLVED, that Michael Newman is hereby appointed as non-elected Village representative to the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission.

Trustee John Bailey moved to appoint Michael Newman as the non-elected S.C.L.I.W.C representative. Trustee Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee John Bailey-
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

RESOLUTION #3670-Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Be it RESOLVED, that the mileage reimbursement rate to Village employees using personal cars for Village business shall be the federally approved mileage reimbursement rate.

Trustee John Bailey moved to set the mileage reimbursement rate at the federally approved mileage reimbursement rate. Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee John Bailey-
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

RESOLUTION #3671-Appointment of Member to Planning Board

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Edward Hickey as a member of the Planning Board for a five-year term that will expire at the end of the Village's official year in 2005.

Trustee Lynn Leopold moved to appoint Edward Hickey to the Planning Board. Trustee John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee John Bailey-
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

RESOLUTION #3672-Appointment of Alternate to Planning Board

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Phil Dankert as the alternate to the Planning Board for a one-year term that will expire at the end of the Village's official year in 2001.

Trustee Frank Moore moved to appoint Phil Dankert to the Planning Board. Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee John Bailey-
Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

RESOLUTION #3673-Appointment of Member to Board of Zoning Appeals

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Lorraine Johnson as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term that will expire at the end of the Village's official year in 2005.

Trustee John Bailey moved to appoint Lorraine Johnson to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Trustee Lynn

Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

	Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye	Trustee John Bailey-
Aye	Trustee Frank Moore- Aye		

RESOLUTION #3674-Appointment of Alternate Member to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints John Dennis as an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a one-year term that will expire at the end of the Village's official year in 2001.

Trustee Lynn Leopold moved to appoint John Dennis as alternate member to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Trustee John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

	Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye	Trustee John Bailey-
Aye	Trustee Frank Moore- Aye		

Walter Wietgreffe asked not to be reappointed to the Greenspace Advisory Council.

Dennis has submitted an application of the gentleman he recommends for hire as the Part-time Seasonal Laborer. There were four applicants for the position and only two came in for an interview. Sheldon Meade lives in King Ferry and currently works at Carquest. Dennis and Rick have both spoken with Sheldon and feel he would do the best job for the Village.

RESOLUTION #3675-To Hire Sheldon Meade as the Part-Time Seasonal Laborer at \$8.00 per hour.

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Sheldon Meade as the Part-Time Seasonal Laborer at \$8.00 per hour.

Trustee John Bailey moved to hiring of Sheldon Meade as the Part-Time Seasonal Laborer at \$8.00 per hour. Trustee Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

	Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye	Trustee John Bailey-
Aye	Trustee Frank Moore- Aye		

Next on the agenda was general discussion. Frank attended the last Cayuga Lake Watershed meeting and presented the Board with a list of watershed issues that was compiled from the Watershed Characterization. The group is in the process of developing a management plan. They would like each municipality to make a prioritized list representing the top 15 issues, which concern them. This list is to aid in the brainstorming and the organization would like each municipality to put into their own words their specific concerns. Ned agreed that the Planning Board would put this on their agenda for next Monday's meeting and have it back to the Board of Trustees for their May 15th meeting. The Watershed Organization would like this list by the next May 23rd meeting. Frank informed Lynn that the next meeting was changed to a Tuesday so she may go.

The Board discussed at length what the Village's concerns were. Ned suggested that we list things that aren't currently under our jurisdiction (example-run off is controlled but tourism isn't). What we are interested in is documented in our Comprehensive Plan and that would be the place to start. We should look at intermunicipal issues.

Ned announced that there is a training session for local government officials on Basic Powers & Duties of Planning Boards at 6:30PM on May 11, 2000 at TC3. The sponsor is Tompkins County Planning Federation in conjunction with Tompkins County Planning Department. Frank asked if it was recommended we go. Ned stated that it would be very basic. If anyone is interested Jodi has the forms.

John Bailey spoke with Steve Farkas and they thought that the Town & Village Boards should have a joint meeting to discuss the wastewater/sewage issues along with many other things. There are many new members on the Town

Board. John thought Dave Herrick should also be present. This will be discussed further with the Mayor.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee John Bailey moved adjournment. Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Frank Moore - Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Trustee John Bailey- Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 9:55P.M.

Jodi Dake
Village Clerk