

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, May 21, 2001, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, Frank Moore and Janet Beebe; Ned Hickey, Planning Board Chairman.

Mayor Donald Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:37P.M. He opened the public comment period. Sy Smidt, former Mayor of the Village of Lansing, presented each Trustee with a copy of Rita's book, which he had published after her death. "Lansing at the Crossroads" is a historic look at the Village from Rita's perspective. She wrote this book to help new people on the Board understand the history of why the Village was formed. The book can be purchased from the publisher or at the Bookery. This book is non-profit. Sy would like the Village to consider putting this on the Village website. Don thanked Sy on behalf of the Board and commented that Rita was a very strong force on the Board.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to close the public comment period. Trustee Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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| Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye | Trustee Frank Moore- Aye | Trustee |
| Janet Beebe- Aye | Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye | |

The next item on the agenda was a public hearing to consider abandoning part of Sapsucker Woods Rd.

Motion-To Open the Public Hearing to Consider Abandoning, In Part, Sapsucker Woods Road

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to open the public hearing. Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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| Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye | Trustee Frank Moore- Aye | Trustee Janet |
| Beebe- Aye | Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye | |

Representatives from Cornell University were present but there were no comments.

Motion-To Close the Public Hearing

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to close the public hearing. Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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| Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye | Trustee Frank Moore- Aye | Trustee Janet |
| Beebe- Aye | Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye | |

Randy explained that this public hearing was just a legal step in the process. The Planning Board took this abandonment into consideration when they did a SEQR for the whole Ornithology Project. This act is exempt from SEQR as an administrative action.

Resolution #3773-To Abandon, In Part, Sapsucker Woods Road which is Conditional on Attorney Randy Marcus Review of the Documents and as Amended

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to accept this resolution. Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye Trustee Frank Moore- Aye Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

The Mayor announced that he needed to leave at 7:55 to go to the Village of Cayuga Heights to ask for more sewer units. Frank gave an update on the last Interagency Sewer Group meeting which was chaired by C. Valentino. This meeting was devoted almost entirely to discussion of the S&W/Chazen proposed scoping document for the development of a FEIS.

Mayor Hartill has met with Tom & Tim Colbert regarding taking over Northwood Road. They were very cooperative. Don asked Dave Putnam to do a sketch plan for the Colberts. The Colberts want to preserve parking and some room for planting to provide a buffer. They are also concerned with traffic calming. Don left for the Village of Cayuga Heights Board Meeting.

Next on the agenda was the consideration of hiring Gregory Spicer as a part-time laborer for the summer. Larry stated that, given the email message the board received, it is no longer an issue for Rick and he would like to have him hired.

Resolution #3774-To Rehire Gregory Spicer as the Part-time Temporary Laborer for the Summer at \$8.00 per hour

Trustee Frank Moore moved to accept this resolution. Janet Beebe seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Absent Trustee Frank Moore- Aye Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Next on the agenda was the engineers report. The elevated tank demo bids will go out and the tank will be down by October 31, 2001. He plans on having a bid for the Board to accept at the July 16th meeting.

The Bonding Company is moving right along on the Uptown Rd. Project. Last Thursday they cored the road and the test results should be back next week. The bonding company has paid Powerline and Powerline has released the lien.

Next on the agenda was to reappoint Michael Aulbach and James Orcutt to the Greenspace Council for another two year term. Ned asked if either one was contacted to see if they wanted to be reappointed. No one has contacted them. This council hasn't done much since it was formed. The trustees need to decide where this council is going. Larry explained the history of this committee to Frank & Janet. If we don't really need this council then why appoint them? Frank feels the Board needs to adopt a plan. It would be foolish to ignore the public's interest in this. Frank would like to be involved with the Greenway Council. This issue was tabled until the Mayor returned.

Jodi presented the Trustees with a copy of the tax levy. The budget numbers and the numbers that Tompkins County Assessment has given Jodi are the same. The tax bills will be delivered this week.

Resolution #3775-Tax Levy Resolution

Be it RESOLVED, that there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Lansing, and others, the following sums for Village Government and other charges for the fiscal year 2001-2002 With a tax rate of \$1.70 per thousand of assessed valuation for the Village Tax; \$.11 per thousand of assessed valuation and \$12.07per unit for the Water Tax; \$.09 per thousand of assessed valuation and \$12.11 per unit for Special Assessment-Sewer Collector; \$127.50 per unit for outside sewers and \$85.00 per unit for inside sewers according to the Village of Cayuga Heights.

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| General Fund | 435,766.23 |
| Water Fund | 61,994.81 |
| Special Assessment-Sewer Collector Fund | 17875.85 |
| Delinquent Water Rents | 4,011.82 |
| Delinquent Sewer Rents | 684.34 |
| Sewer Rents (Cayuga Heights) | <u>285,430.00</u> |
| Total for 2001-2002 Budget Year | 805,763.05 |

Trustee Frank Moore moved to levy and assess against the real property of the Village of Lansing as stated above for the fiscal year of 2001-2002. Trustee Janet Beebe seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Absent
Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Jodi explained the budget transfers. Basically we're not spending any more money we are just moving it around to balance each account. All expenditures were previously approved by voucher. The Board waited until Don got back to decide where to transfer money from for the purchase of the truck, which wasn't encumbered, and for Uptown Rd., which was partially in the budget two years ago. Later in the meeting it was decided to call our accountants for advise on how to deal with these issues.

Frank feels that the Village should hire a consultant to evaluate the Village's retirement plan. We must do the right thing for the Village. Ben wants added review and minimally we should have a representative from the New York State Retirement Plan come down and meet with us. Frank will call our accountant, Jack Little and insurance agent John Bailey to see if they could be of any assistance. Randy also recommended Attorney George Pfan or an independent firm in the Rochester area. Don returned. Don feels that the advantage of hiring a consultant is your have a fair process.

Larry updated Don on Uptown Rd. The Board went back to the Greenspace Council issue. Don asked Ned if the council has any value at all. Ned has only worked with Mike Aulbach and Jim Orcutt on the sign proposal. Frank and Don agreed that a Trustee must take over this council. If the Village ever wants to have a trail system then the council should do it not the Planning Board. Implementation and maintenance is the key. He Trustees need to get organized then appoint people to the council. Frank will oversee this.

Randy stated that the CAC, which has been replaced with the Greenspace Council, is still in the codification. The Board decided that since the CAC doesn't exist it should be removed from the codification and a note of being repealed as of November 16, 1998.

Jodi presented the Board with the necessary budget transfers. It was explained that all the expenditures were previously approved on vouchers and that this was just an administrative procedure to balance the overspent line items. After review the following resolution was presented.

Resolution #3776- To Approve the Budget Transfers as follows Subject to
Advise from Accountant

BUDGET TRANSFERS- GENERAL FUND

Be it RESOLVED to transfer

\$ 600.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to General Government Support, Auditor, Contractual, A1320.4

\$ 3,848.00 from Employee benefits, Employee Invest. In., A9089.8, to General Government Support, Clerk, Personal Services, A1410.1

\$ 841.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to General Government Support, Clerk, Contractual, A1410.4

\$ 1,829.00 from Employee benefits, Employee Invest. In., A9089.8, to General

Government Support, Deputy Clerk, Personal Services, A1415.1

- \$ 4,950.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to General Government Support, Law, Contractual, A1420.4
- \$ 108.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to General Government Support, Elections, Contractual, A1450.4
- \$ 100.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to Shared Services Building, Computer Supply, A1620.21
- \$ 3,586.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to Shared Services Building, Utilities, A1620.42
- \$ 3,720.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to Shared Services Special Items, Unallocated Insurance, A1910.4
- \$ 2,015.00 from Employment Benefits, Employee Invest. In., A9089.8, to Public Safety Code Enforcement Officer, Personal Services, A3620.11
- \$ 3,840.00 from Employment Benefits, Employee Invest. In., A9089.8, to Transportation Street Maintenance & Improvement, Personal Services, A5010.1
- \$ 2,036.00 from Employment Benefits, Employee Invest. In., A9089.8, to Transportation Street Maintenance & Improvement, Personal Services, A5110.12
- \$23,013.00 from Transportation, Street Maintenance, Contractual, A5110.4, to Transportation Street Maintenance & Improvement, Equipment, A5110.2
- \$10,200.00 from Transportation, Street Maintenance, Contractual, A5110.4, to Transportation, Permanent Improvements, Street Improvement Capital Projects, A5112.22
- \$24,000.00 from Transportation, Permanent Improvements, Equipment/Capital Outlay, A5112.2 , to Transportation, Permanent Improvements, Street Improvement Capital Projects, A5112.22
- \$2,457.00 from Public Safety, Traffic Control, Contractual, A3310.4, to Transportation, Permanent Improvements, Street Improvement Capital Projects, A5112.22
- \$10,000.00 from Transportation, Sidewalks, Equipment, A5410.2, to Transportation, Permanent Improvements, Street Improvement Capital Projects, A5112.22
- \$ 2,700.00 from Transportation, Sidewalks, Contractual, A5410.4 , to Transportation, Permanent Improvements, Street Improvement Capital Projects, A5112.22
- \$ 3,249.00 from Home & Community Services, Planning, Engineering, A8020.43, to Transportation, Permanent Improvements, Street Improvement Capital Projects, A5112.22
- \$ 3,746.00 from Home & Community Services, Community Beautification, Contractual, A8510.4, to Transportation, Permanent Improvements, Street Improvement Capital Projects, A5112.22
- \$ 4,671.00 from General Government Support, Engineer, Contractual, A1440.4 to Transportation, Permanent Improvements, Street Improvement Capital Projects, A5112.22
- \$ 20.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to Transportation, Permanent Improvements, Street Improvement Capital Projects, A5112.22
- \$ 300.00 from Transportation, Sidewalks, Greenway, A5410.4, to Transportation, Sidewalks, Greenway, A5410.41
- \$ 500.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to Economic Assistance and Opportunity, Publicity, Contractual, A6410.4
- \$ 1,220.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to Cultural & Recreation, Contractual, A7140.4
- \$ 2,000.00 from Cultural & Recreation, Adult Recreation, A7630.4 to Cultural & Recreation, Youth Programs, Contractual, A7310.4
- \$ 148.00 from Cultural & Recreation, Sciencenter, Contractual, A7989.4, to Cultural &

Recreation, Contractual, A7310.

- \$ 2,014.00 from Employee Benefits, Employee Invest. In., A9089.8, to Home & Community Services Zoning, Personal Service, A8010.1
- \$ 171.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to Home & Community Services Zoning, Contractual, A8010.41
- \$ 30.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to Home & Community Services Zoning, Legal, A8010.42
- \$ 4,751.00 from Home & Community Services, Planning, Engineer, A8020.43 to Home & Community Services, Planning, Legal, A8020.41
- \$ 200.00 from Home & Community Services, Planning, Inter Planning, A8020.46 to Home & Community Services, Home & Community Services, Office of Ombudsman, A8989.4
- \$ 2,722.00 from Employee Benefits, Long Term Disability, A9055.83 to Employee Benefits, Employee Invest In, A9089.8
- \$ 767.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to Employee Benefits, Hospital & Medical Insurance, A9060.8.

Total Contingency used \$16,613.00 of \$20,000.

Budget Transfers- Water Fund

Be it RESOLVED to transfer

- \$ 636.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, F1990.4, to Source of Supply, Power & Pumping, electric, F8320.41
- \$7,770.00 from Source of Supply, Power & Pumping, Engineering, F8320.45, to Source of Supply, Power & Pumping, Purchases, F8320.44
- \$1,037.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, F1990.4, to Source of Supply, Power & Pumping, Purchases, F8320.44
- \$7,200.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, F1990.4, to Transmission & Distribution, Contractual, F8340.4
- \$ 108.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, F1990.4, to Debt Service, Interest, F9730.7

Total Contingency used \$8,981.00 of \$10,000

Budget Transfers- Sewer Fund

No transfers were necessary.

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to approve the budget transfers. Trustee Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye
Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Next on the agenda was the Mayor's comments. He is at a point where he is ready to put together a committee to decide what should be done with the Kensington area property. The Colbert's are going to assign someone to this committee. He was also thinking of Don King, someone from Lansing Trails, a Graham Road resident, a Trustee and a Planning Board member. Ned also suggested Mike Aulbach from Wakefield Rd. We may have a great opportunity to have the local National Guard come in and do the earth moving for a new park. This will be explored further.

Don went to the Village of Cayuga Heights Board meeting to ask for 5 more sewer units to get us through. He'll know tomorrow if this was approved. IJ Construction has been in to request units. Since there are no sewer units they are turning away customers who want to build in Lansing Trails.

Dennis has been approached to sell the signal lights, which we took down. Before the Village can sell the signal lights, they must first be surplus.

Resolution#3777- To Declare the Signal Lights The Village Removed and the Pedestrian Switch Poles That Go Along With Them to Be Surplus

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to surplus these items. Trustee Janet Beebe seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye
Trustee Janet Beebe- Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Larry asked if the Board thought it was a good idea to put Rita Smidt's book on the Village website. He was worried that this would promote many requests. The Board thought that since it was on the history of our Village and nonprofit that it wouldn't be a problem. This is a nice way to recognize Rita for all she did for the Village.

The lawsuit against the County regarding cell towers is going forward. Bomax has been approached by NEXTEL on putting a tower on their property. Randy has spoken with the Bomax lawyer and explained the law on fall zone. Randy asked Jodi to go ahead and voucher Dr. Jacobson & Mr. Chang and Mr. Wang for property acquisition. Also vouchers for each of their lawyers for \$500. Randy asked the Board if they wanted to set a public hearing for municipal subdivision approval for the 28 parcels the Village is acquiring for the N. Triphammer Project. This will be done in June. Randy has not received the following contracts-Joyce Rendano, Irv Lewis, Village Office Campus or Mobil.

Larry reported that the committee, which will select the engineering firm, will meet tomorrow to discuss how to select an engineering firm. Larry hopes to have the selection completed in June. Larry still hasn't heard from NYSEG on a cost to put utilities underground.

Finally, Randy presented Local Law C, Amendment of Zoning Law Section 203.40(j) and 203.05 Concerning Number of Parking Spaces Required. This law would provide greater flexibility for the Planning Board to be able to decrease the number of actual parking spaces. A business would still have to have greenspace set aside to accommodate the original criteria that is required in case future use changed. After much discussion it was decided that Randy would add some verbiage to the text. The Board will review this change at the next meeting

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved adjournment. Trustee Janet Beebe seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Jodi Dake
Village Clerk