

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, August 6, 2001, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, Janet Beebe, Frank Moore and Lynn Leopold; Randy Marcus, Village Attorney; Phil Dankert, Planning Board Member.

Mayor Donald Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:30P.M. He opened the public comment period. There was no comment.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

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

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

The next item on the agenda was a public hearing on municipal subdivision of Properties to be acquired along N. Triphammer Road.

Motion-To Open the Public Hearing on Municipal Subdivision of Properties to be Acquired Along North Triphammer Road.

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

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

This subdivision is for each of the individual properties to be acquired by the Village, under the newly amended Local Law 5, which are being acquired to allow us to go forward with N. Triphammer Reconstruction Project.

Motion-To Close the Public Hearing

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

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

The next item on the agenda was a public hearing on municipal subdivision for Edelman/Kensington Subdivision

Motion-To Open the Public Hearing on Municipal Subdivision for Edelman/Kensington Subdivision

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

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

Trustee

Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye

This subdivision is for the roadway that Mr. & Mrs. Edelman have given to the Village west of Northwood Blvd. at the southerly edge of the Edelman's Kensington apartment complex, which will enable a road connection from Coventry Walk.

Motion-To Close the Public Hearing

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

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

Trustee

Lynn Leopold- Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye

Sheriff Peter Meskill was present to give the Board an update on what the Sheriff's Department has been doing and to find out the concerns or needs of the Village. The Sheriff's Department now has a snowmobile patrol, a new ATV, which is very handy on search & rescues or crowd control. They have a new trained and working dog, which works very well with Deputy Spencer. The Sheriff Department has a new speed trailer, which is presently in the Pyramid Entrance. Frank asked how effective this was. The trailer has a computer onboard that does counts and helps them manage the placement of future patrols. Speed of traffic seems to be the main concern not only of the Village of Lansing but other towns & villages around Tompkins County. In January fire control and dispatch were combined so if someone has a civil complaint they should call the office at 257-1345. It will help the Sheriff if you can be very specific on time and area of your complaint. There is a Sheriff boat on the lake now. There was a concern with the speed and loudness of boats on the lake but there is no law against this.

Frank expressed concerns about the intersection between Cayuga Heights Road and East Shore Drive. Frank feels it's a "blackhole and an accident waiting to happen." Meskill said that, statistically, he did not know the intersection to be a problem.

Jim Tull, General Manager for the Pyramid Mall was present to answer any questions the Board had on Pyramid's proposed amendment to their Planned Sign Area, which the Planning Board has reviewed and recommended to the Board of Trustees. The mall is now adding space for big box stores who will need additional signage. Therefore there is a need for some changes. Pyramid will add directional signs at the ring road. The Planning Board rejected Pyramid's proposal for a pylon sign at N. Triphammer. Pyramid signs will be getting a new look. They are changing the logo to grapes and the colors to purple and green. Along with the increased square foot of signage requested there will be new landscaping.

Resolution #3800- To Approve Proposed Amendment to Pyramid Mall's Planned Sign Area.

Trustee Lynn Leopold moved to accept this resolution. Trustee Larry Fresinski seconded the motion.

When asking for any further discussion, Frank was unsure of what he was approving. It was explained that there is already a Planned Sign Area for Pyramid Mall and this allows changes in signage as long as the total square footage of signage remains under the PSA's limit. With added space and tenants additional signage is necessary. The Planning Board has already reviewed this very carefully and has recommended it to the Board of Trustees for approval. Frank was concerned with landscaping. Randy explained that the Planning Board has approved a landscaping plan for the mall but implementation hasn't started yet. The Sign Law reads that if the Village is to allow a Planned Sign Area to include more signage than the Sign Law would otherwise allow, then there must be some benefit to the Village and this is usually landscaping. It was noted that this action is exempt from SEQRA.

A vote was taken:

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

Dave Putnam was present to give an engineer's report. Don is trying to finalize the cost sharing agreement with the County on the Uptown traffic light and asked Dave to check into the original agreement. Dave will also check with Dennis to get the final cost of the signal light. Don remembers that Ned had an extensive discussion with John Majeroni on this and that there was to be an even 1/3 split with Cornell, Tompkins County and the Village of Lansing. Don will write a letter to John Majeroni regarding this issue.

Dave will have a suggested contractor at the August 20th meeting to remove the airport water tank. He is still hopeful it will come down this year.

Uptown Road is still unresolved. Cayuga Heights Road probably will not get done this construction season. Don suggested getting R.C. Wilson in to do some patching to get through the winter.

Next on the agenda was the approval of minutes. Minor changes to the minutes were recorded.

Motion-Approval of Minutes for May 21, 2001

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Frank Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Motion-Approval of Minutes for June 13, 2001

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Motion-Approval of Minutes for June 18th, July 9th & 11th, 2001

Trustee Lynn Leopold moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Larry Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Lynn presented the request from the Tompkins County Department of Planning for the Village to support the groundwater resource and aquifer studies in Tompkins County. There are only a small number of Village residents on ground water. These studies have more of an impact on Groton, Jacksonville and the Town of Lansing. Lynn feels that the Village might benefit from the aspects of the study that focus on the spread of contamination. The Board decided to send a letter of support without a financial commitment. Jodi will type a draft and email it to the Mayor.

Next on the agenda were Mayor's comments. Don & Frank have been attending sewer meetings. There is now a

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Jodi Dake
Village Clerk