

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Wednesday, May 15, 2002, in the Village Office.

Present: Mayor Donald Hartill, Janet Beebe, Lynn Leopold, Frank Moore, Larry Fresinski; Code and Zoning Enforcement Officer Benjamin Curtis; Superintendent of Public Works Dennis Reinhart; Motor Equipment Operator Rick Beckwith; Summer Laborer, Edwin Teeter; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; and Clerk, part-time Carol Willard.

Mayor Donald Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:20 P.M.

Rick stated that everything was going fine.

Janet informed the board that the Recreation Partnership Board was moving right along. The Recreation Board may be cutting some programs because they are having trouble funding them. They are also looking into instead of cutting certain programs maybe getting sponsors for them. The only area municipality that is not involved in the partnership is the Town of Lansing.

Frank has reduced the sewer map to 11x17 so that it can be handed out at the next meeting. Frank thinks that the residents' main concerns are the whys and not so much the technical aspect. Some of the questions that Frank thinks should be addressed are why expanding sewer is good for the village and what are the implications? Lynn thinks we will have quite a few people at the next board meeting. Don is developing a Sewer 101 to hand out at the meeting. Don feels it is a general matter of growth production. Some residents feel that if we have sewers then Sundowns Farms will be developed. Sundowns was not restricted by the moratorium because they could have done a package plant. Another question will be what the cost impact is. Don will also address what the village will be committed to if we have an intermunicipal agreement.

Dennis stated that the brush pick up and the street sweeping is complete. There was some water damage associated with Monday's rain. The big culverts were close to the top. The most serious damage was on Pyramid property. Most of the northern end of the parking lot was covered by water. Since the ditch is fairly new and there is no vegetation yet, a lot of the topsoil eroded away. Along the main sewer line by the railroad tracks we had damage down below Cedar Lane. Some repair is needed there; however, there is a problem with accessibility. This issue Dennis will have to discuss with Dave Putnam.

The sewer flow meters are in and operational. RC Wilson will be here next week to begin work. Also Dennis has been informed that the Trans quit claim has been refused. The Trans may have gotten word that we were paying Talandis \$1,000 for his property so they may just want money.

Don stated that he and Frank would be attending another sewer meeting tomorrow. How the intermunicipal group will be managed is still an issue. Most are pushing for a committee like Bolton Point with the City of Ithaca as the employing municipality.

Ben had a call from the Stanbro's wondering when we would have sewer units. They are ready to build and are just waiting on sewer units. We have a waiting list of four people who need a sewer unit. Dennis stated that TG Millers has three quotes for sewer repair. Once the repair on Brook Drive is completed that should warrant 60 units. Brent wants verification of inflow so that he can go before the Village of Cayuga Heights board to request more units for the Village of Lansing.

Jodi has been working with the Tompkins County Assessment Office and the Village of Cayuga Heights over the last couple of weeks to try and get the sewer unit issue worked out. Now that we know how many units we have, the board can pass the tax levy for 2002-03.

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 2002-2003 with a tax rate of \$1.75 per thousand of assessed valuation for the Village tax: \$.06 per thousand of assessed valuation and \$7.08 per unit for the Water Tax; \$.09 per thousand of assessed valuation and \$12.65 per unit for Special Assessment-Sewer Collector; \$140.25 per unit for outside sewers and \$93.50 per unit for inside sewers according to the Village of Cayuga Heights.

General Fund	467,874.25
Water Fund	35,912.57
Special Assessment-Sewer Collector Fund	18,640.29
Delinquent Water Rents	3,092.26
Delinquent Sewer Rents	491.83
Sewer Rents (Cayuga Heights)	<u>313,271.75</u>
Total for 2002-2003 Budget Year	839,282.95

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved that this resolution be adopted and Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was take:

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

Lynn stated that she would be attending another Intermunicipal Organizational meeting next Wednesday. Their educational public service announcements will be starting on the radio. At their last meeting, the Planning Board talked about how the village can create a buffer zone to protect the lake cliffs. This is a very complicated issue. Also, Lee Oplinger has completed a tree inventory for the village. Lee has given the village a document as well as the disk with information. Now we need to decide what we are going to do with this information and how his recommendations will be implemented.

Larry confirmed with Don that they would be going up to the NYSDOT in Syracuse next week. Don went on to explain to the staff that dealing with Federal funding is a very delicate process. Since the N. Triphammer Rd. Project is a \$3 million project we have to make sure that we follow all the rules to get funding.

Ben stated that Borders is opening on Saturday but they need a variance for the storefront. The landscape at the south end of Pyramid Mall looks very nice. Target is also moving along. We haven't heard anything else from Brad Grey.

Last week Ben got trained in the new code. The new code starts Jan. 1, 2003 but one can choose to use it as soon as July 3rd. The requirements have increased with the new code.

Mayor Hartill introduced the following:

Resolution # 3870- Abstracts of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$1,087,629.00, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$168,309.71 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$214,254.69, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$27,330.73 is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Leopold moved that this resolution be adopted and Trustee Fresinski seconded the motion.

Frank asked why Rick & Ben were paid for insurance. Jodi explained that these two employees have insurance through their spouse instead of through the village. Therefore, whatever a spouse pays out of pocket for family insurance is reported to us and we reimburse them the first \$1550 then 55% of the remaining balance. This is stated in the employee manual.

A vote was take:

Mayor Donald Hartill – Aye
Trustee Janet Beebe – Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold – Aye
Trustee Frank Moore – Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Fresinski moved for adjournment. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.

Jodi Dake
Village Clerk