

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, in the Village Office.

Present: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Janet Beebe, Lynn Leopold, Frank Moore and Larry Fresinski; Supt. Of Public Works Dennis Reinhart; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer Ben Curtis; Motor Equipment Operator Rick Beckwith; Deputy Clerk Carol Willard.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:128P.M.

Dennis reported that last month the Highgate Flow meter was sent back to get fixed. It was a \$250 repair. The company suggested that the Village purchase a \$585 surge protector from them to avoid this happening again. The Mayor suggested buying a \$30 surge protector at the store and told Dennis to make sure that he grounds the case to the local ground before plugging it in. Don will show Dennis how to do it once the flow meter comes back. Dennis also explained the problem of the Highgate flume being 6" on a 9" line. The manhole needs to be upgraded in the spring.

Dennis stated that there is a voucher for Gaggle, which was for a pumper truck to unclog the sewer main that runs along Pyramid Drive by Tops. This lateral was installed across Pyramid Drive when the road went in and capped off for future development. Tops connected to this line. Paper towels were plugging the sewer line. Don suggested that they are violating our sewer law. The pumper truck was needed because there is no manhole on the northside of the road. The Village is still holding \$10,000 in escrow from Tops for a temporary CO. Dennis thought we might use this to correct the problem. Ben suggested that we tell Tops we will help them correct the problem but they must share in the cost. Don thought this was a good idea and to pursue it.

Finally, Dennis stated that the measure and calibration shows a reading of 1" too much. Dennis wonders if when the meters were installed the calibration was off on all the sewer flow meters.

The new stormwater mandate is in effect as of Monday. There will be classes that the DPW will need to attend. Ben informed the board that Donald Lake of DEC would be at the Homebuilders lunch on April 3rd to answer specific questions on this. Dennis and Lynn will be attending.

Ben reported that 35 Thornwood will be the first building completed under the new code. It is, however, under the old Phase I EPA Guidelines for Stormwater. Developers will work out storm management with the County. Advion at 9 Brown Road will have the first underground system in the village. It will be located under their parking lot.

The Ornithology Lab is open however the landscaping will not be completed until spring. Pyramid Mall vacancy is down. The Bon Ton Home Store has opened and Kirklands is coming soon.

There seems to be a press for housing now. The housing market is very tight. We have started to look at a proposal for a new subdivision on Viola Miller's property. Ben anticipates seeing development in Lansing Trails and Shannon Park. Frank asked if this was a good time to consider developing the Edelman Property that the village owns. The Mayor does not have much interest in developing this property into anything more than a park. It is hard to find a large parcel such as this in the village.

Ben stated that we have moved ahead with Carol and fire inspection. Jodi stated that there are many issues that still need to be worked out with this. Don, Ben, Jodi & Carol will meet Tuesday at 10am to talk further.

Jodi has given Don the calculations on water & sewer assessments for the budget along with a list of her concerns. This will be incorporated into the budget during Monday nights meeting.

Don feels the sewer business will happen since there is such a large investment. However, instead of a group of six there will be two groups of three. The Town and Village of Lansing and the Village of Cayuga Heights will be part of

the Cayuga Heights plant. As capacity gets used up the plant will be able to divert sewage to the Ithaca Plant. Negotiations should be complete by the end of the summer then we can install the Kline Road By-Pass. There were two hang ups-the reluctance on SJS part to share ownership and the same was true for the Village of Cayuga Heights Plant. Now both will be keeping ownership of their plants but will be using them in a more effective way. We will continue to be an outside customer. There will be some additional costs for new capacity but we will build this into the price of a sewer permit. Don feels that the cost of a sewer permit will increase by about \$1,000.

Don explained that the budget is progressing. The only remaining issues are the employee's salary and benefits. This will be resolved in executive session on Monday night. All requests for infrastructure have been fully funded. The tax increase will be ~3%.

Lynn asked who was going to go buy the audiovisual equipment that is in this year's budget. Ben and Don need to have this discussion. Lynn stated that while she was out canvassing she heard a few comments. The Lansing Trails residents do not want to see Bomax Road go through. This was also brought up at the planning board meeting last Monday during the public comment period. Burdick Hill residents have seen an increase in traffic and the speed of traffic since last summer's construction on N. Triphammer. Lynn suggested radar machines be placed on that road. It seems to slow down traffic for a short period of time. Don suggested calling our enforcement and having them in this area. Lynn also asked Don if Kate's Hole ever got cleaned out. Don and Brent Cross looked at it and once the weather improves Don will go down and remove the logs. Bob Nevin never heard back on this issue. Don will ask Brent to send a letter to Bob.

The floating classroom missed the deadline for applying for funding but it will be done next round. They are still looking for other ways of funding.

Frank asked Dennis how it was coming with the signs for pedestrians and bikes on Cayuga Heights Road. Dennis stated that they would be installed. Frank suggested that Oakcrest and Burdick Hill could also use the same signage. Don feels this is a modest investment and agreed that this should be done.

Don, Lynn and Larry are all running for reelection in April.

Janet reported on the Recreation Partnership Board. The partnership is looking into strategic ways to handle funding. The sponsorship committee is looking into having ads in the IYB brochure.

Carol stated that the newsletter is ready to go out. She was going to ask the board to approve her to go to training but will wait until after our meeting on Tuesday. Carol contacted Dave Herrick regarding the codification before leaving for vacation but still has not heard anything since she has been back. Don thinks that this stormwater mandate has consumed much of Dave's time.

Rick picked up two dead deer today. He asked if when N. Triphammer Road was constructed if they could take lots of pictures and measurements so that we will know exactly where the underground utilities are. Don stated that this was already part of the plan.

Lynn asked when street sweeping was scheduled. The roads are quite slick with all the salt on them. Dennis stated that it would be done in May. A few good rains will also help clean off the roads. We have had a hard winter this year.

Mayor Hartill introduced the following:

Resolution # 3936- Abstracts of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$17,026.10, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$1495.69 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$802.12, is hereby approved for payment

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

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

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The one issue is the Fisher Invoice for the N. Triphammer Road Design. We need to figure out the appropriate way to pay this. Don believes it will be subject to permissive referendum.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

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

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:35pm.

Jodi Dake
Village Clerk