

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, March 17, 2003, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Janet Beebe, Lynn Leopold, Larry Fresinski, and Frank Moore; Bill Troy and David Dubow, Village Attorneys; Dave Putnam, Engineer.

Mayor Donald Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:40P.M. He opened the public comment period. There was a reporter from the Fingerlakes Community News present. No comments

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

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

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

Next on the agenda was the approval of minutes.

Motion-Approval of Minutes for March 3, 2003

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

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

Motion-Approval of Minutes for March 12, 2003

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

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

Dave Putnam was present for the engineer's report. He had nothing to report and the board had no questions for him. The board received copies of the budget in the Clerk/Treasurer's format. The village uses Williamson Law Books Budget and Accounting Software.

The Mayor gave the following overview of the budget. The budget proposal is approximately a 3% increase from \$1.75 to \$1.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The main reason for the increase is to pay for the N. Triphammer Rd. Project costs not covered by Federal and State funding. The employees' salary and benefits will be discussed in executive session. NYS Retirement is expected to increase to 11% of payroll and the Mayor expects that we will continue to see this for an extended period of time. This is just one of the costs of doing business. There will be no increase in the cost of water or in the water and sewer surcharges.

The proposed sewer collector special assessment is \$16.84 per unit and \$.12 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The proposed water special assessment is \$5.14 per unit and \$.04 per \$1,000

of assessed value. The board discussed the issue of getting a five year BAN to replace the sewer serial bond since we are paying 5% interest. We currently pay \$12,500 a year in principal and around \$17,500 in interest yearly on our sewer bond which does not mature until 2020. The water BAN that we currently have is 1.67%. With this in mind, it would be a saving to the residents to pay off this serial bond with a 5 year BAN. Bill Troy suggested calling GMAC to make sure there are no penalty clauses for prepayment. Jodi will call tomorrow and we will continue this discussion next meeting.

Frank asked what he should tell residents when they ask why the budget has increased by 3%. The Mayor commented that it is due to inflation, the N. Triphammer Road Project and the deficiency payment for NYS Retirement. Larry commented that to accomplish all this and still stay within inflation is quite remarkable.

The Mayor asked if there were any further adjustments needed. Jodi recommended the following adjustments:

General Fund

- A1081 In Lieu of Taxes was only \$17,196 this year and it increases by ~5% each year. This was lowered to \$18,000.
- A2401- Interest income was increased to \$35,000 at the last meeting but the interest rates just went down again from 1.8% to 1.06-1.55% depending on the amount of money in an account. This year our interest income is only going to be ~\$28,000. The board decided to decrease this line item to \$25,000.
- A2701 Refund of prior years total is misleading from last year because it was the Uptown Road adjustment. Usually the only thing recorded here is the State Insurance Fund refund of ~\$1,500. Item lowered to \$1,500.
- A3501 Highway Aid (CHIPS) was high this year because we had not done any projects in a while and the money was building up. Dennis told Jodi that it was ~\$40,000 last year but was unsure what it would be this year because the State budget is not done. This item was lowered from \$70,000 to \$40,000.

Water Fund

- F2401- Interest income was decreased to \$3,000.
- F2144- This line item is income from our billing residents for when Bolton Point does water repairs and it is appropriate to bill the owner. Unless the board feels there will be many repairs this year, it was suggested that this amount stay consistent with the numbers from previous years. The Board decided to lower this amount from \$5,000 to \$4,000.

Sewer

- G2401- At the last board meeting interest rates were increased from \$4,000 to \$5,600. This was lowered back to \$4,000.
- G8120.42 The title will be changed to reflect that it is intended for video & flushing.

The Village does not have a heavy debt load and we don't provide costly services such as a police force. The biggest cost in the village is roads.

The Mayor proposed that, with these changes and the ones decided in executive session tonight regarding personnel issues, this will be used as our tentative budget and a public hearing on the budget be set for our next meeting in April.

Resolution #3937-To Set a Public Hearing for Monday, April 7, 2003, at 7:35p.m., in the Village Office, 2405 N. Triphammer Road, on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

Trustee Fresinski moved to set the budget public hearing. Trustee Beebe seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye  
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The budget will be available in the office next week. By law it needs to be available to the public 10 days before the public hearing. It was asked if it was ever considered that the budget be put on the website. The Mayor prefers that people come into the office and then Jodi can answer any questions they may have on the budget. Otherwise it is just a bunch of numbers with no explanation as to how they came about.

Next on the agenda were the Mayor's comments. There have been no changes since the board last met. Thursday there will be the last meeting of the group of six and a resolution of our sewer situation. After this our lawyers will be able to begin to draft an agreement. The Village and Town of Lansing will both be long-term customers of the Village of Cayuga Heights. There was reluctance of the owners of both plants to change ownership so being customers will work out well. We will pay an outside rate. This will accommodate at least 20 years of growth. Don is also looking into calibration formulas.

On the good water side, SCLIWC will be providing water to outside municipalities. Currently they are in negotiations with the Town of Ulysses and Cayuga County and there will probably be others. Bolton Point is under-utilized. It's a 6 million gallon plant and its current use is only 2 million gallons.

Brush pick-up will begin May 5<sup>th</sup>. Don would like to get the street sweeping done earlier this year since it seems to be a problem. Usually it is done after the brush pick up but we may need to do it twice this spring.

David Dubow will be replacing Bill Troy as our attorney. Bill is going into his own practice with his three brothers. He will have an office down the street. Bill's new practice will be mostly trial and insurance defense. The Mayor and Board thanked Bill for all he has done for the village and wished him luck. This will be Bill's last meeting.

Motion- T o Go Into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Issues

Trustee Fresinski moved to go into executive session. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye  
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

The board went into executive session at 8:50pm.

Motion- T o Come Out of Executive Session

Trustee Fresinski moved to come out of executive session. Trustee Moore seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye  
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

The Board came out of executive session at 9:53pm.

Motion- To Allow the Mayor to Update the Employee Section of the Budget To Carry Out the Board's Request Within a Set of Narrow Guidelines

Trustee Fresinski moved this motion and Trustee Moore seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye  
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Fresinski moved adjournment. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye  
Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

The meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Jodi Dake  
Village Clerk