

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Wednesday, June 11, 2003, in the Village Office.

Present: Trustees Janet Beebe, Lynn Leopold, Frank Moore; Supt. Of Public Works Dennis Reinhart; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer Ben Curtis; Deputy Clerk Carol Willard.

Lynn Leopold called the meeting to order at 12:05P.M.

Carol Willard stated that she went to two weeks of training at the Fire Academy in Montour Falls. She reported that she has learned a lot and has many questions for Ben Curtis. Carol has now done many inspections. Ben added that it's helpful because she has been relentless with the inspections she has undertaken and her assistance has relieved him of some of the work load which has been difficult to keep up with in the past. Carol still has another week of training this month.

Lynn asked when the next newsletter was going out. Carol replied that it would be in October.

Lynn stated that she, Ben, John Piscopo and his wife, Ned Hickey and Phil Dankert all went out yesterday afternoon to hike around Ivar Jonson's property up off Janivar. Lynn stated that there are many wet places up there and nice hedgerows that should be protected for wildlife. It was explained that this is the area that Ivar will be developing next. Since it is up grade, storm water management will be very important. Ben commented that in the subdivision regulations there is a list of conditions that needs to be met before the Village accepts any roads. It was observed that often in the building of roads you can take care of water with ditches and similar arrangements. Ben suggested that the Trustees be concerned with this before they accept any roads in this new proposed subdivision. Lynn stated that she was unsure how 70-75 units would fit on this 35 acres. When a subdivision plan is submitted, there is generally a set aside established of 6% for recreational area; a minimum 20% set aside is also required if clustering is proposed by the developer. Frank asked if the set aside would tie into the existing Greenway Plan. This issue will probably be discussed in great detail during the next Planning Board meeting.

Lynn reported that last week she went out on the floating classroom with a class of children. Bill Foster is the educator. So far there is funding for five trips. The boat takes the children out on Cayuga Lake to do water sampling and many other hands-on activities. Lynn indicated that the reason she was bringing this up is because of the education component that goes along with the new EPA Stormwater Regulations. To meet this requirement, she indicated that the Village may want to consider funding a couple of these trips. The boat holds about 20 kids and 7 adults. They are still working up a curriculum.

Jodi stated that tax bills have gone out. She is very busy with year-end activities and processing taxes. She indicated that the the Board will notice that there are two abstracts for each fund this month, which has to do with how the bills are processed in the accounting system. Abstract #13 will end up being accounts payable for 2002-03. This will occur again in July with an abstract #14 if any more bills from May arrive.

Ben Curtis stated that there is a lot of building taking place in the Village. Roy Builders has started six houses, which are sold already, and has bought seven more lots. His houses are larger, with basements, in the \$250-300,000 range. He is finishing out Phase I of Lansing Trails Subdivision off Craft Road. There are two vacant lots on Bush Lane that are being built on. There is a house going in at the corner of Cayuga Heights Rd. and Cedar Lane. Millcroft, Viola Miller's property, will be in for preliminary plat review in a couple of weeks.

As far as commercial building, Ben reported that Quality Food at 35 Thornwood Dr. is moving along. They are a food test facility. USA Equestrian at 22 Thornwood Dr. is also expanding. There will also be a request coming in for a deli in the B&T Park. Lama is almost complete. They had to knock out some parking by the road and they have installed the required landscaping. Victorias Secret is moving into the old CVS store at Pyramid Mall. They are scheduled to

open in August. The 911 Center has started.

Ben informed Dennis that the Eagle Scouts are ready to start building the trail bridge project. Mr. Pecko is the engineer helping them design the bridge. They have looked at the bridges over at the Ornithology Lab to get some ideas. Mr. Pecko needs to know how wide we would like the bridge and the weight capacity required so our tractor can get across. Dennis has all this information so Ben will have Mr. Pecko call him.

Dennis stated that he has received three quotes to complete the trail, however there are variations so he needs to contact each of them to get a quote on the same specifications. Frank asked if this project would get done this summer. Dennis thought it probably would. Dennis would like the Board to encumber the money from the 2002-03 budget for this project. Dennis also reported that the 1450 feet of land over our sewer lines and 800 feet over our water lines have been brush hogged.

Dennis further reported that most of the month of May has been spent on road capital improvements. He also advised the Board as follows: Overlays have been done on St. Joseph Lane and Bush Lane from Brook Way to N. Triphammer Rd. We will need to encumber the money that was set aside for Bush Lane Drainage so that can be completed this summer. The intersection of Dart Rd. & Graham Rd. was brought up to grade. A cold in place recycle truck was used to redo Highgate Circle and Highgate Place. This included adding shoulders and an overlay. This road should be good for 20 years. It was all done on State Contract. Some crack sealing was done before the truck caught fire. Now it is too warm and the cracks have closed, so this will be done in the Fall when it's colder. N. Triphammer will need a "Band-Aid" repair to make it through one more winter. Different options for repairing N. Triphammer Road are being reviewed.

It was further reported that a manhole repair has been done to fix a 12,000-gal/day leak, and that a 1,000-gal/day leak by Lansing West Apartments was also repaired. This will give the Village an additional 13 sewer units once the final inspection is completed by Brent Cross. We televised the sewer line in 1996 and found that there was a 75,000-gal/day leak above Northwood Apartments. We've televised again and found the leak off the road by the entrance to Northwood Apartments. Jodi asked why, if we knew about it in 1996, it wasn't repaired before. The answer was unknown, but it is now going to be repaired which can result in 75 sewer units. We are having trouble with the sensor on the flow meter located at the treatment plant. We are getting artificially high readings, which are not possible. We may want to get a surge protector for this meter.

The Board was advised that TCAT has installed a new bus shelter at Sevana Park like the one in the TOPS Plaza. It holds about 8 people. There is a problem with drivers not yielding to pedestrians at the Pedestrian Signal at the Sevana Park/Triphammer Plaza crossing. The State controls this intersection and if any signage were to be done, it would have to be by the State. Dennis added that the controls for a pedestrian crossing signal have been installed on the overpass by the State.

With the \$500 we received from Tompkins County through the beautification program, we will be fixing the flower boxes and adding one to our Village sign on Cherry Road, planting the entrance sign by the Tompkins Trust Company. Lynn will check to make sure that the TTC sign is on our property. It was also suggested that maybe we create a garden by the overpass. The problem with this is it is State land. Dennis will check with the State to see if we can do plantings there and clear the dead trees. Dennis explained that we use to mow behind there with the hand mower but it hasn't been done. Lynn suggested we do it again. The planters around our office still need to be built. It was also suggested that the grant money might be spent on a garden in the park. Lynn will look into it further.

Dennis has fixed the soccer nets at Phil Dankert Park. There use to be a drinking fountain there but it was vandalized many times in the past. The Board was unsure if we should have it hooked up again.

Lynn asked what ever happened with the audio-visual equipment that was supposed to be purchased for the boardroom. This has fallen through the cracks and some part of the \$5,300 needs to be encumbered for the purchase of the needed equipment.

Frank stated that he didn't like Dennis' sense of leisure when it comes to getting the quotes and the trail done. Frank

would like to see the trail completed this summer. Frank asked if the pedestrian signs were installed yet. Dennis called in UFPO's for 10 signs yesterday; then every two days he will call in 10 more. Once all the UFPO's come back they can start installing signs. Dennis explained that he was backed up for the last three weeks with trying to get all of the encumbered road projects completed.

Lynn Leopold introduced the following:

Resolution #3975 - Abstracts of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$155,122.84, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$601,878.54, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$323.64, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$7,000.00, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$25,997.05, is hereby approved for payment and,

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$7,000.00, is hereby approved for payment

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

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye

Janet asked about the new copier. Jodi informed the Board that the new Canon Digital copier, which the Board had approved during the budget process, arrived on June 3rd. Jodi reported that our old analog copier is presently in the boardroom until we find someone who would be interested in purchasing it. After this year they will no longer make parts for this old machine. The gentleman who sold us our new machine has sent out a few emails to parts dealers to see if he can find someone interested in purchasing the machine. It has been wonderful to have a copier in the office that doesn't jam. With the new copier we will be able to print our newsletters in house instead of paying someone else to do them.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

Jodi Dake
Village Clerk