

Village of Lansing

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

Present: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, Janet Beebe, Lynn Leopold, Frank Moore; Code & Zoning Officer Benjamin Curtis; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Clerk P/T Carol Willard; Richard Beckwith, Motor Equipment Operator.

Donald Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:17P.M.

Rick reported as follows: The Village is ready to snow plow. We now have a plow for the skidster. We've gotten 12 new rolls of snow fence. Today there was a water main break on Bush Lane about 75 feet up from N. Triphammer Rd. This is a part of the newly paved road that will now have to be dug up. Dennis had asked Rick to trim back the briars so you could see the signs on Bush Lane so he took the backhoe and just pushed them back. Stu Bergman called and was not happy that this was done. Rick stated that it was our right of way and this was only a wild hedgerow. The Mayor suggested that the highway department talk to the residents before they do work by their property. The roadside mower won't hold steering fluid. John Bulton needs to come back and fix this. Ben asked if there were tow signs on the no parking signs by Stu Bergman's house. We are having a problem with people parking there despite the signage. Rick has put up a gate at the entrance to the Wakefield Trail. It is wider than we had specified and people have tried to drive up the trail. Rick also commented that the fancy stones that Ivar Jonson had placed at the entrance to the trail on Janivar were all messed up. Kirksway who is doing the trail will correct this.

Carol had no comments.

Janet has not been able to attend the Recreation Partnership meetings due to her work schedule. However, she has heard that they have been very interesting discussions.

Lynn reported that Kathryn Wolfe of Trowbridge & Wolf, the landscape architect firm engaged by the Village, held a public discussion on open space last night. She had several large and well-prepared maps reflecting the inventory of open space within the Village and a very impressive PowerPoint presentation. There was a lot of discussion on views. She handed out a questionnaire to find out what is important to the residents as far as open space is concerned. She will gather the information she received and provide the results to the Village. The final report will be made in March. It was expressed that this information will be hard to put into policy.

Lynn reported that she met with Dennis and Phil Dankert, the Lighting Commission, on a plan that the Clarion submitted for placing lighting next to the sidewalk on Sheraton Drive. She explained that there is a problem in that the lights being proposed put off 16,000 loons in all directions which is far in excess of what is needed. They want to install 8 lights in such a small area. Lynn indicated that the only way the Lighting Commission will approve this is if the lights are shaded. Dennis will be sending them a letter informing them accordingly.

Lynn reported that during the last Planning Board meeting there was discussion on people parking in the Hamlet and walking up to Pyramid Mall. She suggested that the Village may want to consider extending the "No Parking" signs. She also indicated that Pyramid may install a motion light by the path to discourage kids. Ben would like to see all "No Parking" signs have "Tow Away" signs on them also. Don stated that he would ask David Dubow what the Village could do legally.

Frank commented that the Janivar Trail is also oversized and wondered why they didn't obey the specs and if we were paying for the extra material. Rick added that we usually only trim back 5 feet on either side of the trail, but Dennis wants him to mow out 70 feet on each side of the Wakefield trail. Rick doesn't feel it needs to be that wide. Rick feels that all trails should be paved because the rock dust will wash away. He feels it's a waste of time and money. He never sees anyone on the trails. Frank disagreed because these types of trails at Cornell are very stable. Don agreed that the trail was installed correctly and will not wash away.

Don stated that the North Triphammer Road Project is moving along. The last step will be the utilities. We are still on track for putting the project out to bid in March. Since we have a new cast of players to work with after the elections, the Mayor feels that it is unlikely that we will wrap up the sewer issue before current members leave office. However, we did get 39 sewer units from the Village of Cayuga Heights. Jodi is working on a water program to identify problem areas. Don will not be in town next week. Lynn added that she would not be at the meeting on December 10th.

Jodi presented the Board with the return of delinquent taxes to the County. If Village residents do not pay their taxes within 6 months they are forwarded to the County and the County pays us. It then becomes the County's problem and these delinquent amounts appear on the taxpayer's County tax bill.

Motion-To Forward the Delinquent Taxes to the County

Trustee Leopold moved this motion and Trustee Beebe seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

The board signed the documents.

Don asked Ben how the new video camera and DVD recorder were working. Ben stated that if a meeting is recorded in "slow", then we have enough room on a DVD for an entire meeting. Ben further reported as follows: The new Hamlet town house proposal in the Shannon Park PDA was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting and many Shannon Park residents attended. People received the proposal very well. International Food has taken over 35 Thornwood and the recently approved Deli will be coming in soon. There is room for three more buildings in the B&T Park. The initial phase of the Millcroft Subdivision will be coming off Bush Lane first. And finally, Ben reported that there is a stop sign down by the Hamlet. Rick or Dennis will take care of this.

Larry had nothing to report.

Donald Hartill introduced the following:

Resolution #4008- Abstracts of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$79,084.79, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$87,785.63, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$1,381.52, is hereby approved for payment

Trustee Fresinski moved that this resolution be adopted and Trustee Beebe seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Fresinski moved for adjournment. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye
Trustee Frank Moore-Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

Jodi Dake
Village Clerk