

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Wednesday, January 14, 2004, in the Village Office.

Present: Trustees Larry Fresinski, Janet Beebe, Lynn Leopold, Frank Moore; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Supt. Of Public Works, Dennis Reinhart; Richard Beckwith, Motor Equipment Operator.

Larry Fresinski called the meeting to order at 12:17P.M. Dennis warned the Board that they would be seeing a voucher from Dr. Gardner at 58 Highgate Circle for his mailbox. The snowplow hit it. The Board suggested that an article go in the paper or online to remind residents that their mailboxes are in the public right of way and that we will only reimburse up to \$75 to replace a mailbox which is hit by a snowplow.

Rick asked if when someone gets a new computer he could have the old one so he could play games, send jokes, and email. Larry felt that a computer is not part of his job. The computer is not one of the ways that the Board communicates to him and they have found that it isn't a sufficient way to communicate a highway issue. Larry didn't think it was necessary for Rick to have a computer but he would check with Don to see how he feels about it.

Lynn reported that at the Planning Board meeting on Monday, January 12, they were going over major/minor subdivision review and approval procedures, and that the Board of Trustees might see a recommendation coming to them. The Planning Board is preliminarily evaluating its current rules and regulations, New York State requirements, and how best to improve certain procedural practices. There are things that need clarification and simplifications.

The storm water LEAPE Training by the County is on January 27th. Jodi will check with Ned and get a memo out to all Board members.

Frank was concerned with pedestrians walking down the road from Tops to Pyramid. He walked this path and noticed that it was plowed as far as Tops and then he had to walk in the road. He feels this is dangerous. Dennis informed him that Ned Hickey and Ben Curtis are working with Pyramid on a proposal to eliminate the sidewalk after the signal in front of Tops and have a crosswalk going across the street to the hotel side and then have pedestrians go into the parking lot behind the hotel, which is owned by Pyramid, go down the steps and then cross to some sort of island. This should be done in the spring. Rick asked that they consider the area needed for the bobcat to plow when they plan this. Frank was concerned with all of the pathways to the Mall. Larry stated that there is a N. Triphammer meeting on January 20th and he would bring up the blending problem to them. Dennis stated that one problem is that Pyramid didn't grant us easement to go down Graham Road West when we reconstruct N. Triphammer.

Larry stated that he has seen a large number of deer in the Village and wonders if it is due to the fact that Sundown Farms did not have a controlled bow hunt this year. He also wondered how the Village of Cayuga Heights was doing with their deer population. Jodi will call the Village of Cayuga Heights to get a report.

Jodi announced that the Board should have a final draft of the Codification to review at the February 2nd meeting. Carol had been having trouble with the formatting of the document and Jodi took a section and put it into a new word document so she no longer has problems with it. Jodi will eventually convert the whole document so that it will be easier to update in the future.

Dennis reported that he has contacted Catherine Wolf regarding the Triad lighting issue. No one is in the Triad building yet. Dennis asked Lynn if she would stop there in the early evening and see what the complaint is of the Janivar Drive residents. Dennis stated that there are security motion detectors on the building that shine out but he is unsure if this is the problem or if it is the parking lot lights. Lynn agrees that this issue needs to be resolved.

Dennis has received an email from Robert Rieger of Highgate Circle concerning the road salt used on the roads. Dennis has invited him to a Board of Trustees meeting. Currently the Village is using 2 parts sand to 1 part salt. The Board discussed the different salting solutions. Rick suggested Liquid Magic. It is what the NNS Thruway uses. The

negative aspect of this is the increase in cost and having to get new equipment. Rick thinks he has a folder on Liquid Magic and will pull it out. Another suggestion was to look for a web site. Larry suggested getting a cost estimate.

Larry asked Dennis how he felt about the Computel/NYSEG agreement. Dennis stated that we are only signing off to the year 2000; the statute of limitations is six years. This suit is a blanket suit with 64 other municipalities. He is comfortable with signing off on this issue. There still is a separate issue of overbilling for streetlights in the Highgate Circle area. The Village retired 29 streetlights and had to pay \$13,000 residual value and then NYSEG turned around and sold those lights again. This is a separate case and not signing off on the other will actually jeopardize this suit. Dave Rose of Computel has offered to talk to the Mayor.

Lynn asked why we had a topographical map done by TG Millers for Bush Lane. Jodi had called Dave Putnam on this and it was actually done a while ago because we redid Bush Lane. Dennis added that he plans to pipe both sides of Bush Lane since drainage is not very good in this area. Larry was surprised by the amount charged by Tompkins County ITS for creating a Village of Lansing Zoning Map. However, it is nice to now have the zoning map available on the web page.

Larry Fresinski introduced the following:

Resolution #4020- Abstracts of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$29,621.94, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,080.34, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$100,679.24, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Special Assessment Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$26,517.50, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$1,094.53, is hereby approved for payment

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

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye Trustee Frank Moore-Aye Trustee Lynn
Leopold-Aye Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye

Jodi reminded the Board that there was no meeting on Martin Luther King Day. The Board asked if there was a meeting on President's Day. There is not since it is a Federally recognized holiday.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye Trustee Frank Moore-Aye Trustee Lynn
Leopold-Aye Trustee Janet Beebe-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

Jodi Dake
Village Clerk

