

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Wednesday, August 11, 2004 at noon in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski and John O'Neill; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Ben Curtis; Superintendent of Public Works Dennis Reinhart; Laborer Jason Lansing; and Clerk, part-time Carol Willard.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:28 P.M.

Lansing spoke first about what he has been doing in the Public Works Department. All is going well and much time has been spent mowing. Lansing has also been involved with repairing the bus shelters and flagging for RC Wilson.

Mary Sirois, 3 Highgate NE, addressed the Board next with her concerns. Sirois has seen a dramatic increase in the traffic on Route 13. Sirois has expressed her concerns to Curtis and is now bringing them to the attention of the Board. Sirois is concerned about the noise on Route 13 with the Jake brakes on trucks and to a lesser degree with boom boxes which rattle her windows. There is a sign on Route 13 near Newfield which states "Noise Restriction 90Db" and she wondered if such a sign could be placed at both ends of Route 13 into the Village. Although it would be nice to have the State install a wall, this is probably unfeasible. Mayor Hartill stated this must be worked out with the State but he would gladly send a firm request to them for such signage when he meets with John (last name?) in September at the next policy meeting. Hartill stated it gets worse in autumn when the leaves turn and fall. When the leaves fall, Sirois is also concerned about the lights in the Pyramid Mall parking lot in the SE corner, which has not been resolved. Curtis stated this is still on his punch list. Hartill would like to see this resolved prior to the fall.

Trustee O'Neill has spoken with Ivar Johnson about the Lansing Trails concern involving Manesh Mewar. The concept of the French drain was discussed. Although Putnam and Reinhart have been skeptical of its effectiveness, it would benefit constant flows. Grass must be established and then they would work. Hartill recommended sod be purchased and installed on the bottom of the ditch line so Mewar will give Ivar Johnson the go-ahead to proceed. The bottom line is to go ahead and proceed so this issue can be resolved.

Trustee Fresinski stated he had read about a new technology for traffic lights called "Scoot" which has built-in intelligence for the controllers.

Trustees Fresinski stated there are weeds on the north corner of Brook Drive which need to be removed for better visibility when exiting onto N. Triphammer Road.

Mayor Hartill stated that there was a bid opening for N. Triphammer Road reconstruction. Bidders were CCI Companies, Inc. with a bid of \$5,923,791.80; Economy Paving Co., Inc with a bid of \$5,456,789.48; and Suit-Kote with a bid of \$5,162,631.00. Hartill stated Fisher has reviewed the documents from Suit-Kote, which was the lowest bidder, and all are acceptable. The Village is now awaiting DOT approval and then there will be a pre-construction meeting. Mayor Hartill will attend that meeting to ascertain that the present traffic flow and good construction practices are followed. Fisher Associates have selected a construction manager who was a former DOT employee.

Mayor Hartill introduced the following:

Resolution #4084 - N. Triphammer Road Reconstruction Bid Awarded

Trustee Fresinski moved to award the N. Triphammer Road Reconstruction Project Contract to the lowest bidder- Suit-Kote Corporation for \$5,162,631.00. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill – Aye
Trustee John O'Neill – Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski – Aye

Mayor Hartill stated that Suit-Kote in the past has added additional asphalt to the super-paving material so it would last longer. Hartill is comfortable with them. Underground digging will begin in the next few weeks and a skim coat placed on the bad spots on the road for the winter. Then, heavy construction will begin next year.

Mayor Hartill stated the ditch across Cayuga Heights Road will be dug any day now for the Kline Road bypass.

Mayor Hartill stated he has appointed Trustee Frank Moore to represent the Village at the Town of Lansing's sewer meetings. Mayor Hartill is also talking with Town of Lansing Supervisor Steve Farkas regarding the transmission mains as part of the package.

Mayor Hartill stated he has been touring the Village and noted some items that need attention. Hartill noted a section of Lansing Trails is closed. Reinhart stated Cascadilla Tree Care is performing the work and needs three days without rain to proceed. Reinhart stated Cascadilla has about a half day's work remaining to remove some dead trees as well as the one hanging in the tree. Mayor Hartill was also concerned about the trail from the land acquired by the Village through to Swartout as some of it is washed out. Hartill feels it is a liability and he is offering to lend his small backhoe/front-end loader to fix it with stone if the Village would provide the materials. Reinhart stated the culvert pipe must also be increased in size as the present one cannot handle the run-off thus causing the problem.

Willard stated after the last meeting, she and Reinhart checked the computers used by Willard and Dake and found 11-21 critical errors that needed to be corrected. Although the computers of Willard and Dake do not automatically notify them when they must be upgraded, Reinhart will continue to notify them of such upgrades.

Willard continues to do inspections and has gained compliance from Rogans for their Ansil system and is working on Little Thai House for grease traps. Willard begins the inspections, provides follow-up and then has Curtis provide the final leverage to see compliance is gained.

Willard asked the Board for their opinion on the tree-planting program. A resident called because she had planted a tree about 5 years ago on Beckett Way that has subsequently died. She received the reimbursement at that time and wondered if she could get reimbursement for another tree at the same location. The Board agreed this would be acceptable and Willard will notify the resident.

Curtis stated the permit for the Millcroft Subdivision has been issued. The issue of Bomax Drive will be discussed at another time.

Reinhart stated the bus shelters have been repainted for the first time in 3-4 years. It is also the first time the rotted wood has been cut out and replaced.

Reinhart also stated that RC Wilson has finalized the road crossing for NYSEG on N. Triphammer Road. It was crucial that this be completed prior to the N. Triphammer Road Reconstruction Project.

Reinhart stated that paved shoulders have been added to Ayla Way. Trustee O'Neill stated that John Piscopo informed him that the north side of the upper portion of Janivar Drive will also have paved shoulders. Reinhart stated RC Wilson is aware of this and has it on their list. Reinhart also stated that there will be a sidewalk added to the south side of Craft Road from the Carey McKinney building to Janivar Drive.

Mayor Hartill introduced the following:

Resolution #4085– Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$823,368.59, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Water Fund, in the amount of

\$88,543.80, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$1,762.37, is hereby approved for payment.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill – Aye
Trustee John O'Neill – Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski – Aye

Motion - Adjournment

Trustee Fresinski moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Hartill – Aye
Aye

Trustee Fresinski - Aye

Trustee John O'Neill –

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Carol J. Willard
Clerk, part-time