

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at noon in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, Frank Moore, Lynn Leopold, John O'Neill; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Ben Curtis; Superintendent of Public Works Dennis Reinhart; Motor Equipment Operator, Richard Beckwith; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake and Clerk, part-time Carol Willard.

Donald Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:25 P.M. The issue of getting NYSEG and the other utilities completed so that they don't hold up the N. Triphammer Road Project was discussed. Larry gave an update on the Utilities meeting that was held on Monday. Don stated that he spoke with Bill Gray at the last MPO meeting and Bill stated that they had problems with NYSEG on the downtown project. Verizon not knowing where their underground lines are will be a problem. The Board agreed that they must stay on top of this issue as the project progresses. Don asked Dennis if he ever attended the MPO meetings and suggested that he should attend.

Carol, Rick, Frank & Larry all had no comments. Don asked Rick if all tractors and mowers are serviced and how maintenance was going. Rick stated everything is serviced and ready to go. He is just waiting for snow.

Lynn stated that the Planning Board has reviewed the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and the public hearing process is underway. The Board of Trustees should receive a revised plan in early January so that they can preliminarily review it before the Planning Board holds a public hearing on January 25th. A copy of the Village Comprehensive Plan has to go to the Tompkins County Planning for review. Lynn skipped the Stormwater meeting this morning so she has nothing to report on that.

Don reported that he attended the MPO meeting and the next long range planning activity is in progress. The State is in a certain amount of chaos and they are transforming. There is a sewer meeting tomorrow with the group of six. The Village is forming a sewer committee. Phil Dankert has agreed to be the Planning Board member on the committee. The Village is different than the Town in that we can't have sewer benefit districts so if we run a main up N. Triphammer Road or if any other capital improvement was done, everyone in the Village must pay for this, not just those who benefit. The Town of Lansing is interested in moving forward. There are three routes in which the sewer line may be run:

- A Forced Main System down Cayuga Heights Road
- A Gravity Sewer System down the Ithaca-Auburn Railroad
- A Gravity Sewer with Force Main System down Route 34

Don feels that the third option would be the best. There would be no right of way issues and there may be other benefits also. Don will be meeting with Dave Herrick and Steve Farkas on Thursday. Dennis asked who would be responsible for the maintenance costs on the pumping stations in the Village. Only about 10% of the usage will be by the Village so some kind of agreement will have to be worked out. Don estimates that it costs about \$20,000 a year to run a pump. The smell from the lines was discussed. Don stated that pressured lines are not vented, only at the pump station. A gravity system has to be vented at every manhole cover.

Each Trustee received a copy of a request for a temporary certificate of occupancy for The Adler's at 17 Cayuga Hills Rd. Their new home is substantially complete except for establishing ground cover, landscaping and minor cosmetic work. The Planning Board has approved the Adler's landscape plan. Drainage and erosion control measures are in place as are retaining walls, but the lawn and other plantings will have to wait until the spring. The owner and his contractors have worked conscientiously with the Village throughout the project to comply with all requirements and Ben is confident that the last few requirements will be met in a timely manner as weather permits. Ben has recommended that the Trustees approve a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the Adler's house, which would expire June 30, 2005 with a nominal security deposit of \$400. It was asked if the security deposit was high enough. Ben stated that is in line with what we've been charging others.

Resolution #4107 - To Allow Ben Curtis to Issue a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the Adler's House at 17 Cayuga Hills Road with an Expiration Date of June 30, 2005 and a Security Deposit of \$400

Trustee Fresinski moved this resolution. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye Trustee Frank
Moore-Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Ben asked Larry if the Draft Comprehensive Plan could go on the webpage. Carol will be finishing it up next Tuesday & Wednesday and will email the final version to Larry to put on the webpage. Ben will send the pictures to him today. The plan will be available for review from January 3rd to 25th.

Tim Bell has applied for a building permit for the first house to be built in the Millcroft Subdivision. It required a special permit because of it being within 4,000 feet of the airport runway. Ben feels this requirement is unnecessary and suggested it be taken out of the codification. Crystals Spa & Salon was approved for the Wilhelm property. Klein's is going out of business. Klein's had put up many illegal signs over the weekend which Ben & Dennis removed. The Planning Board approved the Edelman Minor Subdivision. Taughannock Aviation will be in for a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. The Board may see that on Monday night. 35 Thornwood Dr. was in for a building permit. There are several new businesses in the Village -- Dr. Gupta, a securities firm and Brewed Awakenings in the Pyramid Mall. Pyramid is currently trying to close out their building permit. Ben has been working with TOPS and their sewer issue. TOPS still has a \$10,000 security deposit with the Village.

Dennis stated that the Hamlet has their water and sewer in and he did the testing on Monday. The only two remaining that need inspections are the houses on Dart Dr. that Roy Builders is doing. Dennis spoke with NYSEG and the lights on Arrowwood and Brentwood are on a day/night timer schedule. The Village would save \$130 a year if they were to go to a straight meter. Don said he should go ahead and do that.

The sewer issue that Ben had previously mentioned at TOPS is from grease and paper towels in the line. The Board will see two bills coming through for this, one to Drain Brain for \$580 and one from Mark Thomas for ~\$750. First they tried to use the Village of Cayuga Heights flusher truck but it was not powerful enough. It took 6 hours to clear the grease and paper towels from the line. Since it is illegal to put anything in the sewer system that congeals, and since we know that it is coming from the TOPS plaza area, the questions arose as to whether we can bill them for this. Don told Dennis to check with David Dubow and also do weekly die tests at Applebee's, Kyushu and TOPS to see if we can pinpoint where it is coming from exactly. Rick suggested that routine trap inspections could also help alleviate this problem. Dennis will also look into installing a manhole on the other side of the road and possibly using the TOPS escrow money.

John O'Neill told of his encounter with a hunter on Craft Rd. Hunting is not allowed in the Village or anywhere within 500 feet of a residence, for that matter. John has spoken with Nancy Oltz from TCAT and she stated that the 13 Bus going into the Cayuga Mall works well and she will present this to her Board in January. TCAT will want a release from Cayuga Mall that states that TCAT won't be liable. Ben told John to try and contact Ross, the property manager, who is in Liverpool.

Don introduced the following resolution:

Resolution #4108- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$66,041.75, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$4,511.91, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$1,732.01, is hereby approved for payment.

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$39,046.73, is hereby approved for payment.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Frank Moore-Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Motion - Adjournment

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye Trustee Frank
Moore-Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer