

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at noon in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, Frank Moore, Lynn Leopold; Superintendent of Public Works John Courtney and Dennis Reinhart; Motor Equipment Operator, Richard Beckwith; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Clerk, part-time Carol Willard.

Donald Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:20 P.M. Don complimented Carol on doing a nice job on the newsletter. Carol stated that she has been doing fire inspections and she thanked the Board for passing the budget and giving a nice raise.

Rick stated that he has removed the lids from the material he found in the shed so that it would dry out, and he then would dispose of it. Rick would like to have the temporary laborer that we hire each year start work now. Jodi stated that Labor Ready stopped in and will be returning tomorrow to meet with her and John to discuss getting a temporary laborer. After her initial discussion with them they seemed to be more favorable than other Temp Services. Jodi and John will meet to discuss what John feels the actual needs are and come up with a list of work that he would have a temporary laborer do. If we found that the person coming from Labor Ready was a good worker we could hire him or her on as a summer laborer without having to pay Labor Ready any fees.

John Courtney stated that Dave Putnam took him to meet Ed and Brent Cross at the Village of Cayuga Heights and Jack French at the Town of Lansing. Jack had voiced his concern regarding plowing the Village cul-de-sacs because it was hard for their plows to do it. This issue will be discussed at a later time. John has learned to download information from the flow meters. When he and Rick were out cold patching the roads he started a list of bad spots and maintenance that he feels need to be done. The washouts on the trails on Highgate and Coventry Walk have been repaired. The area where there was a sewer spill this winter has been cleaned up. Street sweeping has been lined up for the first week of May. There is a lot of crack sealing that needs to be done and Don told him to go ahead and get it done. John & Dennis reviewed the Lansing Trail II plans. Cedar and Hemlock Lanes need ditch work and an overlay. Don told John to get quotes and have it done. He will also get a quote to have a slurry seal done on Highgate NE and then an overlay.

This morning Rick moved all the railroad ties back into place and spread gravel on the Uptown Road parking lot. John asked the Board if there were any plans for paving this parking lot. Currently it has a strong gravel base. Don asked John to get quotes on having an overlay done.

John met with Jack Rueckheim and Jack expressed his concerns with the confinement issue at Highgate NE. John will call Dave Putnam to get an electric line run to that area and while they are in there they will also pave the shoulder. The Village truck has been in to Caskey's and then to Cortland Chrysler for transmission work. John would like to have Rick's truck's transmission serviced as well.

Lynn stated that she submitted a \$2,000 grant proposal to help with legal fees as we develop a Stormwater Local Law. As Lynn was campaigning in the Highgate Circle area she was informed of a steep drop off from the road to the ditch on the curve. Rick said he would install delineator posts there. Lynn also stated that since we used salt on the roads this year no one from Highgate has complained about dust.

Larry stated that Suit Kote has been doing a great job of keeping the traffic moving on N. Triphammer Rd. He has heard no complaints. To keep the area clean, they run a sweeper down the road every evening. After reviewing the vouchers, Larry stated that we must have replaced at least 6 mailboxes this winter. Rick stated that he didn't use all 6 mailbox posts and that there are still two mailbox posts in stock and one Rubbermaid plastic mailbox.

Don met with the Fire District Monday night. Don would like John O'Neill to be the new liaison to the Fire

Commission. Don is very happy that there is a dialog going on and that they are sensitive to our concerns. The Fire Commission is meeting with the Village of Cayuga Heights to discuss the possibility of contracting for service from them.

The Kline Road Bypass will be starting April 25th. Utilities are holding up progress on N. Triphammer Rd. The utilities were supposed to be moved by the end of April.

Dennis stated that when he leaves at the end of the month we would be in good hands with John. Training has been going well. Dennis stated that a streetlight was knocked over on N. Triphammer when they were working and Byron has it all documented. They will be replacing it. The radar sensors are not working. The Pyramid signals are on recall.

Lynn spoke with Susan Lorbeer and she will no longer do the planting in our entrance flower boxes. Lynn said she would help with this. She is also concerned with the circle garden at the corner at Tompkins Trust Company. The Junipers are dying.

Lynn also updated the Board on the last Planning Board meeting. She explained that Ivar Jonson did not get his final plat approval because he doesn't have a commitment in writing from Bob Dean to use Bomax and he needs a new phasing plan.

Don introduced the following resolution:

Resolution #4122– Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$22,080.02, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$239.13, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$637.53, is hereby approved for payment.

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$34040.03, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Fresinski moved that this resolution be adopted and Trustee Leopold seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Frank and Don further discussed the Fire issues. Don explained that as a Village we could set up our own fire district. Currently the Village is 1/3 of the Town's tax base. We have moderate fire protection. Don explained that the Fire District would be a separate taxing entity. Currently the fire department is having trouble delivering services and the volunteer base is decreasing. The Fire Commission has hired a consultant and the feeling is that all the problems will be solved with a new station. Don doesn't think that is the case. Don thinks that an upgrade to the current Oakcrest Station with a partial contract arrangement with the Village of Cayuga Heights would be the answer.

A cake was presented to Dennis to thank him for all he has done for the Village and to wish him a happy retirement. Don thanked him for the good job he has done and wished him happy gardening.

The meeting for Monday night was canceled because there would not be a quorum. The two public hearings that were scheduled for Monday night will be postponed until the next meeting on May 2nd. Jodi will run legal ads in the paper for all three issues.

Lastly, Dennis asked the Board to surplus his old computer so that he could dispose of it.

Resolution #4123-Surplus Highway Department Hewlett Packard
Pavillion 6535 Computer, 15" Monitor that was
Replaced with a New Dell Computer

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

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

Motion - Adjournment

Trustee Fresinski moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer