

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Wednesday, May 11, 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 12:15 P.M.

Floyd Ferris, Village Electrical Inspector, was present to discuss the electrical inspection fee increases with the Board. He explained that most of the increases were for commercial construction. A typical new home electrical inspection would increase between \$5-10. Larry stated that he was concerned with some of the rates that doubled. Floyd explained that those were commercial rates. Compared to others, the Village rate is under what private companies charge and way under what the City of Ithaca charges for an electrical inspection. The Town of Lansing is a little less but the volume is much greater. The majority of the inspections in the Village are commercial. Don stated that he was very pleased with how things are going in the Village.

Ben stated that Pat Gillespie was not going to be able to attend the BZA meeting next week and it was important to get another BZA member soon. He also stated that the Planning Board reaffirmed the recommendation of Proposed Local Law B after receiving a 239 review from Tompkins County Planning Department. The Final Plat for Lansing Trails II was passed with approximately 26 conditions. Both the Board and developer think that they have come up with a good solution. Don asked about Bomax Drive. Ivar Jonson has been in touch with Bob Dean in Utah. We should hear next week. Lynn added that the County's concerns with respect to Proposed Local Law B was the possibility of places of public assembly being built within what was the Airport Combining District, and she said the Planning Board had already discussed this. The Tompkins County Jail is already there. Lynn felt that the County didn't fully understand all of the issues involved and the extent to which those issues were reviewed and evaluated by the Planning Board prior to its recommending to the Board of Trustees that Proposed Local Law B be adopted. Ben left the meeting.

Jodi had provided the Board with the proposed resolution to re-adopt Local Law 2 and asked the Board if they would like to act on it.

Resolution #4150- Re-Adoption of Proposed Local Law B (2005) as Local Law 2 (2005)

WHEREAS:

- A. This matter involves consideration of the following proposed action: Re-adoption of Proposed Local Law B (2005), to be designated Local Law 2 (2005), providing for the amendment of the Village of Lansing Zoning Law and Zoning Map to eliminate the Airport Combining District and the requirements and conditions applicable thereto; and
- B. The Village of Lansing Planning Board has (i) performed a thorough review of the Village's Airport Combining District as provided for in the Village of Lansing Zoning Law and the question of its continuing need, (ii) determined that the Airport Combining District and the requirements and conditions applicable thereto are no longer necessary, (iii) reviewed Proposed Local Law B (2005) providing for the amendment of the Village of Lansing Zoning Law and Zoning Map so as to eliminate the Airport Combining District and the requirements and conditions applicable thereto, and (iv) referred such Proposed Local Law B (2005) to the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees with a recommendation for its approval; and
- C. On May 2, 2005, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees held a public hearing regarding this proposed action, at which hearing no members of the public spoke, and thereafter discussed and reviewed (i)

Proposed Local Law B (2005) as recommended by the Village Planning Board, (ii) all other information and materials rightfully before the Board, and (iii) all issues raised during in the course of the Board's deliberations; and

- D. On May 2, 2005, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees determined that the proposed action is an Unlisted Action for which the Board is an involved agency, and thereupon, in performing the lead agency function for its independent and uncoordinated environmental review in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law - the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"), the Board (i) thoroughly reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form (the "Short EAF"), Part 1, and any and all other documents prepared and submitted with respect to this proposed action and its environmental review, (ii) thoroughly analyzed the potential relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, including the criteria identified in 6 NYCRR Section 617.7(c), (iii) completed the Short EAF, Part 2; and (iv) made a negative determination of environmental significance ("Negative Declaration") in accordance with SEQR for the above referenced proposed action and determined that an Environmental Impact Statement would not be required; and
- E. On May 2, 2005, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees adopted Proposed Local Law B (2005), to be designated Local Law 2 (2005), having mistakenly believed that the Tompkins County Department of Planning had reviewed Proposed Local Law B (2005) pursuant to Section 239 l and m of the New York General Municipal Law and determined that adoption of Proposed Local Law B (2005) would not have any negative inter-community or county-wide impacts; and
- F. On or about May 9, 2005, a letter dated May 6, 2005 was received by the Village Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer from the Tompkins County Department of Planning advising the Village of that Department's comments, recommendations and findings following its review of Proposed Local Law B (2005), which findings included a determination pursuant to Section 239 l and m of the New York General Municipal Law that the adoption of such proposed Local Law may have negative inter-community or county-wide impacts; and
- G. At its meeting on May 9, 2005, the Village of Lansing Planning Board reviewed the aforesaid May 6, 2005 letter from the Tompkins County Department of Planning and determined that the comments and recommendations set forth therein were fully considered and evaluated by the Board during its lengthy and thorough review of the Airport Combining District, which review resulted in (i) its prior determination that the Airport Combining District and the requirements and conditions applicable thereto are no longer necessary, and (ii) its recommendation to the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees that Proposed Local Law B (2005) providing for the amendment of the Village of Lansing Zoning Law and Zoning Map so as to eliminate the Airport Combining District and the requirements and conditions applicable thereto be adopted; and
- H. The Village of Lansing Planning Board by resolution at its meeting on May 9, 2005 reaffirmed its prior recommendation to the Board of Trustees in favor of adoption of Proposed Local Law B (2005) as such Local Law was previously drafted and presented, which resolution of May 9, 2005 has been delivered to the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees; and;
- I. The Village of Lansing Board of Trustees has recognized that its prior action on May 2, 2005 in adopting Proposed Local Law B (2005), designated Local Law 2 (2005), was premature in that (i) the thirty (30) day period pursuant to Section 239 l and m of the New York General Municipal Law during which the Tompkins County Department of Planning was permitted to comment as to whether such action may have negative inter-community or county-wide impacts had not in fact fully expired, and (ii) the County had not provided as originally thought written confirmation that adoption of Proposed Local Law B (2005) would not have any negative inter-community or county-wide impacts; and
- J. The Village Board of Trustees at its meeting on May 11, 2005, reviewed both the aforesaid May 6, 2005

letter from the Tompkins County Department of Planning and the aforesaid Planning Board resolution adopted on May 9, 2005; and

- K. The Village of Lansing Board of Trustees wishes to reaffirm its previous adoption of Proposed Local Law B (2005), having considered and evaluated the issues raised by the Tompkins County Department of Planning and having considered and evaluated the Planning Board's reaffirmation of its original recommendation in favor of such action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOW:

- 1. The Village of Lansing Board of Trustees hereby re-adopts Proposed Local Law B (2005), to be designated Local Law 2 (2005).

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
Trustee John O'Neill-Absent

Jodi stated that a resolution to hire John Courtney to replace Dennis Reinhart had never been done. Technically it doesn't have to be but in the past the Board had always made it part of the minutes. Jodi suggested that this was a good time to also state that the Board wished to waive his waiting period for health insurance reimbursement. Rick didn't think this was fair to waive insurance waiting periods for some and not others. Don explained that when he was hired there was different administration then than there is now. The Board may want to consider adding to the Employee Manual that it is possible to waive the waiting period for someone who receives Health and Hospitalization insurance from their spouse's plan. The insurance companies set the waiting period. Long term Disability starts the first of the month after a full time employee has been employed for 30 days, life insurance and health insurance is the first of the month after 60 days. We are able to waive the waiting period for John because he is not going through our health insurance and is taking the option of having the Village pay the cost of family coverage through a spouse's health plan.

Resolution#4151- To Authorizing the Hiring of John Courtney to Start April 4, 2005 at a yearly Salary of \$44,050 and to Waive the Waiting Period for Health Insurance Reimbursement.

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

Don explained that things were slow moving on the North Triphammer Road Project. They hit a gas main in front of McDonald's this morning. Don has the names to contact at Verizon if need be. NYSEG should be complete by the end of the month. Don has authorized to pay NYSEG overtime in hopes of speeding up the project.

Don stated that David Newman of 126 Brook Way has agreed to serve as an alternate on the BZA. John Dennis had previously held that position but due to his extensive travel schedule and the Mayor's desire to involve new people in the operations of the Village, the Mayor sent him a letter stating that his appointment would not be extended and thanked him for serving as an alternate. John will continue to serve on the Environmental Management Council.

Resolution #4152- To Appoint David Newman as Alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals

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

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

Trustee

Don went on to inform the Board of the water problem at 1654 E. Shore Drive. Don has spoken with Steve Farkas, Town of Lansing Supervisor, and they will be meeting again in the near future. The master meter at this property is totally legal. The problem is that the property in the Village provides service to others that are in the Town of Lansing. The approach that Steve and Don are taking is to resolve the issue by getting the residents that are currently served by the water line in question to agree to set up a water district in the Town of Lansing and pay for the necessary upgrades through a bond issue. The difficulty is getting from the water main along East Shore Drive to the Town border on the west side of Ms. Greene's property. Since the property is presently served by Village water, we cannot legally ask the Village residents to pay for the 300 feet of pipe needed to connect to the new water district when it is formed. No building permits will be issued to this property until the issue is resolved.

The Kline Road Sewer Bypass will start by May 16th.

Larry stated that he has received a few emails of how wonderful the road management has been. Lynn was also happy to see that all the Stormwater Regulations were also being met on the project.

Lynn saw the voucher for copy paper and wondered if we bought recycled paper. Jodi stated that we buy whatever is cheapest. Recycled paper costs \$5-10 more per case. Lynn had spoken with a resident at 56 Highgate Circle who is concerned with the road and shoulder area near her mailbox. There is a drop from the pavement to the shoulder and in the winter the mailman refuses to deliver mail because he is afraid he will fall off the side of the road and get stuck. Rick stated that they had this problem before. John will look into this.

Lynn will chair the first sewer committee meeting tomorrow. The next Sewer meeting at the Town of Lansing is May 25th, which is the same date as the IO meeting. Lynn would like another trustee to attend the IO meeting for her. She plans on having two meetings to get organized and then after that have a liaison from the Town attend the meetings.

Lynn gave John a list of where the Village planters were located and a list of who has adopted them. Lynn may pick up some flowers for these boxes at the BOCES Plant sale this week. It is too early to plant the boxes but the flowers can be stored in the highway garage.

Frank asked about the voucher for material for the trails. John explained that they fixed trail washouts by Coventry Walk with limestone dust.

John stated that the light meter doesn't work. Lynn and John discussed lighting. RC Wilson will start cut outs and repairs in a couple of weeks. The north loop at Graham Rd. has a fault code showing so they may have dug through that loop. Jim Crandal from Ithaca came up and replaced a light in the Uptown Rd. traffic light. John has replaced the sensor on the sewer flow meter. John attended the MPO meeting and they discussed Warren Rd. being rebuilt in 2006-07. The MPO and the Superintendents meetings are on the same day and John asked which one he should attend. Don feels that it is more important to attend the MPO meeting. Don will check with Fernandez to see if he can change the meeting dates so that he can attend both meetings. CHIPS money has increased to \$42,000.

The roof on the pavilion at Dankert Park is being replaced by T&J Contracting Co. for \$1,580. Whitmore Fence is repairing the fence in the park. The fence was damaged when a car hit it and the insurance will not pay for it since the cause was not the driver's fault. Bailey Insurance said we could pursue it but it would cost more than the \$600 to repair it. John & Rick have been repairing park benches.

As discussed at the last Wednesday meeting, the delineators have been installed on Highgate Circle. PRV is tentatively scheduled for Monday. Doug Volbrecht told John where to tie in and the road will also be done this month.

John's truck needs a lot of work. It will be about \$1,250 to get it fixed. He is concerned with the dependability in the winter. Rick stated that it is also leaking antifreeze. Don suggested that we set up a schedule for the replacement of

equipment. We used to trade the trucks in every two years but it is no longer economically beneficial. John will check out State Contracts and get quotes for new trucks. Don suggested staying away from Chryslers.

John asked what they were looking to use a new tractor for. Don thought that he should look into a medium ground tractor, 25 horse maybe a 4000 series John Deere that would be narrow enough to snowplow the sidewalks, yet could use a small front loader or backhoe. Rick stated that he didn't think that was enough power to plow the sidewalks. The Village of Cayuga Heights has one that doesn't work well. Don explained that they use a V plow on the front and we would be using a snow blower attachment that does all of the work. Another issue is the visibility from the skidster. Don would like John to also look into a salt spreader attachment since we are doubling the amount of sidewalks in the Village. Rick asked why we don't just wait until winter and have them bring in different tractors for us to try. Don explained that this is a multipurpose machine, not just for snow removal. We may want to look into getting a mower deck for it also. John will pursue the tractor issue.

John met with NYSEG to discuss using our easement to tie in a 6" gas main at Cedar Lane. They would bore under Cayuga Heights Road. This is just a temporary fix until they run a 6" main in from Freeville. Cedar Lane had an overlay in 1994 and is in need of another this year. Don asked John to write letters to residents to keep them informed of the work that will be done in their areas.

Don pointed out that on Cayuga Heights Road by Oakcrest Road where there was a water main break, the area has settled and it needs to be compacted. A temporary fix needs to be done before they come in and square cut and fill with asphalt.

The Millcroft project is going well. They have been doing proof rolls.

Rick started mowing last week. He complained that the mower is getting old. Don asked if there were any signs of deterioration. It is mechanically fine. Don suggested assessing it and putting it on a schedule for replacement. Rick complained that the Janivar play park is full of rocks and hard to mow. Don suggested taking the Ford up there and having it done in 15 minutes.

John stated that he has received a complaint that the ditch from the detention pond between 12 & 14 Janivar Drive is holding water. Don stated that that is what the ditch is suppose to do and to let it sit for awhile. There was also a complaint about a stump in the creek up off Janivar and John & Rick tried to pull it out but didn't have the right machinery. John called Jack French and the Town of Lansing removed the stump during brush pick up. John stated that there are many people that hold a grudge because in the past nothing ever got done. John continues to tell them that he is new and would like to start with a clean slate and many people are happy now that things are actually getting done.

Carol stated that she is still inspecting and is happy to have business cards to hand out to people. She also asked Larry about the AVG antivirus she has on her computer. The free software is only for residents and to get AVG Professional it would cost \$33 for a two-year subscription. Larry told her to go ahead and get it.

Street sweeping is being done in the Village. It should only take them two days this year. Lynn stated that there is less to do since we are not using sand on the roads in the winter.

Don introduced the following resolution:

Resolution #4153– Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$73,641.93, along with a transfer from General Savings to General Capital Reserve to do the Budget Transfer of \$888,883.00 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$239,473.98, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$103395.28, is hereby approved for payment.

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$188,195.34, 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

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
Moore-Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Frank

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 P.M.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer