

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, June 16, 2005 at noon in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Frank Moore, Lynn Leopold and John O'Neill; Superintendent of Public Works John Courtney; Motor Equipment Operator Richard Beckwith; Summer Help Chris Bishop; and Clerk part-time Carol Willard.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:20 P.M.

Beckwith stated all is going well in the highway department. Road edges have been trimmed. Ditching will be contracted as Courtney prefers to use the Town of Lansing whenever possible. The head ends of culverts will be addressed and then stabilized with hydro-seeding.

Bishop was welcomed to the highway department. Although only having been on board two days, he is getting the hang of mowing and flagging and is being kept busy.

Courtney stated there have been road cuts in various spots throughout the Village. At the Ramada Inn area, the bill for water main break repairs has been broken down and Clerk Dake will forward the portion of the bill to the Ramada Inn, as it is their responsibility. Hartill stated the sidewalk in that area would be the responsibility of the Village of Lansing. Courtney will check with Engineer Dave Putnam on the status of the water pipe in that area after N. Triphammer Road is rebuilt as this may resolve the issue in the future. Other water main break areas have also been repaired and reseeded.

Regarding the Millcroft Subdivision, the binder has been placed on the road although he would have preferred to leave the surface to allow for settling. Courtney is concerned about the entry culvert as there is only a small amount of cover. Engineer Cross is researching as to the amount of cover required.

Dankert Park has received major improvements. Highway Department personnel discussed many of the items to be addressed with Phil Dankert and he was pleased. Trustees Leopold and O'Neill have also heard positive comments about the park. Concrete bumpers have been installed to contain the cars. Additional concrete bumpers and roping were discussed to define the parking area. It was decided to place concrete bumpers on all sides. Fences have been repaired and a walkway was made near the parking area. Fascias have also been installed on the pavilion as well as seamless gutters on the Highway Department Building and at the Village Office. Signage and garbage cans still need to be addressed at the park.

Regarding the sewer system, Courtney stated that there has been a lot of grease probably coming from the Triphammer Mall. Cleaning of the system was done in the Sevanna Park area as well as near the Ripples on Highgate Circle. Inserts have been placed on 1, 3 and 5 Highgate Circle and the Village sewer maps should be updated to include these as well as any new-builts. Courtney stated the flowmeters are all working well.

Courtney stated he has ordered a new pick-up to arrive in mid July. It is a Chevy $\frac{3}{4}$ ton with a plow, bed liner, trailer hitch and tow package.

In the B & T Park, Courtney stated that buildings 1-8 are in the process of being demolished. This is also known as 83 Brown Road. Courtney has notified the Village of Cayuga Heights and they have met regarding the disabling of all lines. Sewer and water line inspections will be performed. The valves may be left and stubbed for future use as plans are unknown. There will also be asbestos abatement by Royal prior to demolition.

Courtney will soon meet with Lighting Commission members Leopold and Dankert to review the lighting for Crystal's Spa on N. Triphammer Road. Trustee Leopold stated cut sheets are needed for the light poles and parking as well as photometrics. Applicant Crystal Mullenix will provide the needed information.

Regarding the Mewar issue of the clean-out box, apparently 3 Ayla Way is the culprit and there is money being held in escrow from builder Roy to ensure that the issue is resolved and the soil stabilized to prevent erosion.

Courtney stated NYSEG is installing curbing on Substation Alley to alleviate the water problems in that area.

Courtney stated there is still a problem with old materials stored in the salt storage barn, which must be disposed of. Some of the containers are rusting and Trustee Leopold recommended that they be bagged and placed in a cardboard container. Courtney is obtaining information from Master Builders regarding the make-up and disposal of the chemicals. Dry or hardened materials may be placed in the dumpster but the liquids need to be addressed. Courtney will continue to work on this.

Next, the Board addressed the issue of a new tractor for the Village, which can be used for summer as well as winter work. The estimate on state bids are for either a New Holland or a Kubota and run about \$10,800. Mayor Hartill prefers the Village invest in a John Deere. Agreement was to continue to check and compare various models. Trustee O'Neill will provide Courtney with materials from Beckwith on comparisons.

The next issue was the condition of the North Triphammer Bridge area. Courtney stated that the road was not swept in that area this year due to all the construction on the roadway. The weeds on the sides are the responsibility of the State but the Village would like to clean up the area if allowable. Mayor Hartill stated he will be meeting with the State DOT next week and will address this concern. There was also discussion about the need for a new push mower and Courtney was advised to purchase one if the Village needs one. Beckwith mentioned the possibility of obtaining a free one from the Village of Cayuga Heights.

Willard thanked the Board for the new computer and monitor. There was a small glitch with outgoing e-mails, which was quickly resolved by Trustee Fresinski. Materials have not yet been transferred from the old system to the new but will be done shortly. There was discussion as to the new printer, which was also obtained, and Willard will check it out with Trustee Fresinski or Clerk Dake.

Mayor Hartill stated the Kline Road project is proceeding and is being dug up in his area. The previous estimate for 50 cubic yard of rock was inaccurate and so far there has been over 200 cubic yards. The meter pit will also require lots of rock removal by hydraulic hammer. Mayor Hartill stated this is still a bargain solution for the Village.

Trustee Leopold stated she attended the sewer committee meeting along with Trustee Moore. Also present were Alan Hedge, David Putnam, Ben Curtis and Town of Lansing Board Member Bud Shattuck. Those present reviewed the lands in the Village, which are presently unsewered. There will be a hike on July 8th to see the possibilities for transmission lines. Additional committee members are needed. Mayor Hartill will contact possible members. The committee hopes to have a graph done by the end of the summer. The Town of Lansing is looking at a financial analysis. Regarding the Route 34 option, the Town is concerned about the staging issue and costs involved. It was noted that all three options would have issues.

Trustee O'Neill stated the fire house debate continues. The architect is Dennis Ross of Albany who also designed the firehouse for the Village of Cayuga Heights. That station is a two-story building on less than an acre. The Town of Lansing is looking for at least two acres on N. Triphammer Road to accommodate a hacienda style building with meeting rooms. The fire department is also looking for anyone interested in purchasing or trading land for the 10-acre parcel already owned by the fire department. Mayor Hartill stated he would be willing to discuss using the driveway on the western boundary of the property where the current fire station sits if this would assist the fire department. Lawyers are currently checking to see if the fire station can be built in any zoning district. Mayor Hartill will e-mail Cayuga Heights Mayor Walter Lynn and will provide information to Trustee O'Neill for his next meeting on June 23rd.

Mayor Hartill introduced the following resolution:

Resolution # 5158- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$53,900.80 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$53,733.64 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$827.40 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract for Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,764.00 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract for Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$14,150.80 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract for Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$172,240.28 is hereby approved for payment.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill – Aye
Trustee Frank Moore – Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold – Aye
Trustee John O'Neill – Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill – Aye
Trustee Frank Moore – Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold – Aye
Trustee John O'Neill – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

Carol J. Willard
Clerk, part-time