

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Wednesday, October 12, 2005 at noon in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Trustees Larry Fresinski, Frank Moore, Lynn Leopold, John O'Neill; Superintendent of Public Works John Courtney; Code & Zoning Officer, Benjamin Curtis; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Clerk, part-time Carol Willard.

Larry Fresinski called the meeting to order at 12:20 P.M.

Carol stated that the newsletters went out on Tuesday. Codification is ready for Monday nights meeting. Larry added that this year we've reached many milestones-Kline Rd. sewer, cable franchise, N. Triphammer Rd. and the codification is finally complete.

John O'Neill stated that soon the fire station issue should also be resolved. The Mayor has come up with a notion to have a Village Center behind our office, which would include the fire station. The fire department is considering this option. John feels this is a very attractive option because they could sell the property on the northside of Oakcrest so it could be developed. John asked when the brush pick up was. All brush must be out at the roadside by 7am on October 24th.

Frank voiced a few of his concerns regarding the Town's estimates of how much each of the three proposed sewer transmission routes would cost. He doesn't know if the Town will truly explore the Rt. 34 route. He doesn't think that the technical questions are being answered. He wondered if the Village would just roll over and let them go down Cayuga Heights Road. Lynn stated that there are several septic systems in the railroad bed and wondered if that has been considered. Frank thinks Rt. 34 is the best way to go because it is a public highway and a public route. The length of pipe for all three routes is about the same. Lynn would like to get an independent engineer's study. The next Intermunicipal Sewer Meeting is November 11th.

Lynn stated that the Lake George boat that tipped over last week was the floating classroom that the local organization had observed before starting the Floating Classroom here on Cayuga Lake. Lynn doesn't think anything like that will ever happen to our boat. The plant swap is October 22nd. Mrs. Kim gave the Village many bulbs to plant. Lynn has planted the new flowerbed in front of the office. There are bulbs still left, which will be planted in various places around the Village signs and park. Lynn thanked John and Rick for getting her all set up.

Larry stated that he has stopped getting closure alerts from Suite Kote, which is good, because it means there are no lane closures. There was a meeting last Friday to discuss what needs to be done on N. Triphammer Road to prepare for winter. Larry stated that at the last Trustees' meeting Ann Furry was concerned because of the section by Brook Drive that has no curb. Dave Putnam had stated that the curbing was removed from the project to reduce cost. Ann thought this was unfair. There will be small sections of sidewalk installed by Suit Kote this year. The sidewalk contractor did not want to come in this late in the season and guarantee a sidewalk. John O'Neill asked John Courtney to look at plans regarding trucks driving over cement sidewalks.

Jodi asked the Board to consider three water adjustments. The first two were to remove penalties from two customers that did not get their mail forwarded to them in a timely manner and have asked that the late charges be removed. Both residents have never been late before. The other issue is Mary Sirois' water bill. The highway department used her water while building the Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) Hut on Highgate NE. Jodi had previously discussed this issue with the Mayor and since her normal water bill is usually around the minimum amount that it would be fair for her to pay the minimum amount and the Village to pay the remainder of the bill.

Resolution #5188- To Make Three Water/Sewer Bill Adjustments

Be it resolved to remove the penalties from both Carol Brentlinger at 55 Janivar Dr. account #N5845

and Rose Markov at 165 Graham Rd. account #N1963 in the amount of \$6.62, also be it resolved to have David & Mary Sirois of 3 Highgate NE account #N1731 pay the minimum water/sewer bill and the Village will pay the remaining \$123.92 in exchange for letting the Highway Department use their water for the PRV Hut construction.

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

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye Trustee Frank Moore-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Letters have gone out to neighboring municipalities and to the Tompkins County Planning Department regarding the proposed codification provided for in Proposed Local Law D (2005). Jodi attended the NYCOM conference Sept. 19-22. Water/sewer bills went out October 1st. Last week our accountants were in to do our annual audit. Jodi leaves tomorrow for Puerto Rico and Carol will also be gone for two weeks to Ireland. A note has been posted on the door stating that the clerk would not be available until Tuesday Oct. 18th but the Code & Zoning Officer is still available. Lastly, Jodi thanked Lynn for the beautiful job she did on the front flowerbed.

John Courtney stated that N. Triphammer construction is going well. The guiderail on Cayuga Heights Rd. has been fixed. The following roads have been paved-Highgate NE, Janivar Dr., Leifs Way, Craft Rd., Ascot Place, Wakefield/Churchill, Hemlock Lane, Cedar Lane and Esty Dr. CHIPS paperwork will be going out on these projects. Today they are flushing sewer lines. Chateau Claire had a large root ball that was removed. The salt barn has been cleaned out, the chemical smell is gone and the floor is ready for gravel again. It was suggested that an asphalt floor would be better. John asked the Board to consider getting a new spreader that could be filled with salt from the Town of Lansing and eliminate having bagged salt delivered. The bagged salt is much more expensive and a new spreader would be more cost effective in the long run. A stainless sander would cost approximately \$4,000. John will put together a cost comparison for the Board to review at their Monday meeting. Lynn thought that this sounds like we would be cleaning up a big mess and solving problems. Larry thought that we should go ahead and put an asphalt floor down in the barn.

Ben stated that the biggest thing going on in the planning/zoning area is the proposed Cardiology Associates building on N. Triphammer Rd. Cayuga Pet Hospital should be open soon. Tuesday Mornings opened on Tuesday. They did not open at 8:30am as they had advertised because there were still some plumbing issues that had to be resolved. The Watercress Restaurant should open this month. It is a high end Mediterranean Restaurant that is going into the old Billy Bob Jacks space. Waterford will be coming in to the next Planning Board meeting regarding the proposed 90 unit Homewood Suites Residential Hotel planned for the site where the Cinema currently is located adjacent to the Triphammer Mall. They hope to start construction in the spring of 2006. Squeaky Clean will be going to the BZA for two variances next week. They have already received special permit approval from the Planning Board. There is also the usually holiday season stores going in at Pyramid Mall.

Larry introduced the following resolution:

Resolution #5189- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$179,156.06, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$22,447.34, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$1,643.98, is hereby approved for payment.

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$441,288.26, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Leopold moved that this resolution be adopted and Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion.

Frank asked what the PRV voucher was. PRV states for a Pressure Release Valve that was done on Highgate NE.

A vote was taken:

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye
Trustee Frank Moore-Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Lynn stated that Doug McEver has resigned from the Town Board so he is no longer the chair of the IO. Darby has asked Lynn to take over as chair but before doing so Lynn would like the blessing of the Board. She feels she already has too much on her plate. The problem with the IO is that people aren't coming to the meetings. There are 30 municipalities in the watershed and they are usually voting with a quorum of 6. Lynn doesn't really want to do this but may for a year.

Motion - Adjournment

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

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye Trustee Frank
Moore-Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer