

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at noon in the Village Office.

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

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M.

Ben stated that the biggest project recently reviewed by the Planning Board was the approval of the proposed Homewood Suites at the site of the former Cinema building adjacent to Triphammer Mall. During the approval process there was a question of availability of sewer units when they come in this spring. Taughannock Aviation is finishing up their project with a new hanger. They will be tearing down the old hangar. Ben commented on the nice landscaping job they are doing. There is a new dentist, Dr. Munants, in Mrs. Kim's building next to HSBC Bank. The new code has been well received. (Larry Fresinski arrived at the meeting) Larry is working on the index to make searching easier.

John Courtney stated that 2.5 miles of sewer flushing has been done in about 9 days. He's learned the history of the trouble areas and they were the top priorities. He has done an excel spreadsheet to document the troubled areas. There was a broken manhole on Warren Rd., which they fixed. This was their first major project with the new backhoe. The highway department has been cleaning up the yard, has obtained new heaters in the garage, has installed a new floor in the salt barn, has obtained a new spreader and backhoe and has inspected the pump house heaters. CFCU relocated their sewer main and fixed the seals. On Nov. 23rd striping will be done. Pyramid manhole installation will be done next Wednesday. John hopes this will cure the grease problems in this area. John ordered a new sign from Seneca Supply to replace the Village of Lansing sign that was damaged by a fallen tree. John saw Dennis Reinhart at the Superintendents meeting and he found out that the last sign came from Ithaca Plastics. John also went to a Dig Safely meeting yesterday. Snow fence is in. Lynn asked John to get mulch from Agway to finish the gardens.

John O'Neill was concerned with the corners up in Lansing Trails. Courtney will install delineator posts on corners. He also voiced his concern with the fire hydrant that is about 10 feet in from the Foodnet Driveway. He is afraid that once the bad weather comes a truck may slide into it. It will be marked.

Mayor Hartill introduced the following resolution.

Resolution #5198– Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$121,060.92, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$112,717.27, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$7056.19, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$249,080.69, is hereby approved for payment.

Lynn was concerned with the amount of the Exxon Mobil bill. Jodi explained that it was for two months. John added that they are driving around the Village a lot more inspecting.

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

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

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

At 12:30 Mayor Hartill left the meeting.

Larry stated that the Code is now available on line. The footnotes transferred but the links for them don't work. You can perform a "find" search with the document. Larry has changed the Table of Contents in the zoning section to have links. O'Neill asked if Larry could add instructions to the website explaining these issues.

Larry also voiced his concerns with traffic back-ups on N. Triphammer Rd. John stated that Suit Kote will be installing temporary loops for the traffic lights at Graham Rd and Pyramid Drive.

Lynn reported that she attended the Stormwater Working Group meeting. Scott Cook of Cortland DEC is helping with issues they are struggling with. Lynn is worried about the storm water drainage local law that we will be required to do. Ulysses is already working on a new law and the Town of Lansing already has one. These may be good resources when we begin the process of creating a local law. Tompkins County Water Council has hired Nick Szypanski to do a gap analysis, which looks at the codes to see where gaps are. Lynn feels this is a large task and it should be done by committee. We have money in the budget for this. We are in Phase II but no one really knows what will be involved with Phase III. We probably won't know until after the 2010 census. Lynn volunteered to be part of the committee to look at the Critical Path Document. She hopes we are close to other municipalities and that they will work together. Hopefully a lot of the work can be completed before legal assistance is incorporated. John O'Neill also volunteered to serve on this committee once it is established. Lynn stated that she also had a Contractors Field Workbook done by Chemung County for Ben.

Frank asked if there was much response to the sewer meeting. Jodi stated that the Mayor has received some emails regarding residents' thoughts and concerns which he plans on forwarding to the Board members. Frank expressed his concerns with trying to make a route decision without knowing the consequences to the Village of each route. One can't make a decision when you don't know what it means. Frank feels a survey of requirements should be done. He questions what the build-out of the Village would be if we had sewer for the whole Village. Ben stated that the lot size for a sewer lot is about 1/2 of that for a non-sewered lot. John feels we need to ask the Mayor if we are going to hire an engineering study. John also stated that he ran into Bill Troy, who represents Roy Park, and he is coming up with an assessment of property values.

Rick stated that the highway department is ready for snow.

Frank left the meeting.

This Friday there is a meeting with NYSEG to discuss where the new streetlights will tie in. Lynn asked if Tompkins Trust Company was going to do anything with the flowerbed there on the corner. With the construction of the new drive-through, that area has been damaged. Ben stated that he has not given them their Temporary Certificate of Occupancy yet and he will check into the situation.

Motion - Adjournment

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

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer