

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday January 11, 2007, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Trustees Larry Fresinski, Lynn Leopold, Frank Moore; 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.

Deputy Mayor Fresinski called the meeting to order at 12:25P.M.

Rick asked Lynn if she would like any of the Christmas Trees they picked up this week to be delivered to her house. Lynn would like about 8 trees. Rick also reported that they got a rubber blade for the skidster so that it wouldn't cut up the sidewalk. They have also been cleaning the shop this month.

Carol had nothing to report.

Frank stated that there was a sewer meeting last week. There was some discussion of the meeting that Steve Farkas, Bud Shattuck and Mayor Hartill had. There were no great issues. There was considerable discussion about ownership issues. This was especially troublesome to the engineers. Dish (? Frank??) wondered if the infrastructure belongs to the Village, would the Village buy it? It was also questioned as to who would finance the costs if the Village owns the infrastructure. The Town is looking to make a final report whereupon Town residents could vote in June to approve project.

Lynn asked Larry to report on the way finding signage matter that had previously been discussed by the Planning Board and Board of Trustees. Larry stated that the way finding group met with Kathryn Wolf during the holidays. The Planning Board had some mock signs made up several years ago. At that time, the Planning Board concluded on things they didn't want more than what they wanted for the Village. They agreed that they want signs that could be easily changed. At this point they are talking concepts. The way finding would be for major entities such as the malls, Guild Park and Lansing Village. Their goal is to identify businesses that can't be seen from N. Triphammer Road. The committee would like to get a local business owner to participate. Larry has contacted Jim Tull at Pyramid Mall to see if he would be interested. Jodi informed him that Jim no longer worked for Pyramid. Ben suggested Bob Witty from CFCU. He was previously part of a group that was interested in directional signage. Larry hopes to set up another meeting later this month to formulate a strategy and a proposed list of sign locations. They would like to get businesses involved and go from there. The basic idea is to help drivers find places of business and also help with the traffic flow. Ben stated that directional signs are not currently allowed in the Village Code. Larry thought that they would have to come back to the issue of the Village's local laws. The signs would point out major areas as opposed to individual businesses. Larry would like to see a standard directory sign developed. Ben added that it might be nice to have a shoulder to pull off onto in order to read the road sign. One of the goals is to better distribute the Pyramid Mall traffic. Most motorists use the first entrance they come to off of Route 13 and don't know about the second or third roads in.

Larry has also been working on Lansing West and Sevanna Park signage. The issue is whose name will be on the top of the new sign to be installed as part of the North Triphammer Road Project. The Pyramid Mall sign also needs to be resolved by the Village. Landscaping at the Pyramid Mall at the southwest corner by the TOPS sign may be maintained by Pyramid.

Larry made a non-visual change to our website. We can now receive reports as to the location of where around the world access to the website is originating. The reports will also provide information as to new contacts and the number of hits per day. This is a new free service by Google called google analytics.

Jodi stated that Phil Dankert has agreed to service on the Recreation Partnership Board again.

Resolution #5297-To Appoint Philip Dankert as a Member of the
Recreation Partnership Board

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

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Resolution #5298-To Extend the Current Intermunicipal Recreation
Partnership Agreement for One Year

WHEREAS, Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership has successfully served thousands of young people throughout Tompkins County operating under a five year agreement that expires December 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Partnership's governing board has begun but not yet concluded its internal reflection and process of seeking input from all municipal partners to evaluate and update the partnership agreement for the next five year period, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Lansing, agrees to extend the current Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership Agreement through December 31, 2007 and further

RESOLVED, that all terms, conditions, and financial commitments related to the Agreement remain in force through December 2007, and further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Lansing will take prompt action on the proposed agreement for the period 2008-2012 to be prepared by the Recreation Partnership's governing board by May 2007.

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

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Next on the agenda was approval of minutes from December 14th and 18th, 2006

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from December 14th & 18th, 2006

Trustee Leopold moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Clerk/Treasurer and the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore- Aye

Larry asked if we are supposed to get a rebate on the All-Mode bill. Jodi stated that once All-Mode reports that they have destroyed our old unit, Nortell would send us a rebate check. Fresinski entertained the following resolution:

Resolution #5299- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$25,675.36 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$90,659.07, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of

\$204.75, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Special Assessment Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$25,115.00, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$2,100.00 is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Leopold moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolution be adopted and Trustee Moore seconded the motion.

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Frank Moore-Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Jodi stated that All Mode Communications is here installing our new phone system and will be instructing the staff on how to use it after the meeting.

John Courtney informed the Board that the walls on N. Triphammer Road would start tomorrow or Monday. This month the highway department will start their sign inventory. They will check all of the Village signs to make sure they are reflective and standing straight.

It was reported that there was a meeting regarding Warren Road improvements last Friday and it was decided that the Village would pay for a right turn lane out of Dart Drive onto Warren Road. The bus shelter will be relocated and the Village will get an easement from Cornell Real Estate.

John had literature on speed radar equipment for N. Triphammer Road. We can get additional mounts so that the radar can be moved to different locations. It runs on battery, but it can also be hard wired. The 45-amp battery works for 5 days. The total cost is \$5,425 plus installation of electricity near Cayuga Pet Hospital. There is a strobe option that flashes if a vehicle is in violation. The vehicle count is +/- 10%, but the other information is very accurate. We would download the data once a month like we do for the sewer reports. The radar unit is on Nassau County Contract so we can get it off that contract and at that pricing. Lynn and Larry would like to see the Village go forward with this.

John met with Bob Walsh of NYSEG to discuss installing streetlights at Dankert Park and on Graham Road. In the park they will install a 400-watt floodlight that will shine 30 feet to each side of the pole and 90 feet towards Route 13. Hopefully this will cut down on the drinking and drugs in this area. John also went out with John O'Neill on Tuesday to look at locations for lights on Graham/Dart Dr. There will be 4-5 cobra head lights installed at the cost of \$10 per light per month.

In next year's budget John would like to see a closed drainage system on Dart Drive. A lot of people walk this area and eventually we'll need sidewalks and streetlighting. It was also reported that the agreements and documents regarding the conveyance of Northwoods Drive to the Village are getting close to being finalized.

Ben reported that Homewood Suites has been a problem. They have worked on Sundays, gotten mud on the road and we have had a problem with them parking on the road. Ben has come close to shutting the job down. It will be a nice place when it is completed. Avion is moving along. They want to be complete in March. Regal Cinema will open in June or July. There will be one or two restaurants coming with the new cinema. Lynn asked if Pyramid Mall would be building any more space. Ben stated that they still have 50-60,000 feet they can build on.

It was reported that Cardamone is working on his 5th and 6th condos at the Shannon Park/Hamlet location. They are very nice. The Planning Board is consumed with the Crossmore Subdivision. They are looking into a way to get Phase II, the area along the lake, acquired by the State, County and/or Village. The County has offered to do an assessment of the land. We may be able to preserve the area along the lake.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Leopold moved for adjournment. Trustee Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 PM.

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Jodi
Clerk/Treasurer