

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday March 15, 2007, in the Village Office.

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

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:26P.M.

John Courtney inquired as to where the Board would like to locate the radar sign and equipment on North Triphammer Road. He thinks that it would be safer and easier to hook up to electricity if it is placed behind a guardrail just before the Village office. Frank thinks it would be better placed up by Oakcrest Road since that is just inside the Village limits. It was suggested that we make an agreement with a resident to operate off their power and pay them for the usage attributable to this equipment. Another option is solar power, but John hasn't been able to get an answer from the County. Don suggested contacting John Lampman. To hook up the radar to our power would cost about \$1,000. John will get information to the Mayor.

John reported that there have been no incidences this month other than someone hitting a light pole on Cayuga Heights Road this morning. There have been over 20 applications submitted for the Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) position. Don and John have met and narrowed it down to 4 candidates to interview. John is also considering looking for a seasonal at the same time. There are a few applications that would fit the seasonal laborer position. On March 19th John O'Neill will be back in town and will help with the interviews. Don will meet with John O'Neill on Monday to set up their interviews. Jodi suggested that the Board pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor to hire the new MEO since the first time the Board of Trustees will meet after the interviews is April 12th. This would allow for the MEO to start as soon as possible.

Resolution #5308-To Authorize Mayor Hartill to Make a Final Decision
on Hiring a Motor Equipment Operator for the Village
of Lansing

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

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

John Courtney has received some good information from Jodi and put together a highway plan. He will get this to the Board.

Lynn stated that as she was walking around the Village with her nominating petition on Burdick Hill Road and was told by the Cardons that there was a water break in front of their house and they were worried that the shrubs that were there and were replanted after the repairs aren't going to make it. John Courtney stated that the shrubs were located right over top of our water lines and they put them back the best they could. Technically, they shouldn't be planted over the water lines. The Village has a maintenance easement to repair the lines and do their best to restore the area to its original state, but there are no guarantees.

Ben has been working on getting Advion open. Don asked how much space there was still available for development. Ben stated that there is still about 100,000 sq. ft. left that they can develop.

There has been no movement from Ivar Jonson with respect to the Lansing Trails II project. Homewood Suites continues to move along although it has been a struggle every inch of the way. They will want their Certificate of Occupancy before graduation weekend. Dr. Arleo will be coming in to the Planning Board to discuss building on the

corner of Uptown Road and Warren Road.

Crossmore is intending to be back before the Planning Board once he has the remaining information and materials to permit completion of the SEQR environmental review. The Phase I archeological study, which involves going through the archives, should be completed by the Planning Board's next meeting. Don met with Ed Marx of the County Planning Department, and the Village has agreed to pay for half of the appraisal of the cliff area proposed to be transferred to public control. It is anticipated that the Village will take the lead on this process. We may have to pay the railroad a yearly fee to be able to cross the tracks to Poison Ivy Point by the lake. The Mayor is willing to pay this fee. Don stated that there are two things that will be looked at in this process. The first is the appraised value and the second is the beneficial value of other lots that are not affected. The appraisal will cost approximately \$4,000 - \$5,000.

Ben stated that the Village will be getting its first green building on Rosina Drive. Ben will be attending a conference in Cazenovia on this subject. Also, there is discussion of having it be a requirement to have sprinkler systems in new residential houses. There will be an ICC hearing in May at the annual conference in Rochester. This could be a real problem especially with the freezing in this area. Ben thinks that the Long Island area is behind the sprinkler push and they aren't thinking about the impact that it would have on rural areas. Frank repeated the comment that he had heard from a fireman who said "we don't save houses any more, we save people". There isn't enough manpower. This prompted a short discussion on paid vs. volunteer fire protection. How do we pay for the level of protection we need? Training gets more stringent and is very time consuming.

Mayor Hartill entertained the following resolution:

Resolution #5309– Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$144,780.51 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$7,105.02, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$352.38, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$338,710.53 is hereby approved for payment.

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

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

Don stated that he will not be in attendance at the Monday night meeting. He has given Jodi his budget revisions and she will distribute them to the Board. Don went on to report that he, Ben & Ned met with Eric from the Pyramid Mall. They want to make it a "Green Mall". Lynn was leery about them wanting to use biodigestion (turning waste to energy).

Larry stated that he attended the Tompkins County Transportation meeting. Lynn stated that, while carrying around her nominating petition on Burdick Hill Rd., she asked what their take was on the noise and speed on East Shore Drive. Many residents could hear the truck breaks up that road. Larry stated that MPO is aware of the issue and the question is how we enforce this. Lynn feels the State needs to get involved and we also need signage. Lynn has drafted a formal petition for this to the State.

Mayor Hartill left at 1:25pm.

Frank attended the intermunicipal sewer meeting yesterday. The Town is uncertain as to how to address the concerns of the public. They aren't sure if they should go ahead with a referendum or delay this. The Town is doing some heavy duty planning for growth through their Town Zoning. Supervisor Farkas & the Mayor are set to pursue further negotiations on the MOU.

Carol will be sending out the newsletter next week.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Dake

Jodi
Clerk/Treasurer