

## Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday May 17, 2007, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Lynn Leopold, John O'Neill, Frank Moore; Superintendent of Public Works John Courtney; Code & Zoning Officer, Benjamin Curtis; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Motor Equipment Operator, Marty Moseley.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:30P.M. Don stated that the North Triphammer Road Project was getting closer to acceptance. We should see this finalized in the next month. He and Jodi are trying to figure out why we have not received any Marchicelli Funding in the past year. Don spoke with the local regional director of NYSDOT and he is very happy with the look of North Triphammer Road as newly constructed. Don was very pleased to see a handicapped gentleman with his daughter on his lap using the new ramp at the Graham Road intersection.

The Mayor reported that we are getting close to a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Lansing on the proposed sewer project. Dubow and Guy Krogh, the Town's attorney, will need to meet to talk about ownership of the new Town sewer line running through the Village. The new DEC Commissioner is in place. Josh Billing has replaced Steve Eidt. Frank does not feel that the regional project makes economic sense. Without funding it would be cheaper if it were done locally. It would also be environmentally more sensible if done locally. The operational costs to run the sewage to the Village of Cayuga Heights Plant will be around \$100,000 a year. Frank stated that the Town of Lansing wants to pay for the sewer with economic development and they will be working on their zoning law to allow for increased density. Frank warned that this increased density in the Town will increase the traffic in the Village.

It was reported that the City of Ithaca is in the EIS environmental review process with respect to getting water from Bolton Point. Route 34 is scheduled to get a topcoat and guardrail, but Don hopes they will wait a year until the water issue is settled.

Don stated that he will be on the road a lot this summer. He is on the selection committee for the next director of CERN.

John O'Neill informed the Board that he and Don had a meeting Monday with Ken Horowitz regarding deer control. Ken is in favor of a controlled hunt on the Murray Estates property. Ken suggested that John get in touch with David Banfield who is Ken's insurance agent and an avid bow hunter with Lansing Bow Hunters. When John spoke with David Banfield, he learned that David is very knowledgeable of the different plans and has offered to take the lead. David also gave John a background of the hunters that came up illegally to hunt. John thinks that the first year or two we should use Lansing Bow Hunters. Ken has also agreed to fix the split rail fence along North Triphammer Rd.

Dave Riehlman at DEC informed John that there are New York laws that protect large land areas from illegal hunters. John feels we would need to alert the surrounding residents what will be happening and tell them whom to call if they see any improper activity. Those neighboring residents should also be advised that if a wounded deer wanders onto their property that a police escort can be used to remove the deer. We may have to stake out areas with orange flags so the hunting area is well marked. John distributed a draft that he put together for the Village based upon a copy of an Irondequoit law. This is a good start. The next step will be the application to DEC.

The initial plan is that the Village will be in charge of a controlled hunt with Murray Estates, Inc. as a cooperating land owner. Lynn stated that this gives much more credibility and that she likes the idea of a local bow club because they will self-police. It was added that Bob Miller had also verbally said he would like hunting on his property. Ivar Jonson may also be interested. Don stated that once we get approval to do this we will need to have some public education. John also has some nuisance paperwork coming for Lynn and David Banfield.

John O'Neill has checked with John Bailey on the Flood Insurance issue. This issue originated when a resident from Lansing Trails came to a Board meeting after trying to get a quote for flood insurance. He was told that he couldn't get

flood insurance because the Village of Lansing was not registered with FEMA. Ben stated that the maps that show flood areas in the Village are only in areas that are nonbuildable. For this reason we never went forward to join FEMA. Don has no problem joining this program as long as it doesn't cost the Village much.

NYSEG has sent a contract to install five streetlights on Graham Road. John O'Neill checked on the quote because it was more than was originally quoted. The reason why it was different is because they are using 150 watt bulbs instead of 100 watt bulbs. NYSEG looked at the spacing and decided that 150 watt bulbs were needed. There was also an additional cost because longer arms were needed on two poles. The Board didn't have a problem with the stronger bulbs because this is an area with a large walking population.

Lynn stated that the Annual Storm Water Report is complete. She, Ned & Ben have met to discuss how we will move forward on the required Storm Water Local Law. There is a model law available from the State. It was reported that 20% of the Village's outfall mapping has been completed. The rest will be done this year. Fisher will also be providing the Village with storm sewer mapping for the new North Triphammer Road project. John Courtney added that all of the as-built documents we have need to be combined into one map. It was suggested that we get an engineering intern to update our mapping. If this is completed we will be able to be more accurate. Don stated that the water company just bought a new GPS system that is accurate within 1 meter.

Lynn has also spoken with Sharon Anderson who would like to come in and talk to the Board about installing a Rain Garden in the front yard of the Village Office. Cornell University Architecture students are designing the garden. Sharon will be added to the agenda for June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Lynn again suggested we consider lowering the speed on East Shore Drive going down the hill toward Ithaca. John Courtney stated that a Cookhill truck came through the Village one morning with no muffler so John followed him and then called the State Police. They would not do anything because we don't have our noise ordinance posted at the main entrance to the Village.

Jodi stated that she has been contacted by Richardson Brothers to see if they could get the electrical fee they paid on Claritas refunded. This job at 53 Brown Road was never done. Floyd did some work on it and has suggested that a \$50 fee for time and expenses be kept. The Board agreed to refund the \$195 fee minus \$50.00. Jodi will process the check and it will appear on Abstract #13.

Jodi will not be at the Monday night Board meeting because she will be in Albany with Senator Nozzolio. John O'Neill has agreed to take notes for her. Jodi will prepare a document for him to make it easier.

John Courtney reported that road work involving crack sealing will start on Monday. A company will also be in to do the brooming next week. Brush pick up has been completed by the Town of Lansing. Next week they will also do the final rock hounding and seeding where the storm sewers went in on Bush Lane last year. John will see if the Town can hydro seed instead of grass and hay. Chris Bishop will start again as a part time laborer on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The highway department has done two rounds of mowing so far. The new doors are on the office. Maintenance is done on the backhoe.

The Board discussed the flower box at the airport and it was decided to remove it. Lynn will plant the other flower boxes in June. Lynn asked if the cigarette butts on the Route 13 ramp could be raked up. John stated that the State is looking into buying a vac to do this type of work. The State did a nice job of cleaning up the ramp interiors. Marty has been cleaning out the thorny area by the split rail fence.

Ben stated that Homewood Suites is substantially completed except for establishing ground cover, landscaping, minor site work and minor cosmetic work and a few technical issues affecting very limited areas of the hotel. The hotel would like to be open for business in time to accommodate Cornell graduation. Ben is confident that they will be ready for operation by that time. Homewood is progressing very rapidly at this point and should be completed in the very near future. Ben recommended that a Temporary CO be issued, but stated that it will exclude two specific areas of the hotel where problems remain to be resolved. These two areas are room #234 and the Guest Laundry, neither of which

are essential to life safety or building code provisions for the rest of the building.

Resolution #5349– Authorize the Code & Zoning Officer to Issue a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to Homewood Suites at 36 Cinema Drive with a Security Deposit of \$5,000 and an Expiration Date of September 1, 2007

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye

Trustee John O’Neill-Aye

Trustee Lynn

Leopold-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye

Ben reported that Regal Theater is moving ahead. They expect to open in July. Regal has been approved for a new sign as part of the Pyramid Mall Planned Sign Area. Ben warned the Board that they may receive calls on the size of the signage. The sign approval included as a condition the planting of 20 new trees for screening along the west perimeter of the Mall property. They will be using LED’s in a portion of their sign.

Ben also reported that the Regis Salon remodeling is almost complete. The salon is a very nice looking place at Pyramid Mall. Ben also reported on the following: A new restaurant, Imperial Kitchen, has opened on North Triphammer Road. Dempsey’s will be reopening next week. Lowery Construction has moved its administrative offices into the old David’s Restaurant. They received a variance to work from 6-8am and from 6-10pm. Lowery had a fire at their office and will be in this location for up to 18 months until they rebuild. We have a new house going in on Ayla Way and two new houses on Millcroft.

Ben advised the Board that new Building Code administration requirements will go into affect by January. Ben currently has a computer consultant coming in to work on adding an Operating Permit. We will be required to issue permits to all places that have 50 or more people assembled. This will include churches, restaurants and the YMCA. Businesses will have to be inspected every three years. These permits will then need to be reported to the State. This is yet again another unfunded mandate.

Ben advised that we will probably see Dr. Arleo starting construction on the corner of Uptown Rd. and Warren Rd. this season. There will eventually be a need for a sidewalk in front of this building, but it’s not necessary at this point. To resolve this issue, the Village will likely require escrowed funds to insure that the sidewalk is constructed when required.

Mayor Hartill entertained the following resolution:

Resolution #5350– Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$68,583.38 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$121,622.74, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$173,007.00, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$360.00 is hereby approved for payment.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye

Trustee John O’Neill-Aye

Trustee Lynn

Leopold-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee O'Neill moved for adjournment. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Lynn

Leopold-Aye

Trustee Frank Moore-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM.

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Jodi  
Clerk/Treasurer