

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, September 11, 2008, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, John O'Neill, Julie Baker and Lynn Leopold; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Benjamin Curtis; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; Laborers, Marty Moseley and Adam LaLonde.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:16. Adam stated that he is learning a lot. They are coming to a close on storm sewers. They have rebuilt manholes and will be starting paving next week. This is all new to him but he is enjoying it.

Don welcomed John O'Neill back. John had no comments.

Julie stated that she would let Ben talk about the Building Code Administration and Enforcement Law. She told John that she needed to meet with him on the playground structure. Julie wondered if anyone besides Lynn would be taking advantage of the DMAP program. The Lemperts seemed to be scared off by the letter and all that is involved to get permission. Lynn stated that if we want to manage the deer we must get more DMAP tags per hunter.

Lynn stated that she had attended the Stormwater Coalition and Intermunicipal Organization (IO) meetings. IO will be going back to having forums. The floating class room has received four grants for Public Eco Cruises. The Stormwater Coalition is getting closer to getting reports together. Lynn will get forms to submit our village expenses.

Larry stated that Time Warner Cable has fixed the three installation issues that we had. After our Roadrunner service was installed Larry had noticed that there was one clip at the top of the pole and one at the bottom leaving the cable flapping in the breeze. Also he noticed that the equipment was located within reach of anyone walking by. Lastly, the cable leaving the pole near the bottom stretched at a 45 degree angle from the pole to the location where it goes underground which is over 1 foot away from the sidewalk. After speaking with the general manager, all these issues were resolved. Larry also said that he was happy to have the ditches filled in in his neighborhood.

Don stated that he spoke with the NYSDEC this morning regarding the DMAP. He will have Jodi fax it in. It looks as if the Leopold property is the only place there will be a hunt. Unfortunately, the owner of Murry Estates has decided that bow hunting is cruel and wants to control the herds with shotgun. This is not permitted in the Village. We will get 20 tags from the NYSDEC so they continue to be aware of our concerns and we will go back to killing deer with cars.

Don stated that John would like to be an at large member of the EMC and Tony Nekut has agreed to be the Village representative.

Resolution #5476- To Appoint Tony Nekut to be the Village of Lansing Representative on the EMC

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Don is working on the final MOU for the proposed sewer extension in the Town of Lansing. There will be a change in the contract so that it will include both the current Cherry Road Sewer District and the new proposed area. It will include both a surcharge for maintenance related to the Village's sewer mains and for repayment of the Sewer Bond. The pumps next door have been starting randomly. They are having some problems with the radio link. Bolton Point will be taking one of the big pumps apart to see the damage that has been caused by the cavitations. Don will be out of town next week so he will not be at the Monday night meeting.

Jodi stated that The State Insurance Fund was in to do their annual audit last week. In the past they had covered the appointed staff but now to cover them and the elected staff the Board has to pass a resolution and complete form U435.

Resolution #5477- To Submit Form U435 to the State of New York Worker's Compensation Board to Include All Appointed and Elected Officials of the Village of Lansing.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Jodi updated the Board on the Enterprise Address Management System (EAMS) that the county is working on. She and many other representatives from other Tompkins County municipalities attended a meeting last Wednesday that was aimed to update everyone on where they were in the process and to hear our comments and concerns.

Jodi stated that she would be going to the annual NYCOM conference next week and inquired if there was anything the Board would like her to ask about. The Board would like to see if anyone else has solutions for deer control.

John stated that he would like to have the Dodge truck surplused so that he could take it to the Town of Lansing Auction.

Resolution #5478- To Surplus the 2001 Green Dodge Dump Truck and Authorize John to Take it to the Lansing Auction

Trustee Fresinski moved this resolution be adopted and Trustee Baker seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

There is a seminar in Herkimer on September 25th that he would like to attend with Marty and Adam. It looks like they will have some good demonstrations on manhole rehabilitation, leak detection and leak repair. Lynn was concerned that there wouldn't be any coverage in the Village if a problem should arise. John stated that they would be less than two hours away if anything came up. The cost is \$35 per person. Jodi will register them.

John Courtney reported that the highway department has been installing storm sewers and plan to pave next week. They have replaced 16 frames, got rid of pick holes and standardized everything to 24". Asphalt is now \$88 a ton. Monday they will start with paving Brook Way and Brook Drive. They will pave Graham Road from Wakefield to the intersection and Uptown Road. The next week they plan to pave Hickory Hollow, Arrowwood, Butler, Ayla Way and Brentwood.

There was an emergency on Graham Road Thursday night. The crew worked until 10pm to repair a large sink hole in the road. They got a good permanent fix. John also asked Marty and Adam to come in on Friday to finish up the Brook Drive area.

Lynn asked if the highway crew could pick up the piles of weeds in front of the office. Lynn also asked if they planned to take the lower branch off the tree out front. John confirmed that most of the storm sewer markers have been installed.

Ben distributed to the Board a picture of the Gupta property showing the Village's right-of-way and where the Gupta's would like to backfill next to their proposed retaining wall. Ben explained that in order to get their driveway to work, they needed a retaining wall. They want to backfill to reduce the unbalanced load. Since the area he would like to backfill is Village of Lansing property, David Dubow has drawn up a license agreement to allow them to backfill. The retaining wall will be on Gupta's property. Mayor Hartill recommended that the final grading be subject to John Courtney's final approval and this be part of the license agreement. Ben will make sure that this is a condition of the Certificate of Occupancy.

Ben stated that Colonial Veterinary wants to open on Monday. Brent Cross is satisfied with the park that they would like to dedicate to the Village. Ned has been working with Nick and David Fernandez to fill landscaping gaps. Nick is a resident on St. Joseph Lane who has a background in landscape architecture. On Monday the Board of Trustees will be asked to accept the park. One concern was that there was no path, other than the

driveway, out of the park to N. Triphammer Rd. The Board suggested painting a line down Colonial's driveway to designate a pedestrian walkway.

Ben and two members of the Planning Board will be attending the RPM Ecosystems Field Day Nursery Open House in Dryden on Friday. They will learn about agroforestry, walk away systems, seed collecting, wildlife habitats and urban planting.

Ben informed John Courtney that the Planning Board has commented on the mailboxes at the top of Pembroke Lane. They wondered if they met highway requirements. Pedestrians on Cayuga Heights Road were also concerned.

Ben stated that a concrete truck was washing out across the street from the office. Ben called DEC and took pictures of him washing into the stream. Ben stated that he was starting to have some issues with his computer. Larry suggested that if it is over two years old that he should look into getting a new one.

Lastly, Ben stated that the Planning Board will probably be finalizing the Vineyard Church project at the former Bishop's building at their meeting on September 30th. There is a problem with parking on the road. Ben suggested giving thought to adding language to our codification that prohibits on street parking in commercial areas. If they would have overflow parking issues and parked in the road, could towing be enforced? With the N. Triphammer Project there were "No Parking" signs installed on N. Triphammer Road. It was questioned whether or not this was in the codification.

Marty stated that they are trying to keep up with mowing.

Lynn stated that workforce housing is aimed at middle income families and one of the questions is how to incorporate them into local developments. Lynn suggested having someone come in and talk to us about this issue. Don suggested that we first have a joint meeting with the Planning Board. She also stated that Carol Klepack has suggested that we get people to adopt a park parcel. This is something that could be discussed in the next newsletter.

Don asked if everyone had a chance to review the vouchers.

Resolution #5479- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 4 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$81,519.20 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 4 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$5,605.84, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 4 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$488.97 is hereby approved for payment

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Don has been receiving emails about installing green squares for cyclists to stop in front of cars on the roads. John doesn't think this meets highway regulations. The bike community needs to be educated. Don will probably hear more on this at the MPO meeting.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:42pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer