

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, October 16, 2008, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Hartill; Trustees 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 12:20. Adam stated that they have been busy with many different things.

John O'Neill asked John Courtney if they would do something with the trees and pond up in the Janivar Drive area. There are about five dead popular trees north of the bridge in the pond area. Courtney stated that he had TG Miller do a map for him that showed all of the Village's easements in the area. They have a couple of road jobs left to complete before they will get to that. Courtney stated that they will assess everything in our 10 foot easement area. John went on to explain that there is an issue with the pond because it is partly on the Swartout Property. Swartout would either have to turn over that part of the pond to the Village or maintain it himself. Lynn stated that the Colonial basin seems to work well. The V shaped basin is rock filled with cat tails. John Courtney questioned whether the Village should drain the pond, since it doesn't do Stormwater treatment, or take out the silt and make it deeper. In the future Courtney would like to see retention and detention ponds kept along the road for easier maintenance access.

John O'Neill questioned the Hanson & Friedman vouchers. Hanson was for paving the ends of the driveways on Brook after they were dug up for storm sewer. The Friedman invoice was for two decorative light posts for N. Triphammer Rd. One post will be used for the radar sign and the other will be part of inventory. The decorative poles are hard to acquire. These poles were ordered five months ago.

John Courtney stated that there was a high speed chase that took out one of our benches by Sevanna Park and a fire hydrant. The hydrant will be fixed on Monday.

Julie stated that she and Ben have completed the Building Code Administration and Enforcement Law. Ben is happy with the proposed law and it has been sent to the Trustees to review.

Lynn stated that she had attended the Stormwater Coalition meeting. At this meeting, Ryan Sheer stated that the County is not plowing state roads this year. Marty added that the State pulled their roads from the County and the County pulled their roads from Dryden. Lynn has met with Sharon Anderson to look at the Village's storm sewer expenses since 2005. We are waiting on Round 10 requests for proposals. Rounds 6-9 still haven't been funded. TG Miller does our storm sewer reviews and DEC wants us to do our own review. It is a requirement that a person with a minimum of four hours of stormwater training be at a construction site. Ben feels that some of these requirements are pointless. The person who does the inspections for TG Miller used to work for DEC

so why is it necessary for us to do another inspection to review her work? Lynn stated that in the future we will need a wastewater management plan. Don stated that we haven't heard anything about this but we do have an ongoing program.

Deer continue to be an issue in the Village. Lynn would like a fence around the rain garden to protect it. John Courtney brought up the possibility of a wireless deer fence. John will send the web site link to the Trustees.

Lynn submitted her DMAP Plan which the Trustees reviewed.

Resolution #5486- To Approve the Leopold's Bow Hunting Plan for 1203 E. Shore Drive

Trustee O'Neill moved this resolution be adopted and Trustee Baker seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Jodi will give the 10 DMAP tags to Lynn. John Courtney added that Cornell has received 70 DMAP permits.

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

Resolution #5487- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$398,111.55 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$1,139.31, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$109,884.58 is hereby approved for payment

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Mayor Hartill went to the NYSDOT office in Cortland and submitted the work permit. Now the State will come and inspect the work completed on N. Triphammer Rd. The way it works is that we must first accept the road and then the State does.

Don has spoken with Scott Pinney, Town of Lansing Supervisor, and he would like the

Village to pay \$60,000 this year for snow plowing. Don will work on this further with Scott. Don will also send a letter to NYSDOT to try and get the speed limit lowered on E. Shore Drive.

Don has submitted a new draft MOU for the proposed sewer extension in the Town of Lansing. It will include both a surcharge for maintenance related to the Village's sewer mains and a share in the capital costs. He has not heard back from them yet. Don stated that he will be out of town for the next two weeks.

Jodi asked if anyone had anything for Monday night's agenda. Since two people would be missing and there is nothing except the approval of minutes, the Board decided to cancel the meeting.

Resolution #5488- To Cancel the Monday October 20, 2008 Board of Trustees Meeting Due to a Lack of Agenda Items.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Jodi informed the Trustees that the information for the Board's joint meeting with the Planning Board on Monday November 3rd is in their folders. Our accountants will be in on Monday to start the annual audit.

Last month Jodi attended the NYCOM Conference. She spoke with Business Automation Services Inc. (BAS) who has a tax software program that we may want to look into. We currently use Williamson Law Book (WLB) whose program is an access data base. The BAS tax program is in a SQL database. The company is out of Saratoga County but has representatives living in this area. One of the features that Jodi liked best was the ability to keep a history of tax payments. The current WLB Program only gives you one year of history. Jodi will talk to Larry more about this and maybe schedule a demonstration.

John Courtney reported that the highway department has been doing a lot of paving. John acknowledged receiving a note about the cigarette butts on the Route 13 ramp. Lynn stated that she would really like to see a sign there. The bulbs have been replaced in many of the streetlights on N. Triphammer Rd. because NYSEG is not replacing the light bulbs right away and many ballisters are failing. On Monday the highway department will be renting a mini excavator to ditch with. They will do some storm sewer work on Cinema Drive. Brush pick up will be done mid week. The Town will not be assisting. The Town of Lansing rents a tub grinder once a year to mulch up the trees and residents are welcome to go to the Town barns and get mulch.

Ben informed the Trustees that he had placed Activity Reports for the last quarter in their folders. The Building Code Administration Local Law is pretty much where we want it. Once the law is passed we will start issuing operating permits for places of assembly.

Ben would like the Village to hire Mike Arthur as a fire inspector. Mike was one of Ben's students and has been in the trades for 25 years. Ben took him along on an inspection at Pyramid and he was very enthusiastic. He seems to have good interpersonal skills. It was proposed that this be a ten hour a week position at \$16/hr. A schedule would be worked out so that Mike would be in on certain days.

Resolution #5489-To Hire Mike Arthur to do Fire Inspections for a Salary of \$160 a week based on a Ten Hour Work week.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Ben would also like the Village to hire Ray Wheaton as a consultant to train Mike. Ray formally headed up the City of Ithaca Fire Inspections.

Resolution #5490-To Hire Ray Wheaton as a Consultant to Train the Village of Lansing Fire Inspector for Up To 40 hours @ \$22.50/hr.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Ben stated that town houses are still moving in the Village. Cardamone has permits for four units. Ivar Jonson will be coming in for a 3-unit building once he finishes up the four unit building he is working on now. There are several houses in Millcroft. Ivar will be finishing the road and connecting to the southern connection of Janivar. John O'Neill thought that there was going to be a northern connection. Ben explained that if that was to be done then they would have to alienate park land. O'Neill is concerned with the connection of roads. Ben will review the phasing.

The church special permit for the former Bishop's building has been approved. Based upon that proposed project, on-street parking issues will be discussed at the joint meeting in November with the Planning Board. Retail business is slow. The Reuse Center is coming to Triphammer Mall.

Marty stated that the weather has been nice so production has been efficient. Lynn stated that the area back by the shop looks good. Marty stated that they have been trying to clean out back.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer