

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, November 13, 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; Fire Inspector, Mike Arthur; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; Laborers, Marty Moseley and Adam LaLonde.

Larry Fresinski called the meeting to order at 12:14 since the Mayor had not arrived yet.

Marty stated that the Department of Public Works has been trying to repair and maintain Village property that has been damaged by the public. A car hit the hydrant by Sevanna Park, a truck hit the guardrail on Cayuga Heights Road, and someone burned the trash can up at Dankert Park.

Jodi introduced Mike Arthur, the new Fire Inspector. Mike has been visiting commercial buildings in the Village to make sure they are in compliance and pointing out potential hazards. Mike informed the Board that he has completed 5 of 6 code classes. He will finish the last one on November 20th. Mike has 25 years experience in the construction trade. He is from Ithaca, but lives in Groton. Lynn asked if there was a huge back log of inspections that need to be done. Mike stated that we are a couple of months out, not too bad.

Mayor Hartill arrived.

Larry asked Mike if he was familiar with our website. He indicated that he is familiar with it. Larry asked if it is now required to have a sprinkler system in your house. Ben stated that at the national level they did pass the requirement for houses to have sprinkler systems that work off your plumbing system, but went on to explain that it is a three year code cycle. NY will review the model code from ICC and then decide regarding its adoption or modification. They are now in the process of reviewing 2006. Ben doesn't think this residential sprinkler requirement will become affective until at least 2012.

Ben stated that the Planning Board has been dealing with the parking issue. Ned and Ben will make up a map and then the Trustees can make a decision. Ben will also talk with John Courtney about the cost of signs. As we deal with assisted living and work force housing, Planned Development Areas/Planned Unit Developments may be useful. David Dubow had found some websites and materials regarding this subject for the Planning Board to look at and has advised Ned and Ben accordingly. Cayuga Medical Associates is moving along. Retail is dragging. We are seeing some special seasonal stores. Ben has contacted TC3 to see if their survey class would like to get involved with a Village open space/recreation area Stewardship Program. Ben has been working with Julie on the Building Code Administration and Enforcement Local Law. Julie mentioned that she had distributed the draft of the law to the Mayor and other Trustees and that it would be on the agenda for Monday nights meeting.

Don stated that he would not be at Monday night's meeting.

Ben stated that he had been receiving threatening emails from the Regional Code person because he hadn't filed a report. The Code official stated that we would not receive any new code books until the report was filed. This is yet another unfunded mandate. There is a surcharge on commercial insurance that goes to code programs, but when times have gotten lean the money that was originally earmarked for Code uses has been put into the general fund instead.

Jodi stated that the accounting auditors were here and completed their site visit. Everything went well.

Don stated that there seems to be some confusion on how we can close out the North Triphammer Project. Supposedly, Stan has already done an inspection and signed off but another inspector has to do signals. John Courtney will call Stan to clarify the final inspection. The bridge over Route 13 will be repaired this coming summer. The sidewalk will be torn out and they will replace the I-beam and some decking. The Cayuga Heights Road Bridge over Route 13 will be completely redone in 2011 or 2012.

Don will be meeting with Scott Pinney, Town of Lansing Supervisor, regarding snow plowing. Scott will have Joan send over the costs for Tompkins County over the last 10 years. The Village had no escalator built into the agreement, however the county did. They are also having discussions about Cherry Road Sewer and the new sewer agreement.

Don informed the Board that we would be getting money from DEC for the Kline Road Bypass. Don plans to give that money to the Village of Cayuga Heights to offset the increase in our sewer rates. Jodi questioned why we wouldn't just keep the money here to help our residents. If the money was given to the Village of Cayuga Heights, that offset would help all communities and not just the Village of Lansing.

Brent Cross told the Mayor that he would do the engineering inspections for the Bolton Point Subdivision. The Mayor of the Village of Cayuga Heights will have an agreement with Brent. Rizzo Contractors will be doing the roads and infrastructure for both Crossmore and Bolton Point. Bolton Point's share of the road came in at approximately \$1 million. Ben will give the plans to Brent.

The Mayor entertained a motion to have the Board authorize him to sign the agreement to work on the bridge over Route 13.

Resolution #5492-To Authorize the Mayor to Sign Form HC-140, Utility Work Agreement and to Enter Into Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation Regarding Route 13 Bridge

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

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

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

Larry stated that the Village email was used to report two lost animals this past week. Our email list is for the Village community. There are not a lot of rules and regulations, but it is not meant for commercial advertising. Cornell has announced a hiring freeze until the end of March which means there is no external hiring but employees can move internally. New construction has also stopped. Cornell is waiting to see how the economy will go. The State is in trouble.

Lynn stated that the Fingerlakes Reuse Facility has opened in the Triphammer Mall. They sell goods at reasonable prices that would otherwise go to a landfill. Lynn has been working on our gardens. Two deer have been taken on her property under the DMAP Program. Lynn asked Don if he had met the new County Administrator yet. Don has not met Joe Marine yet.

Julie Baker & John O'Neill had nothing to report.

Adam stated that they were getting ready for winter.

John Courtney informed the Board that the striping has been finished. Tompkins County went with water borne striping and it doesn't last, so John went with epoxy which costs a little more but in the long run will be cheaper because it lasts longer. Someone hit the guardrail on Cayuga Heights road and did some extensive damage to the guardrail. It was an expensive fix. There is a Drug & Alcohol Program for those with CDL Licenses which John would like the Village to continue with through 2009. The highway department has been finishing up miscellaneous projects. Lynn asked if they had taken care of the dead trees. John stated that they have to prioritize their work and they haven't gotten to that yet.

John stated that there was another water main break on Burdick Hill Road on Sunday night. He would like the Board to consider replacing the whole main down Burdick Hill Road. There are many breaks along there and he would like the Village to continue to be proactive. The main runs behind Foodnet to Burdick and onto Bolton Point. He would like to see that main moved out near the main road for easier access. An increase in the size of the main will also help with fire flows. Don told John to start looking into it. Don wondered how many linear feet it was.

Lynn asked how the brush pick up went. Many people didn't know when it was because they didn't get the newsletter. Jodi asked John if he placed an article in the Ithaca Journal. That would be a good thing to do next year also. Jodi also suggested a sign that would hang off our Village sign, much like the ones we use for announcing meetings.

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

Resolution #5493- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$87,167.37 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$755.59, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,239.52 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 Larry Fresinski-Aye

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

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 Larry Fresinski-Aye

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

There was one last item that needed to be addressed so the Board went back into their meeting.

Resolution #5494- To Participate as a Member of the Tompkins County Drug & Alcohol Testing Consortium for 2009

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

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

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

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 Larry Fresinski-Aye

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer