

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, December 15, 2008, in the Village Office.

Present: Mayor Don Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, Julie Baker, Lynn Leopold and John O'Neill; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow; Village Engineer Dave Putnam.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M. and opened the public comment period. Frank Moore, a former Trustee, commented that the streetlight that was installed at the corner of Cayuga Heights Road and Route 13 is a wonderful thing! You can now see the intersection at night. He no longer thinks it is necessary to reconfigure that intersection to make it a 90 degree intersection. He feels that all that is needed is to widen the entrance to Route 34. Jokingly, Frank stated that his only complaint is that there is not a plaque with his name on it on the streetlight pole. Lynn thinks that the streetlight along with a lower speed limit will also help. Don thanked Frank for his positive comment.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee Leopold moved to close the public comment period. Trustee Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Dave Putnam from TG Miller was present to give an engineer's report. Dave advised the Board that he is still planning on retiring at Christmas, but he will be coming back part time for TG Miller and will continue with the Village of Lansing. Lynn asked if he would be helping with Stormwater IDDE. Don stated that he would be surprised if the State, with their current budget situation, would have the money to deal with this. Stormwater is an unfunded mandate.

Dave stated that he has had no luck contacting the new owners of Northwood Apartments regarding the possible dedication of Northwood Road to the Village and the status of their decision. Don, Dave and John Courtney all met last week to discuss scaled back plans for Dart Drive. Dave stated that he may not be at the January Board meeting because he and his wife are going to do some traveling.

The next item on the agenda was to approve Minutes of previous meetings.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from December 1, 2008

Trustee O'Neill moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Clerk/Treasurer and the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker –Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold- Abstain

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee John O’Neill-Aye

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from December 11, 2008

Trustee Baker moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Clerk/Treasurer and the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker –Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee John O’Neill-Aye

The next item on the agenda was the proposed Building Code Administration and Enforcement Local Law. Don stated that Ben Curtis, Julie Baker and David Dubow have done a lot of work to get this law to its current shape. David indicated that the Board had previously received Proposed Local Law A (2009), Amendment to Village of Lansing Code-Replacement of Chapter 75 (Entitled “Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code Administration and Enforcement”); Deletion In Its Entirety of Chapter 62 (Entitled “Electrical Standards”) as Being No Longer Necessary; and Revisions to Certain Provisions of Chapter 145 (Entitled “Zoning”) to be Consistent With Said New Replacement Chapter 75 for its review and that it was now being formally presented to the Board for its consideration. Dubow went on to explain that the Village has a current Village Code chapter that provides for administration and enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code applicable to all municipalities and that this new local law provides for updated administration and enforcement provisions that are mandated by the State. The result is a new Chapter 75 of the Village Code to replace the existing Chapter 75 as well as certain additional revisions for consistency purposes. It was explained that the new Chapter 75 is in large part based upon the NYS model law with additions and modifications worked on by Ben, Julie and David and intended to reflect the Village’s current and intended administration and enforcement practices.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to set a public hearing.

Resolution #5501-To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law
A(2009) for January 5, 2009 at 7:35pm.

Trustee Baker moved to set a public hearing. Trustee Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O’Neill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Don reported that he is still working on NYSDOT to get the N. Triphammer Road Project

finalized and off the books. Don will be attending an MPO meeting tomorrow and will hopefully be able to get some answers to why they have been totally irresponsible. Don will also be drafting a letter to request that the speed limit be lowered on East Shore Drive from Burdick Hill Road down to the bottom of the hill.

It was reported that this summer there was an accident on the east side of the bridge over Route 13. Don has asked that the State add pedestrian markings and they have agreed to do so if they receive a letter from the Village. Don will write this letter which should insure that the State will then stripe the area and add signage that advises vehicle operators to watch for pedestrians. The contract to fix the Route 13 Bridge will go out soon. The State plans to do the bridge work next summer.

In the water category Don reported that there is progress being made regarding the construction plans and timetable for the sister tank proposed for Burdick Hill Road. The engineer thinks that there will be a significant amount of rust inside the tank so it will very likely be more expensive to paint, something that the Commission will need to deal with. Those potential additional costs will probably cause another increase in water rates. Once both tanks are in place and a pressure reducing valve is installed, the tank behind the Village Office can be removed.

Don stated that the Cayuga Heights Sewer Plant is going forward with its upgrades.

Lynn stated that at last months Stormwater meeting, John Lampman said that they were going ahead with the Warren Road project next year. Don confirmed that they would be reconstructing Warren Road north from Route 13. The Village plans to install a traffic light at the intersection of Bomax and Warren at the Post Office. The Village has agreed to pay for half of the signal which will be approximately \$50,000. The Post Office will not let us widen their drive to allow for a left turn lane which creates some design challenges. Don expects to see an increase in the amount of state and federal money that is allocated for infrastructure improvements. Economic activity will increase with added infrastructure.

Don reminded everyone of the Holiday Party at his home on Wednesday.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer

