

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, March 12, 2009, in the Village Office.

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

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order. John Courtney stated that they have been building a wishing well type structure in which to post the Park Rules for Dankert Park. They have trimmed back some trees at intersections to increase visibility. Mayor Hartill commented that he received a letter from Mr. Parks thanking the Village for such a quick response on the tree trimming. Lynn also stated that it is hard to see past the bus shelter on Sheraton Dr. as you are pulling out by Tompkins Trust Company. The limbs are very overgrown. John will look into whether the tree is in the Village right of way. John has been doing inspections at Bolton Estates. He and Julie have been working on designing and ordering a play structure for Dankert Park. It looks like it will come in under budget. John has spoken to Dave Putnam and he needs a letter stating that we would like him to start surveying on Dart Drive. Jodi will draft that letter for the Mayor.

Ben stated that the McLain Dog Kennel project at 1 Pembroke Lane has been downsized from a \$267,000 project to \$171,000. This translates to a building permit fee that would be \$234. Upscale Remodeling has asked if the Village would refund the difference between the \$392 that they originally paid and the new amount. Ben agrees that given the dramatic change in scope for the project at 1 Pembroke Lane – from an addition and extensive renovations to renovations and decks – he believes, in this case, that the reimbursement requested is justified. The revised project has not involved extraordinary inspections and some inspections that would have been required for the addition were not required when this part of the project was deleted. The proposed addition did necessitate a public hearing and Planning Board review which would not have otherwise been required, but our fee structure makes no provision for separating such costs from that of the building permit which for this sort of project is based on the estimated cost of construction.

Resolution #5513-To Credit \$158 to Upscale Remodeling Corp. for Portion of a Building Permit Due to a Downsizing of the Project at 1 Pembroke Lane

Trustee Fresinski moved this 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

Ben reported that there is a movable building in the Lansing Trails I development that is too close to a neighboring property line and may have to be moved. TOPS would like to add a gas station. TOPS has bought back the property from Ahold. The Cayuga Medical Associates Building is nearing completion. The Planning Board has been reviewing the Zoning Law. Bolton Estates has shaped up their Stormwater management.

The problem that Ben was having with his computer was only the monitor. He has purchased a new monitor and it is working fine. There still needs to be a decision made on whether to purchase a laptop or mini laptop to use with PowerPoint. The highway department has a laptop that could be used. The laptop is used occasionally during the day and the PowerPoint presentations are usually at night during meetings.

Homewood Suites is trying to get a sign on the Route 13 exit ramps, but the State is reluctant to give them a sign because a driver would very likely not know where to go once he or she got on N. Triphammer Rd. The Planning Board is working with them on trying to address this issue. Ben indicated that this will very likely be coming to the Board of Trustees.

Ben reported that Carol Klepack is moving forward with the Stewardship Program. The first property to be done will be the Edelman Property that was given to the Village. There are still some concerns with liability on trails.

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

Resolution #5514- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$138,799.84 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$251.77, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$3,736.47 is hereby approved for payment

Trustee Fresinski moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions 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, Julie, John O'Neil Adam and Marty all had nothing to report.

Mike handed out an article from an August/September ICF publication. He wanted to

educate the Board on concrete masonry and how it helps prevent damage in a fire. Cement based materials have excellent fire resistance. Fire walls are one of the issues he deals with regularly.

Don stated that we will benefit from the Stimulus Funds because Warren Road is on the list. At the MPO meeting it was announced that the Governor has not yet formally released information on what projects are to be funded. There is no word yet if the SCLIWC water tank project on Burdick Hill Rd. will be included. Don is still composing a letter to Bud Shattuck on the snow plowing issue. Don asked John Courtney how many miles the Town actually plows for us. John stated that they do approximately 17 miles and we do about one mile, which includes all the cul de sacs. Another thing that the Mayor thinks may have been included in the estimate that the Town gave us on the cost to plow the Village is the 2 ½ mile stretch of N. Triphammer Rd. which is outside the Village.

Don stated that he received an interesting email on unfunded mandates. Jodi will forward a copy to the Board members.

Don met with Brent Cross and Mayor Jim Gilmore from the Village of Cayuga Heights to talk about sewer. Don told Ben that he could reopen the negotiations with Pyramid Mall regarding the sidewalk on Graham Road West and Pyramid Drive since the N. Triphammer Rd. Project has been closed. Ben will talk to Pyramid. The contract for the N. Triphammer Rd. Bridge has been let. Hopefully, when they do this project we can also get them to stripe on the south bound and north bound on lanes for pedestrians. The NYSDOT standard to have a pedestrian way is a four foot wide walkway on a road.

The staff left the meeting and the Trustees stayed to work on the budget. Don informed the Board that the changes they had talked about at the last Board meeting have been incorporated into the budget that they were just given. The salaried employees have received a 3% increase. The hourly highway laborers were given a little more to bring their salaries up to being comparable with other municipalities.

The Board would like to see a 5-10 year work plan from the Highway Department. Lynn commented that a few years ago we received such a plan, but it would be nice to get an updated version. Jodi will ask John for that and get it to the Trustees on Monday at their next scheduled meeting.

Larry had to leave the meeting.

Jodi explained that she had gone through the revenue and expense reports and looked very carefully at what revenues we would still receive and which expenditures were actually going to occur this year, and has quite a few changes that she feels need to be made to reflect what is actually occurring. The Board agreed that Don and Jodi should go over the changes and present them as part of the proposed Tentative Budget to be reviewed by the Board Monday night.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Leopold moved for adjournment. 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

The meeting adjourned at 1:53pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer