

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, April 20, 2009, in the Village Office.

Present: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Larry Fresinski, Lynn Leopold, and John O'Neill. Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow; Planning Board Chairman, Ned Hickey

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. and opened the public comment period. Tom Deboer was present as part of the observers program. Tom introduced Terry of 15 Beckett Way as their newest participant. There were no other comments.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

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

Dave Putnam was present to give the engineer's report. He informed the Board that he had finally met with the owner representative for the new owners of the Northwoods apartment complex. They are in favor of transferring the existing private road to the Village, but the problem appears to be getting the consent of their lender. They appear eager to go forward with the conveyance and expressed their intention of continuing the discussions with the bank involved. Don stated that the construction design for this project is 70% completed and that the water main through there is half way through its useful life which should be an incentive to the new owners and their lender to convey the property to the Village.

Dave Sanders, the program manager for Locey & Cahill, was present to give the Board an update on the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium. Dave stated that they are looking at four areas: Cost savings, protection, stability and control. The consortium would operate under the rules and regulations of the State of New York Insurance Department which will provide regulatory oversight to the consortium. The goal of the consortium is to have the individual municipalities pool their resources in an effort to provide a health insurance plan or plans that would be less costly than that which could be purchased by each municipality on their own. The consortium would be made up of up to 17 entities which would include the county, city, towns and villages located within the boundaries of Tompkins County. If the consortium is successful it may expand outside of Tompkins County. The consortium will operate under and be governed by a Municipal Cooperative Agreement, a draft of which has been circulated. There would be a weighted voting model used based upon the significantly higher number of participants from the County and City, and Dave explained the proposed weighted voting process. He expects to have dollar amounts to present to us in

mid May. Additional information can be found on the web at www.tompkins-co.org and “clicking” the link for the Shared Services Health Benefit Study.

Mayor Hartill entertained the following motion:

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from April 6, 2009.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

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

Don stated that since Jodi has been on vacation for two weeks, the bills were not presented at the Thursday meeting. The Board reviewed the vouchers. Larry questioned the unemployment voucher for Mike Arthur. Don stated that he has talked to Jodi about this and he is not happy with the situation. The way New York State law is written, even though his full time employer released him the part time employer is stuck with the full tab for the first eight weeks.

Resolution #5521- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$33,332.31 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$7,702.37, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$108,976.24 is hereby approved for payment

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

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

Lynn asked for Don’s take on the health insurance consortium presentation. Don stated that we are a small organization and his analysis of our current coverage is that it is reasonable. He indicated that it may be more of a hassle than it is worth to attend the consortium meetings and participate in the program when only approximately \$1,000

might be saved yearly. Don will need to see the actual numbers before making a judgment.

Don stated that last Thursday evening he attended the Entrepreneur Meeting at which DeNapoli was the presenter. He found it interesting that Moody's has decreased the bond rating of colleges and NYS municipalities.

Don is still working with the Town on the snow plowing issue. He feels it is to the point where he needs to meet one on one with Town Supervisor Scott Pinney to reach a reasonable conclusion. We have also received a MOU for the Warren Road Sewer. It is intended that construction will start this summer. It is anticipated that there will be sufficient capacity in the Village's sewer system for this additional effluent, but an assessment will be done to confirm that capacity.

On the water front, SCLIWC is still talking about the City of Ithaca joining the commission. It has been proposed that they initially join as a customer and within two years become a full member. There is a lot of bad blood from the past. To invest the necessary funds to build a new plant on Six Mile Creek is significant. Bill Gray, who is the head of the City's Board of Public Works, wants his own plant.

Ned has talked with Steve Lauzier of Cornell Real Estate and he would like to come in and do a presentation to both boards on Affordable Housing. The Planning Board and Trustees will have this joint meeting on May 18th.

Ned reported that TOPS wants to install a gas station at their store at the corner of N. Triphammer and Route 13. TOPS is now locally owned and will be installing 30 new gas stations this year. They use to be owned by a company out of Holland. They will be in for a site plan review and special permit approval at the end of April.

Don reminded everyone that the Village elections are next Tuesday.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasure