

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, May 14, 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 at 12:25. Marty stated that they have completed their first round of mowing. Salt has taken its toll on the lawns along N. Triphammer Rd. Lynn commented that some of the trees along N. Triphammer don't look very good.

Ben updated the Board on what the Planning Board has been doing. TOPS gas station will be built this summer. The Y<CA will get a face lift. The first house in the Bolton Subdivision has been started. They are cutting trees and clearing broad areas. The Planning Board will look into "Do Not Disturb Areas". There is a struggle to maintain control over there. Ben has had inquires about assisted living. There is a need for this type of housing. We are trying to work out a solution for all the shopping carts that are being left on the sidewalks by the apartments. Ben has spoken with Pichels about having a storage place onsite. The Planning Board has been reviewing the Zoning Law and has found some minor changes. The activity at the malls is very weak right now. Paul Yamen fixed our roof at no charge. The plywood came up right above the back door. Ben suggested sending a thank you.

Lynn asked if Ben had heard any more on the farmers market coming to the Butler property on N. Triphammer Rd. Ben stated that they were moving ahead with the temporary commercial activity. If it is well received, Bob Butler will ask for an amendment. They hope to start in a month. Lynn was concerned with parking. Ben explained that there is a culvert to Hickory Hollow Lane and there are 100 spaces for parking at the restaurant next door. They have also been speaking with the neighbors regarding using their parking lots for overflow.

Homewood Suites would like to get a way finding sign on Route 13 but the law doesn't allow for a directional sign as required by NYSDOT. Ben also questioned if we did allow such a sign, where would it go on the south side of N. Triphammer or on the corner of N. Triphammer and Sheraton Dr. John will look at the sign law to see where the sign should go.

Mike stated that he has been through all A Occupancy inspections. Some are still not in compliance. As a Citizen, he observed a broken glass violation at the Dollar Store and told them. He was happy to report that the next week it was fixed.

Mayor Hartill entertained the following motion:

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from April 16, 2009.

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 Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Abstain	

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from April 20, 2009.

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 Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Abstain	

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from May 4, 2009.

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 Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Abstain	Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Abstain	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye	

Resolution #5542- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$40,054.96 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$576.33, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,141.56 is hereby approved for payment

Trustee Baker 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 John O'Neill-Aye

Don stated that he is about to write a letter to the Town of Lansing regarding our snowplowing contract. He would like to have a 5 year contract of \$50,000 with an escalator built in similar to the County with would be automatically renewable. Don has not heard anything on the water "white paper". Brent is concerned with sewer so Don will be meeting with him.

Larry asked about our strategy for Northwood Rd. Don stated that the owners are very interested but the hang up is with the bank. We can not work on a private road.

Lynn stated that the DEC Stormwater annual report will be filed electronically this year. She started it but for some reason her computer wasn't allowing her to fill in all pages. Lynn will come into the office and use Mike's computer to complete the report. We will go over this report at our June 1st meeting.

Julie received an email from youth employment services regarding a program where they would send in a team of 14-20 youths to do work for the village. Jodi stated that she had previously sent that same that to John Courtney. It is due tomorrow. Julie wondered if we could have them do road clean up, a gardening project or something else.

Lynn stated that Jena Speno from The Shops at Ithaca has volunteered to maintain the garden in from of the mall and that Dick Thaler has offered to maintain the garden in front of the Triphammer Mall. Lynn has not heard from Scriabba regarding the garden at the corner of Graham Road.

Julie stated that a Shannon Park resident asked her about the sidewalk from Borders to TOPS. Don explained that this is coupled with a property exchange with the Shops at Ithaca Mall. Some discussion took place about where the sidewalk should go. John Courtney will look into where to put the sidewalk.

John Courtney reported that they saved the village about \$5,000 by trimming our own trees. 40 dead trees were removed from the Janivar Drive area. They hauled 6 loads to the Town of Lansing brush pile. The crew has been doing lawn work. Some drainage work was done in front of the office. They used a little extra seed and mulch so that the grass comes in thick and they don't have to go back and fill holes. They are gearing up for Dart drive. John needs topographical maps from TG Miller. John hopes to work with the Town of Lansing on this project.

Ben asked where we are with Northwood Rd. Don stated that the owners of Northwood Apartments want to give us the road but they are waiting on the bank. Ben asked where we were with the Stewardship program. Don stated that he mentioned to TG Miller about a program and survey maps. Ben suggested that we bring in a surveyor to pin lots and have the surveyor set the signs. John Courtney suggested we set the pins in 10 feet and have us do it so it would save us money. A surveyor is a good reference point.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Fresinski 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 John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/ Treasurer