

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, August 3, 2009, in the Village Office.

Present: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, Lynn Leopold, John O'Neill, Julie Baker; Attorney David Dubow; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. and opened the public comment period.

Dan Veanor asked if everyone has gotten their Harbor Fest t-shirts. Lynn asked if we contributed any money to the festival. Jodi stated that Ed LaVigne had requested that we make labels for them, which she did. Dan reported that Ed LaVigne has raised over \$13,000 in six weeks for the log cabin project. The Town of Lansing Board chose a site just inside of Myer's Park for the cabin to be placed. It is a rustic setting by the hedgerow by Ford's Marina. The cabin will not be completed by Harbor Fest weekend. Martin Keefe will do the mudding/clay between the logs of the cabin as part of an Eagle Scout project. They will still need volunteers to dip shingles.

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 John O'Neill-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The next item on the agenda was to consider an amendment to the TOPS Planned Sign Area. At their July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting the Planning Board reviewed and discussed the amendment and has recommended approval of the changes to the Directory sign and the signs for the new TOPS fueling station. Pictures of the proposed changes were distributed to the Board members.

Resolution #5558-To Approve the Amendment to the Planned Sign Area for TOPS

Trustee O'Neill moved this resolution. Trustee Julie Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from July 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 John O'Neill-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Abstain

Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The Planning Board has also recommended that Lisa Schleelein be appointed as an Alternate Member to the Planning Board. The candidate attended the Planning Board meeting on July 28th and met the members present. She expressed a keen interest in participating in Village affairs and was interviewed by phone prior to the meeting by Planning Board Member Stycos who strongly recommended her as a candidate. Unfortunately, the candidate was unable to attend the Trustees meeting because she is out of town; however Ned Hickey, Planning Board chairperson, has requested that she be appointed in abstentia if possible as some members of the Planning Board will be absent in August. Dubow suggested that if the Board wishes to appoint Lisa, it should be to fill the annual term.

Resolution #5559-To Appoint Lisa Schleelein as Alternate Member of the Planning Board Through May 31, 2010

Trustee O'Neill moved this resolution. Trustee Julie Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

During Mayor's Comments, Don stated that there has been some discussion on natural gas horizontal drilling and the fracking method. Natural gas exploration is being done on the Marcellus Shale. Don explained that with a grant of mineral rights a property owner might not be able to forbid drilling on their property. However, NYSDEC regulates drilling matters and can regulate the water used and how it is disposed of. Don does not see any way we as a municipality can manage this. Other municipalities are trying to get the drilling companies to bond for issues such as truck damage to local infrastructure. Don is worried about the traffic and how these large trucks will tear up our roads. Conventional drilling is going on in the Town of Lansing. The Village of Cayuga Heights sewer plant was disposing of fluid that was used for drilling until the news hit the paper and people complained.

Don indicated that at the recent SCLIWC meeting it was reported that customers have not been using as much water in the area so a significant rate increase is likely. Don continues to suggest working on the income side. The commission also continues to discuss what kind of new water tank to build at the Burdick Hill site. He explained that it

is \$300,000 cheaper to install a blue Harvestore tank instead of a concrete tank. The lifetime for both tanks is equal. The draw back is its noticeable blue color and its height which is ten feet higher than a concrete tank. This is an issue in a residential neighborhood. The Town of Lansing Planning Board previously completed a site plan review based upon a concrete tank and it is unclear as to whether further review will be necessary if the Commission chooses to install one or more blue style tanks. The Commission will be discussing this again at their Thursday meeting.

The Town of Lansing will not have their planned sewer lines ready to install before the new Warren Road construction is undertaken. Don hopes that our share of costs for the traffic light at the corner of Warren and the Post Office/Bomax Drive will be less due to the amount of additional funding the County will be receiving from the Feds.

Don has heard nothing on Northwood Drive. Part of the road has been repaved. We ordered salt for road maintenance this winter. We will put up a temporary cover to protect our backhoe for the winter.

During general discussion, John O'Neill distributed a hand out on what AARP and Humana have to offer for retiree health insurance. Don stated that we need to meet with the employees to talk about the Health Consortium before we make any decisions on insurance coverage. The coverage is slightly different than what they currently have. Dubow stated that the Consortium Agreement provides that everyone will have one vote, however, it also provides for weighted voting under certain circumstances whereby the City of Ithaca and Tompkins County, with the greatest number of participants, each have more than one vote. Julie Baker agreed to meet with the employees the week of August 24<sup>th</sup> to go over the health insurance offered by TCOG.

John also stated that he has been in contact with John Hatfield regarding a NY agency known as Sharp Shooters. They get hunters to go out at night with special guns and scopes and clear as many deer as they can in one or two nights. There is a cost to the land owner associated with this, not the municipality. John asked if one of the other Board members would be willing to talk with them further. Larry will speak with them next week.

Motion- To Go Into Executive Session for Pending Litigation at 8:15 p.m.

Trustee Leopold moved to go into executive session with respect to pending litigation. Trustee Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Motion- To Come Out of Executive Session 8:38

Trustee Leopold moved to come out of executive session. Trustee Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Resolution #5560- To Grant the Mayor Authority to Engage Counsel for the Pending Litigation Commenced by Sun Path Property Owners Regarding Water Service and Related Matters, in Which Litigation the Village is One of the Named Defendants

Trustee Baker moved this motion, Trustee Fresinski seconded. A vote was taken:

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

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 Larry Fresinski -Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye	

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Jodi Dake  
Clerk/Treasurer