

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, October 19, 2009, in the Village Office.

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

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M. and opened the public comment period. Dan Veanor reported that the reconstructed log cabin is up in Myers Park. They were able to use more of the original logs than first expected so the extra hemlock logs they had ordered were used for the rafters. Ed LaVigne still needs to raise another \$5,000 for the chinking that was originally going to be done by boy scouts.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

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

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

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from October 5th.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from October 5, 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 Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye	

David Dubow stated that Homewood Suites has started the process to have a NYS Tourist-Oriented sign on the Route 13 exit ramp. Since Homewood Suites is not on Triphammer Rd. and is difficult to locate, the State requires that there be additional signage to direct motorists to the location. David explained that the proposed new sign requires that Homewood Suites obtain the written consent from the Village as the owner of the right-of-way. Dubow has drawn up a draft Revocable License Agreement for the Board's consideration and approval specifically permitting the sign to be located within a designated area of the North Triphammer Road right-of-way. David has also prepared a resolution to approve the License Agreement and authorize its execution by the Mayor. The exact location of the sign has been approved by John Courtney, Superintendent of Public Works. The proposed sign is 2 ½ square feet and meets all of the Sign Law

requirements. There is a unique problem in this area with the lay out of the traffic lanes. Larry suggested that if this sign placement doesn't give motorists enough time to turn left onto Sheraton Drive, we may want to require that the sign placement be moved to a newly designated location before the turn into Triphammer Mall and require a new sign that designates the second left, being Sheraton Drive, as the direction to Homewood Suites. Don agreed that the sign can be moved if it doesn't work. David added that the Agreement is worded so that if it needs to be relocated it can be.

Resolution # 5570-To Approve License Agreement With Ithaca Suites, LLC

WHEREAS, Ithaca Suites, LLC (Licensee) is intending to obtain the required consent(s) and authorization(s) from the New York State Department of Transportation for the placement of one or more New York State Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs to be located on NYS Route 13 and/or the exit ramps at the intersection of said NYS Route 13 and North Triphammer Road in the Village of Lansing [the "NYS Directional Sign(s)"] for the purpose of directing vehicular traffic to Licensee's Homewood Suites facilities located at 36 Cinema Drive in the Village (the "Homewood Suites"); and

WHEREAS, the placement of the NYS Directional Sign(s) by Licensee requires the further placement within the Village of Lansing (the "Village") of one or more Local Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs to provide local directional guidance (i.e., subsequent turns or critical decision points) to the Homewood Suites [the "Village Directional Sign(s)"]; and

WHEREAS, Licensee has obtained the required approval from the Village Planning Board and Village Superintendent of Public Works (the "Village Approval") for the placement of a Village Directional Sign on North Triphammer Road [the "Homewood Suites Directional Sign"] in accordance with Sections 115-7.2 and 115-9 of the Village Code, the Village Approval of the Homewood Suites Directional Sign and the specific location of the Homewood Suites Directional Sign being set forth on Exhibits A and B attached to the License Agreement referred to below; and

WHEREAS, the approved location of Licensee's Village Directional Sign is within the road right-of-way of North Triphammer Road, which Road is under the control and jurisdiction of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Approval is conditioned upon Licensee obtaining written authorization, as required in accordance with Section 115-9 of the Village Code, from the Village Board of Trustees to locate the approved Homewood Suites Directional Sign in the road right-of-way of North Triphammer Road; and

WHEREAS, the Village is willing to grant a revocable license to the Licensee for the location of the Homewood Suites Directional Sign in the road right-of-way of North Triphammer Road in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in a proposed License Agreement with Exhibits A and B attached thereto (the "License Agreement"),

which License Agreement and Exhibits have been submitted to the Village Board of Trustees for its approval; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees wishes to confirm its willingness to approve the License Agreement and to authorize its execution on behalf of the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees hereby (i) confirms its approval of the License Agreement (with Exhibits A and B) and (ii) authorizes the Mayor, on behalf of the Village, to execute the License Agreement in substantially the form presented to the Board, together with all other related documents deemed proper and necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Trustee Baker moved this resolution. 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
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Mayor Hartill reported that he has received a letter from The Shops at Ithaca Mall regarding their water bill that has more than doubled this quarter. Jodi has spoken with Gina Speno, general manager, regarding this bill. It was assumed that their increase was due to the flushing that was done in June when we had the sewer break. John Courtney confirmed that only 79,500 gallons were used for the flushing process which translates to approximately \$328. Jodi then relayed this information to Gina. Jodi also contacted Bolton Point to have them go out and read the meter again to be sure there wasn’t a mistake with the reading. Jodi informed Gina that they were responsible for paying their bill on time because the increase was not caused by us and that more than likely they have a leak somewhere.

During the Mayor’s comments Don stated that the City of Ithaca has formally decided to build their own municipal water plant as opposed to joining SCLIWC. We had our first snow last week. It didn’t stick to the roads but the Village Highway Department went out on a dry run. There was a very serious accident last week on Cayuga Heights Road. Three young men were speeding when they were launched from the guardrail, hit the embankment and ended upside down. One man was trapped for quite some time. About 40 emergency personnel were at the scene. Cayuga Heights Fire Department has pictures on their webpage. It was indicated that this incident just reconfirms that speeding in this area is a serious problem. Don stated that we have moved the radar speed sign to the north bound lane. Once Don receives the data that was collected by the radar sign he will inform the Board. John O’Neill suggested that we install a three way stop at the intersection of Oakcrest & Cayuga Heights Rd. to slow traffic down. Don stated that he and John have already talked about this.

Don has not heard from the Town of Lansing on their sewer project. John O'Neill will be going to the Town Board meeting on Wednesday so hopefully he will be able to give the Village Board an update after that. Warren Road has been paved and striped but Don doesn't think that is the final coat.

Don reported that the Tompkins County Health Department is concerned with the water tank behind the Village Office. When the tank comes down it will be more favorable to use the airport ground tank to feed the Oakcrest grid. Don has asked David Putnam and John Courtney to go forward as quickly as possible. Since we will be using a tank that is ours, we won't contribute as much to the other tank. Don indicated that the \$3-4 billion budget reduction that is being sought by the Governor doesn't affect us since we get so little from the State.

John O'Neill asked if the Mayor had sent a certificate to Mrs. Kim thanking her for all her work on the gardens between our properties. Don will do that this week. Lynn stated that she did not send out thank you's to people for taking care of the gardens around the Village this year because most didn't do anything. She is very disappointed and thinks that next year we should get the youth employment kids to do the work.

We received a call at the office around 4:30pm stating that our website is down. Jodi confirmed the problem and reported it to Larry who called Danica. This is the first time in a long time that our webpage has gone down. Time Warner Cable is our internet service provider but our email path and website are through Danica.

David Dubow asked if any of the Board members had seen the deer article in the Metropolitan section of the Sunday New York Times. He indicated that downstate communities appear to be having the same issues as we do here. Lynn stated that the DEC held meetings around the State last week on Forest Health & Forest Management. She feels they need to increase the number of DMAP tags that each hunter is allowed. Currently it is only two. Don thinks that the State needs to revisit the bow hunting regulations and change the 500 ft. from a dwelling requirement for bow hunting. If they did that it would open up a lot more hunting possibilities in the Village. Lime disease is also getting to be an issue.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Baker moved for adjournment. Trustee Leopold 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
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer