Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, December 7, 2009, in the Village Office.

Present: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, Lynn Leopold, John O'Neill and Julie Baker; Attorney David Dubow.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. and opened the public comment period. There was no public comment.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

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

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

Next on the agenda was to approve the minutes from November 12th & 16th.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from November 12th & 16th

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 Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

The next item on the agenda was to consider setting public hearings on Proposed Local Law E, Village of Lansing Elderly Persons Real Property Partial Tax Exemption Law and Proposed Local Law F, Village of Lansing Disabled Persons With Limited Incomes Real Property Partial Tax Exemption Law. David Dubow explained that Proposed Local Law E provides for amendments to Article II of Chapter 129 of the Village Code relating to the Village's existing Elderly Persons Real Property Tax Exemption Law. Proposed Local Law F provides for an amendment to Chapter 129 of the Village Code adding a new Article IV setting forth a proposed Disabled Persons With Limited Incomes Real Property Tax Exemption Law. As discussed at the November meeting, both of the tax exemption laws reflect the increased maximum income levels for eligibility as most recently approved for 2010 by the State Legislature. One of the questions was whether siblings would be covered and it is clear that they would qualify for the exemption. The County Assessment Department is the agency that reviews each case to see who qualifies.

Motion-To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law E, Amendment to Village of Lansing Code-Village of Lansing Elderly Persons Real Property Partial Tax Exemption Law for December 21, 2009 at 7:35pm.

Trustee Fresinski moved to set the public hearing. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Motion-To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law F, Amendment to Village of Lansing Code-Village of Lansing Disabled Persons With Limited Incomes Real Property Partial Tax Exemption Law for December 21, 2009 at 7:40pm.

Trustee Fresinski moved to set the public hearing. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

During the Mayor's comments he discussed the de-commission and removal of the water tank behind the Village Office and future building plans for that location, road/snow plowing matters, and Bolton Estate Subdivision road/trail matters that also involve the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission. He reported that he had sent a thank-you note to Mrs. Kim as he had promised, and had also sent correspondence to the State Police and County Sheriff's Department regarding speeding in the Village which he believes has resulted in more tickets being issued. An additional speed recording device is being purchased. The Mayor also indicated that he had sent correspondence to the County Sherriff's Department regarding sewer plugging problems that are originating at the County Jail facilities on Warren Road.

Condolences were expressed to Lynn on the passing of her husband Carl, and Lynn spoke of Carl and their house that was constructed from the pine trees that Carl had planted in Wisconsin as a kid with his father. The trees had to be thinned at the time they were planning to build so they used the harvested trees.

Under general discussion, John O'Neil inquired regarding the status of the Cima stormwater retention pond matter and its possible conveyance to the Village, and the Mayor responded that is still being evaluated. John also reported on Village employee health insurance matters and distributed additional information and documents for review and consideration. John and Lynn also spoke about deer control matters in the Village.

The Mayor advised the Board that the annual Holiday Party would be held as usual at his house on December 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Jodi Dake Clerk/Treasurer