

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, December 17, 2009, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Larry Fresinski; Trustees Julie Baker, John O'Neill and Lynn Leopold; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; Laborers, Marty Moseley and Adam LaLonde; Code & Zoning Officer, Benjamin Curtis; Fire Inspector, Mike Arthur.

Deputy Mayor Larry Fresinski called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

Jodi stated that she has emailed the draft Planned Development Area/Zoning Law document that the Planning Board has been working on and that will be considered at Monday night's meeting. The public hearings that were set for Monday, December 21 for Proposed Local Laws E & F need to be rescheduled since the legal ad didn't go in the paper. This is not a time sensitive issue so there are no problems with rescheduling the hearings for the January 4th meeting.

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 January 4, 2009 at 7:35pm.

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

Deputy Mayor Fresinski-Aye	Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-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 January 4, 2009 at 7:40pm.

Trustee O'Neill moved to set the public hearing. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Jodi will have the legal ads run in the Ithaca Journal on December 23, 2009.

A copy of the final audit for 2008-09 is now available in the office if anyone would like a copy. John O'Neill asked Jodi to explain the new health insurance to the Board. Jodi

explained that starting January 1st we are switching to a different BCBS Plan that cost approximately \$200 less a month for a family plan and has about the same coverage.

John Courtney stated that things are going well in the Village. They are still trying to work out a pattern for plowing the Village so that they are more efficient. They had hit a couple of mailboxes but have repaired them. There have been a few water breaks this month. Adam added that we had 2 breaks in two days. John stated that the bulb in the exit light in the Village office conference room has been replaced so we are compliant with the fire code.

Lynn stated that we will not get the IDDE Stormwater Law done by the end of the year. She asked Ben if he had had a chance to look at Dryden's IDDE. Ben had not done it yet. Ulysses and Dryden were both audited and Ulysses is under a consent order because they didn't submit their annual stormwater report.

John O'Neill reported that the Town of Lansing had installed solar panels on the garage roof. They estimate that the pay back time will be six years. It was suggested that this be considered when we build a new building. Ben thinks that there is grant money for something like this. He will forward information and materials to Lynn.

Larry asked if we were having trouble with the battery on the radar sign. The battery dies quickly in the cold weather and with the large volume of traffic. In the future we will look into other sources of power. Larry also noted that there was a voucher to HEP for a very expensive toilet. John explained that we actually had to buy two toilets because the first one cracked when they were installing it and HEPS would not replace it. They did give us the new toilet at their cost. It is energy efficient.

Mike Arthur stated that there is not a lot going on. He met this morning with the new operations manager at The Shops at Ithaca Mall to go over change of occupancy procedures. Things are not getting done. Ben stated that the Mall seems to be hurting but Triphammer Mall is doing quite well. Kinney Drug should be opening this weekend. Lynn stated that the Reuse Center will be doubling in size for a Computer Reuse Center.

Ben stated that Planet Fitness has opened at The Shops at Ithaca Mall. The Planning Board has been working on the proposed Zoning Law/Planned Development Area provisions. The changes will put the primary decision-making control in the hands of the Trustees. The original PDA provisions that are now only effective as to the Shannon Park development provided for application/approval language, but the newly proposed provisions emphasize the PDA process as being a legislative/rezoning procedure which is entirely at the discretion of the Trustees. Ben feels that David Dubow has done a good job with drafting this. The Planning Board is also working on zoning rewrites and is working on finalizing the Conservation Easement for the Bolton Estate Subdivision. Currently there are not a lot of big projects going on so Ben has been able to get through paperwork in his office.

Marty stated that he completed the final code class last week. It was asked if there was a test he now had to take. There is an exam after each class. Now he will only have to attend the refresher class each year.

Larry entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5580- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$42,229.67 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$64.09, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$8,077.68, is hereby approved for payment, and

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

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

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Leopold moved for adjournment. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 12:55pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/ Treasurer