

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, February 11, 2010, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Larry Fresinski, Lynn Leopold, Julie Baker John O'Neill; 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.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

Shawn Lindabury had previously talked to the Board about Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance (MEGA). There is stimulus money, administered by NYSERDA, available right now for renewable energy projects. Jodi has been working with Shawn on getting all the necessary information for a solar panel proposal. The deadline for this is February 17th. Shawn has come to the meeting to answer any questions the Board may have. Jodi stated that her main concern was that the solar panels are made in another country and she feels that defeats the purpose of stimulus money. However, Shawn stated that one of the requirements of this implementation funding for small municipalities is that it must be made in America. Shawn explained that if our proposal is accepted we would have to get additional quotes from different companies that manufactured solar panels here. Due to the time constraints this was the only quote that was received from Upstate Energy Solutions. Ben stated that our office is actually an excellent place for solar panels since it is so close to the ground, and it could also be a showcase. Since the life of the solar panels is about 30 years, John suggested shingling the roof before the solar panels are installed.

One of the decisions that the Board needed to make was what percentage of cost sharing the Village would contribute. Shawn suggested at least 10%. The total quote was for the project is \$38,900. Don suggested that we contribute 15-20% which would be about a 7-8 year payback. Shawn stated that if the Board decided to accept the Climate Smart Community Pledge that would also earn the Village 4 additional points.

Resolution #5592- Climate Smart Community Pledge

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments which is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of Lansing, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate will

1. Pledge to Combat Climate Change by Becoming a Climate Smart Community

Set goals to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to predicted climatic changes. Establish a task force of local officials and community members to review the issues and propose a plan of action. Designate a point person who will oversee climate change initiatives and publicly report on progress. Work cooperatively with similar task forces in neighboring communities to ensure that efforts complement and reinforce one another. As an official signal of commitment and for access to technical resources, sign on to a widespread climate campaign such as ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability - Climate Protection campaign.

2. Set Goals, Inventory Emissions, Move to Action

Gather data, inventory GHG gas emissions, and establish baselines for local government operations and community sectors. Develop quantifiable interim GHG emission targets consistent with emission reduction goals and propose a schedule and financing strategy to meet them. Encourage stakeholder and public input and develop an action plan. Report emissions to The Climate Registry (TCR), which has developed a standardized method for reporting emissions inventories; use ICLEI and TCR's tools to track and evaluate progress.

3. Decrease Energy Demand for Local Government Operations

Adopt a goal of reducing electricity use by 15 percent from projected levels no later than 2015.

Existing Public Facilities. Inventory current building electricity usage and identify opportunities for conservation and efficiency retrofits. Obtain

energy assessments from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), the New York Power Authority, the Long Island Power Authority or other professionals. Consider actions such as purchasing energy efficient equipment and appliances, such as ENERGY STAR®; improving lighting, heating, and cooling efficiency; setting thermostats for maximum energy conservation; decreasing plug load from office equipment; and increasing pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems.

New Public Buildings. Achieve at least minimum U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards (LEED Silver) for all new local government buildings.

Infrastructure. Incorporate energy efficient technologies and operations and maintenance practices into municipal street lighting, traffic signals, and water and wastewater treatment facilities.

Vehicle Fleet and Commuting. Improve the average fuel efficiency of local government fleet vehicles. Discourage vehicle idling and encourage bicycling, car-pooling and public transit for employees. Consider reducing the number of vehicles; converting fleet vehicles to sustainable alternative fuels; and using electric vehicles where possible.

4. Encourage Renewable Energy for Local Government Operations

Supply as much of the local government's power, heat and hot water needs as possible from solar, wind, and small hydro through purchase or direct generation.

5. Realize Benefits of Recycling and Other Climate Smart Solid Waste Management Practices

Expand the "reduce, reuse and recycle" approach to waste management in local government operations and in the whole community. Reduce the amount of solid waste generated -- promote backyard composting, implement volume-based pricing and educate residents on how to prevent waste. Promote reuse by organizing community-wide yard sales, and providing a space for drop-off or trade of reusable goods. Provide recycling receptacles in local government buildings and outdoor spaces, require duplex printing in government offices, compost food scraps and green waste, and adopt a comprehensive green purchasing program.

6. Promote Climate Protection through Community Land Use Planning

Combat climate change by encouraging low-emissions development that is resilient to climatic changes. When updating land use policies, building codes or community plans, include provisions to combat climate change;

reduce sprawl; preserve and protect open space, biodiversity, and water supplies; promote compact, transit-oriented, bikeable and walkable communities; promote infill development; minimize new development in floodplains; maintain or establish healthy community forests; and promote best forest management practices and encourage tree planting, especially along waterways, to increase shading and to absorb carbon dioxide.

7. Plan for Adaptation to Unavoidable Climate Change

Evaluate risks from unavoidable climate change, set adaptation goals and plan for adaptation. Identify climate change impacts (such as flooding, drought, and extreme temperatures) that could affect the community. Identify areas such as water supply and sewer infrastructure that may be at risk due to sea-level rise and future changes in climate. Factor risks into long-term investments and decision-making. Execute climate change adaptation and preparedness measures through local government planning, development and operations, giving priority to the highest risk areas.

8. Support a Green Innovation Economy

Identify opportunities to incorporate climate protection, sustainability and environmental goods and service industries into economic development plans. Encourage workforce development training and school curricula that support the emerging green collar job sector, including renewable energy and energy efficiency, as well as climate smart solid waste management practices. Procure climate smart goods and services for local government operations and support modernizing of local and national electricity grids.

9. Inform and Inspire the Public

Lead by example. Highlight local government commitment to reducing energy use, saving tax dollars, and adapting to changing conditions. Demonstrate the benefits of energy savings, energy efficiency, and renewable energy projects by hosting open houses; distributing fliers; holding local meetings; working with school districts, colleges, and universities to develop climate change curricula and programs; engaging faith-based communities in climate protection; and regularly communicating community climate protection goals and progress to constituents.

10. Commit to an Evolving Process

Acknowledge that research and policy on climate protection are constantly improving and evolving. Be willing to consider new ideas and commit to update plans and policies as needed. Compare successes, cooperate and

collaborate with neighboring communities to redirect less-effective actions and amplify positive results.

Trustee Leopold moved this resolution. Trustee Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Resolution#5593-To Submit a Proposal for Implementation Funding for Small Municipalities American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) with a Local Contribution of 20%

Trustee Leopold moved this resolution. Trustee Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Mayor Hartill signed the agreement so that Jodi could mail it today.

John Courtney stated that they have not had too many complaints on snowplowing. He ordered another 300 tons of salt yesterday. They have been working on the plumbing that needs to be done to take the Oakcrest water tank off line. The meter for the conversion should be in today. The tank is draining now, and once the controllers are in on the PRV it will be done. The highway department has patched a few potholes.

Adam stated that we had a water break on Warren Road last week. The line was pretty deep. John stated that we need to look at trench safety. We currently borrow trench boxes from the Village of Cayuga Heights but we may want to consider getting our own.

John O'Neill stated that the Town of Lansing is planning on rebuilding their marina in Myers Park this spring. Jodi stated that they have been rebuilding the docks this winter so they can be installed in the spring. John also stated that the Town was not having an independent audit done this year which will save them close to \$10,000. John has spoken with some of his neighbors and Ivar Jonson who would like to see the temporary road closed at the end of Ayla Way so that people can't cut through there. Don thought that that might be a problem with the fire department. Ben stated that on the subdivision plat, and as provided in the conditions of approval of the subdivision, it states that the temporary road has to stay there until the Janivar connection goes through. It is a second means of egress to Lansing Trails. You are required to have two means of egress.

Lynn stated that they are clearing trees by Borg Warner and she wondered if they would be replanting. Ben stated that it had to be done to meet FAA requirements. Ben thinks that they will be replanting the area with low canopy trees. Lynn asked if a SWPPE report was completed. Ben stated that the County has authority to supersede us on this and he doesn't know if one was completed. Lynn also wondered where all the logs went.

Jodi stated that she received a call from RoseMary Scriabba who questioned why her water payment check had not cleared the bank yet. Her payment was never received at the office. It seems that it was lost in the mail. She asked if she could mail another payment out and have her late fees waived. She has never been late on any of her three accounts.

Resolution#5594-To Waive the Finance Charge on the Following
Accounts: M1691- \$115.91
M1680- \$ 10.59
M1966- \$ 6.19

Trustee Fresinski moved this resolution. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Jodi explained that Brent Cross received a 4th request for release of funds on the Bolton Estate project. The amount requested is \$148,785, leaving \$150,000 remaining on the account. Brent recommends that the Trustees accept this request. Jodi had previously forwarded an email from Brent Cross to the Trustees verifying the completion of the road and other site improvements in compliance with the Village's specifications and plans approved by the Planning Board. Brent recommended an amount of \$150,000 for the warranty security. This is coincidentally the same amount remaining on the current letter of credit. The Board should decide if Mr. Crossmore should offer a new security, or "rollover" the current LOC.

Resolution #5595- To Reduce the Bolton Estate Subdivision Letter of Credit to \$150,000 and Allow this Current Letter of Credit to Remain as the \$150,000 Warranty Security

Trustee Leopold moved this resolution. Trustee Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Mike Arthur stated that with the inspection checklist he is using now it is taking less time for electrical inspections.

Ben stated that he would like to commend Mike for doing a good job. There is a value to having this done on a regular basis. Ben has been spending time with Marty and he has been doing very well with the Planning and Zoning training he has been given. Ben thinks he will work out well.

Ben stated that an affordable housing grant was submitted for the property on Dart Drive. They are proposing 80 units on 23 acres. They will be one and two family units for low income subsidized housing. They are proposing a cluster subdivision with townhouses like Ivar Jonson's development. NPR out of Cleveland is handling this. Ben is not completely sure how it will work, but Better Housing may own the land under the houses. This is an opportunity to meet affordable/work force housing needs. The pictures and proposals are attractive. This is still a ways off. If they get funding they will need to do preliminary studies.

The Planning Board has been talking about goals and incorporating construction sustainability values. Lynn has asked David Newman from Cornell to come talk to the Planning Board.

Ben stated that Hope's Way has closed. It was bought by CTB and they will be moving in there and the old Rite Aid spot at Triphammer Mall. Ben stated that the Triphammer Mall is doing quite well. Lynn added that the Reuse Center is expanding to allow for Computer All Stars. Even with the expansion, the space is still not big enough. P&C in the Cayuga Mall will probably be closing. The franchise was bought by Tops. Julie asked if anything was going into the Watercress Restaurant building across the street. Ben stated that we will probably see a new restaurant coming in there.

Don entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5596- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$28,239.24 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$74.45, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$4,351.39, is hereby approved for payment, and

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Don stated that they have been starting to discuss a new building. Dave Putnam is putting a preliminary design together for a new garage and office. Jodi stated that she spoke with Shawn and there may be monies available for consulting on energy efficiency. It would

be a good time to incorporate Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Standards (LEEDS). Don looks at this as an opportunity to have a demonstration project.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Fresinski moved for adjournment. 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

The meeting adjourned at 1:28pm.