

Village of Lansing

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

PRESENT: Trustees 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.

Lynn Leopold called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

Jodi informed the Board that Don, Julie & Larry would not be attending the Monday, March 15th meeting so it needed to be canceled. Mayor Hartill has requested that we schedule a joint meeting with the Planning Board on March 30th at their regular meeting.

Resolution #5602 -To Cancel the March 15, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting and Schedule a Joint Meeting with The Planning Board for Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 7:30pm.

Trustee O'Neill moved to reschedule the meeting. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Jodi stated that all of the salaries that the Board of Trustees discussed in executive session have been incorporated into the budget along with the benefits. \$10,000 was also added for hiring a summer laborer for the Highway Department. A8020.44, Planning Board Contractual was only given \$200 and Ned had requested \$4,000 which would include training. This was also updated. On Monday the Village received a letter from the Joint Youth Commission stating that the annual amount which we pay them has been increased to \$13,500. A7310.4, Youth Programs Contractual needs to be increased to \$27,450. To accommodate all these changes A1120, Non-Property Tax Distribution has also been increased by \$1,097.00.

After reviewing the appropriated cash surplus again, Jodi found that in the Water Fund we would not be receiving \$83,000 from metered sales. Last year during the budget process the Board assumed that the surcharge would go up to 40% but it never was increased. Therefore, an increased amount will be transferred in from Capital Reserve. The amount transferred to General from water was increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to cover the cost of a mini excavator that will be used for water breaks but is being bought out of the General Fund. Jodi stated that if everyone agrees with the proposed budget then a public hearing should be scheduled.

Resolution #5603 -To Set a 2010-2011 Budget Public Hearing for April 5,
2010 at 7:35pm at the Village Office

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

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Jodi needs everyone's newsletter articles by March 19th. She would like to send out the newsletter on March 23rd.

John Courtney stated that this winter we did 72 snow plowing trips around the Village. We used approximately 665 tons of salt. This translates to 9.25 tons per run as compared to last year when the Town of Lansing did our plowing they used 16 tons per run. John stated that the initial start up was the most expensive part of doing our own plowing. Julie asked who should be called if someone has a problem with snow. John told Julie to have them call him at the garage or on his cell phone.

The Highway Department has done some patching of holes and places where there were water breaks in the roadway. Tomorrow will be the first round of street sweeping in the Village. Mainly, we will sweep the main curbed streets. In the next month John plans on doing crack sealing. The Highway Department will also work on getting a gate on the Wakefield Trail and some pet sanitation signs.

The water tank behind the office has been tested for asbestos by Microbac. John was happy to report that there was no asbestos found.

Julie will be attending the Emergency Services Meeting on March 30th from 5:30-7:30. She will therefore be late for the joint meeting. Julie asked that whenever we put an ad in the Ithaca Journal we also send it to our email group. The small print they use is very hard to read. Jodi will send a note to Larry.

Lynn Leopold stated that Caroline Spicer came to the Planning Board meeting and gave Lynn pictures of the area in front of Kinney Drugs during the last snow storm. She wants us to reexamine the walkways to the Triphammer Mall. John Courtney stated that if there is ever a problem in our right-of-way she can just call him and he'll get someone over there to help, but he can't do anything on private property. The area of concern is owned by Triphammer Mall. Jodi asked if it was just going to take some time to train the pedestrians on the new walking patterns much like what had to be done with the motorists and the new traffic patterns after the N. Triphammer Road Reconstruction. Ben stated that the sidewalks zig zag. Ben contacted Bob Barnes when he was informed of a problem with the snow and they went out and cleared the walkways. Ben stated that there is no code that says you must plow your sidewalk. This last snow storm was also a very unusual circumstance.

Lynn stated that the TCAT bus goes through the Triphammer Mall and it is ruining the road. Ben feels that the Planning Board should look ahead when developers are building roads or parking lots where buses will be traveling through so that they are built to handle the load.

Lynn has joined the Water Resource Council. She is a member of the Educational Committee.

Ben stated that we will start to test the new Planned Development Area local law on March 30th when Triax comes to the joint Board of Trustees/Planning Board meeting with a proposal. This new PDA law gives us a chance to be more in the driver's seat. Representatives of Cornell's City & Regional Studies Department came to the last Planning Board meeting to give a presentation on how the trend is going from big box stores to boutiques. Ben feels Marty is progressing well in his training for the Zoning and Code Enforcement position. There is some light residential going on now in the Village but not much else. The unity House has just opened in Lansing Village Place. It is an adult daycare type of facility. There was a fire on Oakcrest Road which revealed many unsafe conditions.

Lynn has been working with Ben and the Planning Board on a proposed Illicit Discharge local law. Lynn will be forwarding it to David Dubow so that it can be finalized for presentation to the Board of Trustees, after which a public hearing can be scheduled, the Board can act on it, and it can eventually be incorporated into the Village Codification. The Planning Board is also looking at incorporating green building standards. There are NYSERDA Grants available for this.

Marty stated that except for during the big snow storm, he has been working with Ben in preparation for his taking over the Zoning and Code Enforcement position after Ben's retirement. He has done some plan review, inspections and signed up for some classes in Montour Falls. Ben stated that he and Marty were also doing a Webinar in March on Fire Alarm Sprinkler Systems.

Lynn entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5604- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$33,420.60 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$131.58, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,585.58, is hereby approved for payment, and

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

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Baker moved for adjournment. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:08pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer