

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, April 5, 2010, in the Village Office.

Present: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees John O'Neill, Larry Fresinski and Julie Baker; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow; Planning Board Member Mario Tomei.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M. and opened the public comment period. There were no comments.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

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

The next item on the agenda was a public hearing on the 2010-11 Budget.

Motion-To Open the Budget Public Hearing

Trustee Fresinski moved to open the public hearing. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

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

Don felt it wasn't necessary to go through the budget line by line since that had already been done at previous Board meetings. He asked if there were any questions. Larry stated that he was not surprised that we didn't have a crowd here for the budget hearing considering we have a low rate. Don stated that according to the report in the Ithaca Journal, the Town of Lansing levy is up 40% and the Village of Lansing is the only municipality that has decreased over the last several years. Don credited this to looking at life time costs and careful financial planning.

Don explained that each year the Village plans to do the usual road maintenance on one and a half miles of road. We are trying to get started on Dart Drive for this year. Dave Putnam has had a phone conversation with the owners of Northwood Drive and he is optimistic about the road being conveyed to the Village. The money budgeted for DPW equipment is to purchase a mini excavator which will be very helpful with water line repairs and other projects in tight spaces. The rest of our equipment is in good shape.

The salaries have all been increased. Don is proud of our skeleton staff and the way they get the job done. This year we plan to expand the garage so that we can store all of our equipment. The three bay addition will go off of the east side of the current garage. To allow for turning room we will be cutting the first twenty feet off of the salt storage building. Setbacks may need BZA approval because of the current location of the stream behind the garage. The funding for this project will come from the Capital Projects Fund that is not part of the budgeting process. This is left over money from the N. Triphammer Rd. Reconstruction Project. The Oakcrest Water Tank will also come down and the Village plans to build a new office building in that location. The current office will become a storage/record retention area. We will continue to use the conference room in the current office building. We are currently waiting on a final design.

For the water fund we will need to increase the surcharge by the July water billing. The current budget plans for an increase in the surcharge from 30% to 50%. The DPW will be purchasing a trench box to be used in water repairs but that will come out of this current year's budget. We will be assisting Bolton Point in replacing the transmission line in front of McDonald's this summer.

Don asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion-To Close the Public Hearing

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

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

Resolution # 5605- To Adopt the 2010-11 Proposed Budget as the Official Budget

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

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

Don stated that interviews for a Motor Equipment Operator to fill the vacancy which will be created when Marty moves to Code & Zoning will take place tomorrow. John Courtney and John O'Neill will be interviewing five candidates.

Next on the agenda was to approve the minutes from January 13th, March 1st & 30th. March 11th could not be approved without Lynn being present.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from January 13, 2010

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 Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from March 1, 2010

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

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

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from March 30, 2010

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 Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

The next item on the agenda was to talk about retiree health insurance. John O'Neill has been working on this with the employees. John suggested that to be eligible for Retiree Health Insurance from the Village of Lansing you must be 55 or older, must have at least 20 years of full-time service with the Village of Lansing, and must have applied for and been granted a bona-fide benefit from the New York State Employees Retirement System. Larry suggested adding "continuous full-time service". The Board agreed with these requirements.

The next decision to make was to define the benefit for those that retire before and after the age of 65. John suggested that from age 55-65 years old the person will be eligible to participate under the Village's standard health insurance policy as generally made available to employees of the Village. When the retiree reaches 65 years, or otherwise attains Medicare eligibility, the retired employee shall be eligible for the Medicare Supplemental Plan (Medigap). The Retiree will pay for Medicare and the Village of Lansing will pay 100% of single coverage for the Medigap insurance. Don suggested that there be a cap on the amount the Village would pay to give the retiree an incentive to find the best priced insurance. The Board discussed different formulas to use. Jodi suggested that the Board decide how much they were willing to spend and to back into it from there. The Board thought that they would like to spend from \$1,500 to \$2,400 on an annual basis. Don suggested that if the retiree is currently on the Village Health Insurance, the Village will pay for 60% of single-person standard health insurance with the Village of Lansing insurance policy. If the retiree is on a spouse's plan when retiring, the Village will pay 60% of the cost of

single coverage through a spouse's health plan in an amount that does not exceed what it would cost to be on the Village's policy.

Jodi suggested that reimbursement be done on a yearly basis. Request for payment will be made by the retiree by May 1st each year. To receive payment one must submit a copy of the paid bills or a letter from the spouse's employer stating how much was paid.

For the retiree that wishes to continue on the Village's current health plan they would have to pay quarterly in advance for the insurance minus 50% of the cost for single coverage.

John will work with Jodi to come up with some costs and language. It was also suggested that this plan be reevaluated every five years based on the CPI. The Board will revisit this at their next meeting.

Jodi stated that Finger Lakes Technologies Group, Inc. (FLTG) has evaluated our current phone and internet charges incurred by the Village and presented us with a proposal that would save \$879.36 yearly. Julie stated that they use FLTG at her place of employment and they have good service. The Village's current internet contract with Time Warner Cable is up in May 2010. Larry suggested that we also get a quote from TWC which includes both our phone and internet. Currently we have our phone service through One Communications and our internet is provided by TWC. If we decide to change over to FLTG it will take a couple of months to get the fiber optics in.

Don stated that there is a big hole in the road that leads into the Cayuga Mall by HSBC Bank. The hole is on the malls property so the Village of Lansing is unable to fix it. During the N. Triphammer Road reconstruction the Village took over a small portion of that road but Don would like to take over more of that road because it serves the bank and would be easier for plowing. The Board agreed that the Mayor should go forward with trying to take over 100 feet and get a turn around easement for the plow.

The Mayor has received a complaint about there being no signage in Bolton Estates at Blackchin Blvd. and Rockcress Lane. The Village has accepted the roads with conditions and until all of those conditions are met we can not do any work there. Dubow thinks that the conditions should be met soon. Don asked Jodi to have John Courtney go ahead and order the signs so that once all the conditions are met we can get those signs installed immediately.

Don informed the Board that Ken Butler of Bolton Point has passed away. He managed all the electronics for Bolton Point and will be missed.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer