

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, May 13, 2010, in the Village Office.

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

Deputy Mayor Fresinski called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm. Marty stated that he has been working with Ben getting a better handle on the Planning Board minutes, learning his filing system and picking up a little with the permits. He has sprinkler training at the Fire Academy in Montour Falls this weekend.

Adam stated that they were doing brush pick up this week. They were down on Sun Downs Road for over 2 hours. They have also been mowing.

Larry welcomed Nolan Hatfield, the newest employee in the Department of Public Works. Larry explained to him that this is an informal meeting that we have once a month to find out what's going on in the Village. Nolan stated that he is trying to learn where everything is in the Village.

John O'Neill stated that he had placed an article on "What Local Governments Can Do to Minimize the Negative Impacts of Gas Drilling" into all of the Trustees' folders. The main concern he has is the effects it will have on our roads. He also handed out paperwork on AARP Medicare Benefits.

All the Trustees received a letter from the Tompkins County Election Board regarding the elections that took place in April. There was a Planning Board meeting also scheduled for that night so the elections were moved from the conference room into the Code & Zoning Office. Jodi had called down to the Election Board and they said it was fine to move it as long as it was handicap accessible. Julie questioned whether we should move our election date. Lynn commented that the Community Party goes door to door collecting signatures for the candidates and if it were to be moved forward a month it would be very cold to be going from house to house. Jodi stated that in the past the Planning Board has moved into the Code & Zoning office but this meeting was also an informational meeting and they expected a large crowd. In the future the Planning Board should either cancel the last Tuesday meeting in April or move it to another day.

Lynn would like to volunteer to paint the white section on our Village of Lansing sign. Jodi stated that Mrs. Kim volunteered to paint the sign last year and there was a reason why she did not paint the whitewashed part. John Courtney will talk to Mrs. Kim and find out what the issue was. John Courtney suggested we get aluminum signs to hang from the village sign instead of the current ones we have. He will bring samples to the Board.

Lynn stated that the light on the Village sign is out quite often. Adam stated that they replace the bulb about once a month.

Lynn asked if the solar panels were in yet for the speed sign. John stated that it was in and they were just waiting on lights so that they could rent a lift one time and complete both projects.

The proposed Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Local Law (IDDE) has been crafted and has gone to David Dubow to review and incorporate into the Village Code format for presentation to the Board. Lynn feels like the focus is on commercial property owners. She feels it will be important to let businesses know about this new law. Ben recommended that the information be sent out with the Fire Inspector. Jodi suggested that a copy of the IDDE be emailed to all the businesses. The Fire Inspector has been collecting email addresses when he is gathering other information for fire inspections. That would be a good starting place.

Lynn is still working on the annual Stormwater Management report. She would like to have a public information session at the Board meeting on May 17th.

John Courtney stated that he has been reviewing plans for the new garage. Ben reminded him that the Village will need a special permit for the garage. John has run across his first easement issue on the corner of Dart Drive. Jodi sent a letter to TG Miller to let them know that they should proceed with the water design for Cayuga Heights Road and Burdick Hill Road. John is looking into a new phone plan. The signage has been installed at Bolton Estates. Ithaca will be paying for installation since we have not officially taken over the road yet. John stated that he needs to get together with David Dubow to discuss taking over the 100 ft. section of road by HSBC.

Larry stated that he has sold his house and will be moving to Las Vegas in July. He is in the process of handing over the webpage duties to Jodi. Larry suggested that Marty buy a laptop computer so that it can also be used for power point presentations. He also suggested looking into getting a computer that has a built-in projector.

Mike had nothing to report.

Ben informed the Board that the circus was coming to the Shops at Ithaca Mall this weekend. Ben continues to focus on the proposed Triax PDA and that seems to be coming together well. They will be meeting with them next Tuesday. They are now also proposing a restaurant up behind the Ramada that is not part of the PDA proposal. They are rolling the restaurant into the traffic study that they have prepared for the PDA proposal. Ben feels this may be the time to also address the road swaps that have been discussed on and off over the last several years. Graham Rd. West is owned by Pyramid but it seems more reasonable for the Village to take over ownership since it serves a few other businesses. John Courtney stated that AG Edwards owns to the center of Graham Rd. Ben suggested that if everything goes well with the planned meeting next Tuesday

the Board of Trustees and the Planning Board should consider having a joint meeting on June 7th and then again on June 29th.

Montessori school is looking to subdivide its property up behind the Village garage. They would like to add a gymnastics/dance studio. Originally it was two parcels and they combined them into one.

Some Village residents are concerned with low income housing coming in on Dart Drive. This is a little premature since no plans have been presented to the Village. The Village has no pre-determined position one way or another at this point, but understands the neighbors' concerns.

There is some concern with the activities that are taking place behind the Shops at Ithaca Mall in the area between there and Shannon Park. Ben will alert Mall Security. It was suggested that if anyone sees any wrongdoing they should call the Sheriff.

Lynn would like to get people to adopt the gardens around the Village since she doesn't have time to maintain them any longer. Jodi suggested sending a message out to the yahoo group.

Larry entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5630- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$25,263.31 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$128,793.61, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$10,554.08, 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 Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

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

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Trustee Larry Fresinski-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer