

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, October 4, 2010, in the Village Office.

Present: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees John O'Neill, Lynn Leopold, Patricia O'Rourke and Julie Baker; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow; Planning Board Member, Phil Dankert

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm and opened the public comment period. There were no comments.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill -Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye	

Next on the agenda was to approve the minutes from July 19th and Sept. 20th.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from July 19, 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-Abstain	Trustee John O'Neill -Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Abstain	

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from September 20, 2010

Trustee Leopold 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'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill -Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye	

Karen Coleman, Diane Schmidt and Phil Dankert were all present to discuss the youth programs in which the Village participates. Karen has been the County liaison to the

Tompkins County Youth Commission for 15 years. Diane is the Village of Lansing representative on the Joint Youth Commission. Phil Dankert represents the Village on the Recreation Partnership Board.

One of the big concerns is that Tompkins County is talking about eliminating youth funding in the 2011 Budget. If this happens they will lose 21 full time employees. Annually the Village contributes about \$13,500 to the Joint Youth Commission. These monies help to fund the Learning Web Youth Works, Student Work Initiative, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Coddington Road Community Center. These Youth Development Programs are purposefully designed to promote and provide opportunities for youth to gain important life skills. This allows youths to have meaningful roles in their communities. The JYC prioritizes preemployment skills and initial employment experiences for youth. The JYC members are appointed by the Boards of the municipalities they represent. The current members are the Town of Ithaca and the Villages of Cayuga Heights and Lansing. The Commission evaluates youth needs and makes funding recommendations accordingly. Members actively engage in program monitoring and evaluation of programs.

Karen explained the Program Pyramid. In 2009 there were 1202 participants in the Recreation Programs, 503 in Youth Development Services, 204 in At Risk Services and a very low number in Probation which is the most at risk. .

Phil explained that every municipality in Tompkins County, except the Town of Lansing, belongs to the Recreation Partnership. Even though Village residents can participate in the Town of Lansing's excellent recreation programs, the kids want to be able to participate in activities with their friends that they go to school with. Many of the Village of Lansing students go to the Ithaca Schools. The funding for the Recreation Partnership comes from ¼ Tompkins County, ¼ Town of Ithaca, ¼ City of Ithaca, ¼ from the remaining municipalities. The Village contributes approximately \$14,000 each year. Mayor Hartill stated that the Village plans to continue at our current level of funding. It was suggested that Trustee O'Rourke serve on the County Board. This will give us a real view of what is happening.

The next item on the agenda was the Workplace Violence Protection documentation that Jodi had previously prepared and which the Board had previously discussed at the last Board meeting. David Dubow provided a revised version of the original draft of the Village of Lansing Workplace Violence Prevention summary and notice that we are required to post in the Village Office and explained that he had tried to modify the language to more clearly reflect the Village's obligations and duties as a public employer with less than 20 full time employees. It was explained that since the Village has fewer than 20 employees, we are not required to have a formal written Workplace Violence Policy. However, the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan summary that had been prepared and would be required for larger public employers will be used as a training tool each year. It was observed that the Village is low risk. David indicated that a Village representative and an employee representative needed to be designated, as well as a Village contact person for incident reporting. The Board will decide at the Thursday

meeting who will be the designated parties so the document can be formally approved. Review will also be added to the annual Organization Meeting.

Mayor Hartill reported that he thinks that the County Jail will be installing a grinder to avoid any future sewer clogs. The Mayor sent a letter to Sheriff Meskill and Tompkins County Facilities stating his concern over the past clogs that resulted from inmates putting foreign objects down the drains. Don received a call from the Chairman of facilities. The head of facilities has also contacted John Courtney.

Don attended the Chamber of Commerce breakfast as did Lynn. Tompkins County has a budget problem. Much of this is caused by unfunded mandates. One of the many unfunded mandates that affect the Village is stormwater management. The Mayor indicated that the Village is currently spending approximately \$30,000 a year for stormwater management related engineering services.

The bid specifications have gone out for the Addition to the Village Maintenance Garage & Shop. The bid opening will be here at the Village office on October 14th.

The Highway Department is currently installing storm drains on the north side of the lower end of Dart Drive. We will reconstruct Dart Drive next year.

Brush pickup will start October 11th. The newsletter has gone out with the specific information.

Lynn stated that she must get one signature before submitting her deer hunting plan for approval. The Village has received 40 DMAP tags.

Pat asked if we could get 30mph signs at each end of Oakcrest Rd. since speeding seems to be prevalent on that road. Currently there is one sign half way down the road. Pat feels at that middle point the speed limit notice is too late. Jodi stated that she sees many people getting stopped for speeding on that road by the NYS Police. Don will speak to John Courtney about this.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer