

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, December 15, 2011, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Lynn Leopold, Patricia O'Rourke and Julie Baker; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer Marty Moseley; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; Laborers, Adam LaLonde and Nolan Hatfield.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:40pm.

John Courtney stated that they have used one ton of salt so far this year. John expressed how nice it was to have a large garage to work on the trucks, although it is a lot to clean and keep up. Last month there was a water main break by a willow tree in Sevanna Park. They also had buried the valves which was a problem. The valve is covered by 8 feet of dirt which they will remove. There was a circular water main break which appeared to be at the Durst residence, but the actual break was about 208 feet to the south of the Durst property. John stated that the main in the area is not in good condition.

Dave Putnam, TG Miller Engineer, presented the Board with a map showing areas of concern with the water main on Cayuga Heights Road. The question Dave had for the Board was whether we should do a change order or a rebid. Dave will get a price from LRS, the current contractor. Dave also stated that he spoke with Wayne Knoublauch regarding the stream issue on his property. Wayne told Dave that he would arrange a meeting with Robert Miller. This has not been done yet.

Adam LaLonde and John O'Neill had nothing additional to report.

Julie asked the Mayor if anything has been done regarding installing a streetlight on the strip of land behind the Shops at Ithaca Mall by Shannon Park. John Courtney will look into this. John will talk to the neighbors to see if it is an issue. John stated that they have cleared the trees in that area and have bought a product which will remove the graffiti off the fence, but hasn't actually gotten around to doing that yet.

John Courtney stated that BJ's has wall packs on the west side of the building which weren't on the plans. Lynn stated that she, Phil Dankert and Lisa Schleelein are working on crafting a lighting law.

Mayor Hartill stated that he has a list of proposed consultants to send a letter to regarding analyzing the conditions, issues and potential impacts of development in the Small Area Plan Study as provided by the County Planning Department. Due to the sensitivity of this issue, it will be discussed at Monday's Board meeting. On Monday the Mayor will ask the Board to authorize him to write a letter requesting proposals and to choose a consultant based on the responses. The Village has received a list of consultants from John Kanter and Ed Marx. Jodi will place the RFP prepared by Tompkins County

Planning Department on the Village website so that residents can view it before Monday's meeting.

William Shang of 6 Coventry Walk has submitted a petition to the Village requesting to designate tax parcels 46.1-7-99.1 and 46.1-7-100 as a park in perpetuity with due recognition of the Edelmans. He has requested this appear on Monday night's agenda.

Mayor Hartill stated that he met with US Rep. Richard Hanna before he left for Antarctica. Don gave the Board an update on his trip to the North Pole. He will share pictures after the meeting is over.

Jodi stated that she has spoken with Dooley Keifer regarding the Youth Board issue. Dooley was under the assumption that this was just for recreation when in fact it is for all youth services. Jodi spoke with Amie Hendrix, Director of Youth Services, regarding issues such as funding, board responsibilities and the number of Village residents that participate. Jodi has summarized this and will forward this information to the Trustees. Amie will send participation information; however, it will be on 2010. Pat O'Rourke stated that we spend a lot of money on Youth Services but we need to know what for.

Nolan had nothing to report.

Marty stated that 7 Rockcress Lane has a final CO and 1 Rockcress is getting close. BJ's fuel services plan documents have arrived. The Business and Technology Park is remodeling the 10 and 30 Brown Rd properties. Target will soon be remodeling its interior and adding more grocery type items. There are two Japanese Restaurants going in. One will be in the Shops at Ithaca Mall and the other in the Cayuga Mall. Marty has received five applications for the Fire Inspector position from Tompkins County Personnel.

Marty stated that the Village will need to get special permit approval for the new Village Hall. Julie questioned whether this building is big enough for any need we may have in the future. Don stated that we have a very lean operation which works well for the Village. The Village has 5.5 employees and a \$3.5 million budget as compared to Tompkins County who has 750-800 employees and a \$130 million budget. Jodi stated that the new building was planned with two extra offices for future staff increases if needed. The Mayor will also have an office which he didn't have before.

Mario Tomei, Planning Board Chair, was present to inform the Board of two Planned Sign Area issues that would be coming to the Board. The first request is from Applebee's, as part of the Top's Planned Sign Area, to change their awnings from stripes to green with a portion of an apple on them. The way a sign is defined in the Village Sign Law as currently written, pictorial images are deemed signage. If this is the case, then just one awning would add 23 square feet to the signage for Applebee's. The Trustees thought that the new awnings looked much nicer than the current and older striped awnings. Don stated that in his mind signs had words. Julie liked the awning with a red apple. The other two awnings had an apple but it was green on green. Mario added that the lighting wouldn't change. The second sign issue was the Japanese Restaurant going into the

Cayuga Mall and as part of the Cayuga Mall Planned Sign Area. Marty stated that based on the frontage of the store, their proposal is two times the allowable size. It was suggested that they take the box out and do a roof with clay tile and then a sign above that. Mario feels a larger sign would be a waste because you can't see it from North Triphammer Road anyways. The Trustees were not opposed to the change and the Planning Board will come up with a more specific recommendation.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5803- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$40,809.08 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$639.52, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$106,973.36, is hereby approved for payment

Trustee O'Rourke 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 Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Baker moved for adjournment. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill -Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:52pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer