

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, May 17, 2012, in the Village Office.

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

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Dave Putnam stated that the bid opening for the Sewer Main Replacement Project was May 15th at 2pm. Dycon Construction NE, LLC of Pine City New York was the lowest bidder at \$82,500. This bid was quite a bit lower than the next bid of \$147,700 by Boland's Excavating and Topsoil, Inc. Before this is recommended to the Board on Monday the references will be checked. Dycon is a new partnership that was formed about a year ago. John O'Neill wants to make sure that we don't run into another situation like we did with the 2011 Water Project contractor. Putnam stated that there is one problem with the easements, but he is working that out. Moseley stated that he spoke with Eric Goetzmann and he would like to move some of the trees in that area so that they don't conflict with the sewer line. Marty will have Goetzmann contact Putnam to discuss this. Lynn asked how far down the sewer line was. Putnam stated that it is about 8-12 feet down.

Putnam added that LRS should have all the restoration for the water project up to where they stopped last year completed by the end of the week. Courtney added that the residents say they are doing a nice job restoring the area.

John Courtney stated that they have placed large rocks on both sides of the Bolton Point Access Road. They cost about \$200 each. Lynn feels we still need a sign down in that area. John has contacted Dave Fernandez to get a quote to clean up that subdivision. The plantings around all the light poles and the cul de sac are all a mess. The developer planted them but they are maintained by the Village. Courtney stated that they could spend weeks down there. This arrangement was established when the road was dedicated and at that time John was against so much beautification. The development needs a homeowners association to maintain these gardens.

Nolan has been doing roadside mowing. Adam has been trimming around trees and guardrails. The dead tree on N. Triphammer Rd. will be replaced. Lynn stated that the pear trees on N. Triphammer Road should be about three times bigger now. John reminded her that the soil along there is not very good. She suggested we consider replacing sick trees next year.

Shannon Park residents would like a flower garden at the Village owned lot at the Beckett Way and Wedgewood Road intersection. Courtney has offered to install a flowerbox and topsoil and then let the community plant flowers and maintain the area.

Lynn brought up the email regarding a problem with the signal at Graham Road. The problem is if you are turning left into Graham Road West it takes three cars to stack up before it trips the loop since it is so far back. Courtney will get the cost of putting a loop in and/or motion sensors. John added that N. Triphammer is starting to deteriorate so we will need to repave it in two years. It will be a big job since we have to mill around all the catch basins.

The Route 13 northbound exit ramp will be closed tomorrow from 6am to 11am to repave the ramp. Also, the bridge will get paved before this weekend's graduation. The State took all the traffic loops out. It was asked why two turning lanes are not designated as you turn onto N. Triphammer Road from the Northbound Route 13 Ramp. Mayor Hartill stated that the reason there are not two turning lanes is because you need a certain turning radius for tractor trailers and the bridge is not wide enough to accommodate this. Lynn also stated that the bridge is a problem for pedestrians. Courtney stated that the east side of the bridge now has a pedestrian signal by the off ramp of the south bound lane. The State has also reconfigured the handicap ramp in that area. Don added that with the new paving there will be a bike lane again. Courtney will send a note to Stan to confirm this.

Ivar Jonson was supposed to have completed a new road this year. Moseley stated that it has not been done yet.

Adam LaLonde stated that they have been busy mowing. All equipment is running well. They also have trimmed the trail in the Lansing Trails Subdivision.

Julie Baker stated that she attended the "Empowered, Power from the People" video presentation last night on alternative forms of energy. It was interesting and she has the DVD if anyone would like to borrow it.

Fire Inspector Brian Quadrozzi should have all the assembly spaces in the Village inspected by the end of June. He will then move to Cayuga Mall, Lansing Village Place and the Brown Road area. He will get clusters caught up first. He also is slowly catching up on electronic record keeping.

Lynn stated that at the upcoming Monday Board meeting she will present the Stormwater Annual Report. This year it is different in that we will file the report jointly for the first time with the other MS4's in Tompkins County. Another issue that is facing this area is the Hydrilla problem. The State is taking this very seriously. Lynn will give an update at Monday's meeting.

Mayor Hartill stated that the Bolton Point access road is officially now a village road. We need to start thinking about a name for it. There have been complaints of skateboarders, trash, unlawful activities and partying in this area. Don asked Courtney if the streetlights

work down there. John stated that the light at the bottom has been knocked out. John will replace the light and put a shield up so it can not be knocked out again. Lynn stated that we need signage in that area which states the property guidelines. John will post the park rules.

Don stated that the Annual Water Quality Report that was mailed out to Bolton Point customers contained an error. Bolton Point's total trihalomethane running annual average for 2011 was 58, not 82, ug/l. The corrected report is available on the Bolton Point website. The City of Ithaca has received a bit of a sticker shock for their new water system. When they originally looked into building a new plant the cost was \$12 million. Now the cost is \$36 million and climbing. Don has spoken with the Mayor of Ithaca and the new Board may be reconsidering the offer of receiving their water from Bolton Point.

Jodi stated that she has been working with Jay Franklin at the TC Assessment Department to place a message on the tax bills explaining the change in how we will be collecting sewer unit charges that are paid to the Village of Cayuga Heights. The note at the bottom of the tax bill will say:

“PLEASE NOTE: The rate for the Lansing Sewer Rents (SD324) has been removed from your tax bill and will now be on the Water/Sewer Billing at a rate of \$3.22/1,000 gal of water consumed. For more details please go to www.vlansing.org”

This will save the Village from doing an extra mailing or add additional paperwork to the tax bills. The detailed explanation that appeared in the last newsletter on this subject will be placed at the top of the webpage so that it will be easy for residents to find. Tax bills go out June 1st.

Jodi asked for clarification on paying Ben Curtis for retiree health insurance. The problem is that he doesn't have an individual policy, he has a family policy. The employee handbooks states “When a retired employee reaches age 65, or otherwise attains Medicare eligibility, the retired employee shall be reimbursed annually for 100% of their **individual** Medicare Supplemental Plan (Medigap) or another Supplemental Plan in an amount not to exceed \$2,400.” Ben's request was for a reimbursement of \$2,400 when his total Family coverage is \$3,276.51. The Board decided that since this is a family policy it should be divided in half to determine an individual amount due. This would be \$1,638.26. The voucher is included in Abstract 12.

The Town of Lansing has sent out a newsletter to all town residents which everyone in the Village should be receiving soon. This is the first newsletter they have done since 2008. They plan on publishing one more in the fall and then will go electronic. Jodi has contacted the Town to see if we could include an article in their next newsletter since they usually submit an article to ours.

Jodi has spoken with Xerox and Ricoh representatives about a new color copier/scanner for the office. Jodi requested that someone from the Board also review the information. Don suggested that we find out how they prevent against viruses on thumb drives. He also would like us to find out what the base operating systems are for each copier.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5870- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$39,695.79 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$14,844.65, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$15,550.79, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee O'Rourke moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted and Trustee Leopold 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

Pat O'Rourke left the meeting.

Marty Moseley stated that Tompkins County is trying to get a Mitigation Plan together. Marty will send the email he received on this to all the Trustees. They want to be proactive as apposed to reactive. The Village currently has their own Mitigation Plan.

Ivar Jonson has a swale problem which will be resolved by digging the swale one and a half feet deeper once the field dries out. Courtney stated that he just got a call and this was going to be started today.

Marty has been contacted about a Telecommunications Law-Federal Act that would allow a distributor to bypass our local zoning. The law is very vague. Marty called NYCOM on this. The Mayor suggested that Marty investigate this further with David Dubow.

Marty reported that Eric Goetzmann was in to the last Planning Board meeting to request changes to his special permit for the commercial/BJ's component of the Lansing Meadows PDA. It has to do with relocating trees and the sidewalk to BJ's, and increasing his Planned Sign Area (PSA). The Trustees will see a recommendation from the Planning Board at Monday's meeting on the proposed PSA increase in signage. Eric must also work with the Lighting Commission on the BJ's lights before their Temporary CO is up. Carts being left around the Village are still a problem. Marty is working on composing a

law. Julie stated that she heard a lot of complaints during elections. The Mayor asked Marty to email it to him so that he can review it before it went to the Board.

Lynn asked if the Highway Department could mow and weed where the benches are at the entrance to Pyramid Drive. Courtney stated that that was planned for this afternoon. They have been trying to get the Village cleaned up before graduation.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

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

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:35.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer