

## Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, June 14, 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 12:25 pm.

John Courtney stated that he is happy with the mowing that the guys have done this spring. In his absence they have taken initiative to get work done and the Village green areas look very nice. They have fixed the streetlights at Bolton Estate Subdivision and installed three cameras in that area and one at Dankert Park. Don asked John if he had a key to the gate that blocks the access road that goes down to the lake. He and Don both have keys. John stated that the 1-ton truck needs to be designated as surplus equipment so that it can go to auction. John attended Highway School this week and a new law has been passed where a municipality can now buy off other counties' municipal contracts if the municipality adopts a resolution to do so. John feels this would be a great advantage to be able to do this.

Julie Baker stated that at our last meeting Phil Dankert had asked about getting "No Smoking" signs at Dankert Park. His main concern was with the role model issue for kids. Courtney stated that they can install a "No Smoking" sign. Adam also suggested a cigarette butt container.

Mayor Hartill suggested we invest in a wood sign for the Bolton Estate Subdivision Park area that states that it is a Village of Lansing Park and the hours that it is open. It was also decided to have a metal sign made stating the park rules. Lynn stated that Neil Tarrello has been in to complain about the activity in that area. Signage may help deter these activities.

Courtney stated that Limbwalker Tree Care out of Trumansburg completed tree trimming for the Village on Beckett Way, Warren Road and both sides of Uptown Rd. John stated that they were the cheapest he found. They will come again and do some work in the park.

Lynn stated that the elm tree in front of the office was very messy. Don stated that it will have to come down when the new office is built. The smaller trees out front will have to come down also. John will check with Limbwalkers to see if they can be saved and moved. Courtney stated that he spoke with Dave Fernandez about the trees that Lynn thought were dying along N. Triphammer Road. Dave actually thinks that under the conditions that they were planted, they are doing very well. The lollipop shape keeps

them from encroaching on the road and sidewalk. There is one tree that is dead and being replaced. The two trees next to the one being replaced aren't looking real healthy and John will have those looked at. There is good symmetry on N Triphammer and John doesn't want to change that by planting more trees.

Adam stated that they have been mowing. They picked up the piles of weeds that were left at Cayuga Mall entrance. Lynn also thanked them for weed eating the flower bed that was very over grown. It made it easier to weed.

O'Neill stated that he attended the working meeting at the Town of Lansing last week. They are proposing a mixed use at the new Town Center. John Kanter has been hired to work with them on the planning aspect.

Julie Baker asked if the Board was going to respond to the election letter that Yasamin Miller gave to the Board members at their last meeting. Don stated that there will be a response to the letter by the Community Party. He added that there were two different versions of the letter, one submitted at the meeting and a different letter submitted to the clerk which Yasamin wanted included in the minutes. Since it is a different letter it will not be included in the minutes and this issue will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. One of the complaints in her letter was that their campaign signs were removed. John Courtney wondered if they were talking about the one's that were right beside the road that got knocked over by the heavy wet snow that was being plowed on the Monday before the elections. 30 minutes will be allotted in Monday's meeting for a discussion.

The Northeast Study Group meeting is Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup>. Barton & Loguidice has sent out a draft report which will have its final review by the group. Baker is concerned with some of the wording and if it would be taken out of context. Hartill agreed that the draft should be looked at.

Lynn stated that she encountered skateboarders when she was down in the Bolton Estate Subdivision. She warned them that this was not a legal place for skateboarding. The skateboarders were not happy but left. Courtney stated that there is nothing we can do about the skateboarders. The Mayor stated that he and Marty had a phone conference with the Sheriff on Monday to discuss the problems we are having in the Bolton Estate Subdivision area. The Sheriff will patrol that area a little more. It was asked if that road will be striped. There is no need now, but we may want to stripe when there are more houses in that subdivision.

Mayor Hartill stated that he owes comments to Vince at QPK. Drawings for the new Village Office are complete and they are trying to get the contract together to go out to bid.

Jodi asked if the Board had made a decision on the request from Ben Curtis to pay his Family Supplemental Retirement Health Benefit. The Employee Handbook states that the Village will pay "individual coverage," and since Ben was on his wife's insurance he has a family plan. On May 17<sup>th</sup> the Board had approved dividing the plan in half and

reimbursing Ben for that amount of \$1,638.26. Once Ben received that payment he sent a letter to the Trustees requesting that they pay the maximum amount of \$2,400. He stated in his letter that if his wife was to have a single plan it would be \$71.73 per month compared to a family plan of \$288.59 which is a difference of \$216.86.

O'Neill stated that when we originally were looking at the Medicare Supplement Plans we looked at the cost of Plan J which was \$191/month or \$2,292/year. This was the basis upon which the Village came up with a maximum of \$2,400. Hartill stated that this is the first retiree that has taken advantage of this policy and we are encountering a situation that we hadn't thought of. Courtney added that he plans to retire at 55 and his wife will still be working carrying the insurance plan, so he will be in a similar situation of having family coverage through his wife. The Board was most concerned with not exceeding \$2,400. Jodi stated that to do this the Board would have to amend the Employee Handbook to reflect this change.

Resolution # 5879-To Amend the Employee Handbook section on Retiree Health Benefits Ages 65+ to remove the word "Individual" and read as follows:

Ages: 65 +

Retirees are required to get Medicare Part A & B at age 65 and those costs are the responsibility of the retiree. When a retired employee reaches age 65, or otherwise attains Medicare eligibility, the retired employee shall be reimbursed annually for 100% of their out of pocket expense for Medicare Supplemental Plan (Medigap) or another Supplemental Plan in an amount not to exceed \$2,400. To receive payment the retired employee must submit a voucher and proof that the bill was paid by May 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

Once the retired employee has come off of the Village's insurance plan s/he cannot rejoin. (Example: retire at age 55, get insurance through another job for 10 years, then s/he cannot come back to Village to obtain coverage.)

Trustee Baker moved this resolution 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

The Board agreed to calculate the amount of reimbursement by taking the total paid for the family plan minus what his wife is paid towards insurance. (\$3,276.51-\$1,133.52=\$2,142.99)

Mayor Hartill stated that he is very proud of our staff. We are a model Village because of our staff and the work they do.

Jodi stated that we had previously suggested that the Village of Lansing drop Coyne Uniform service since our contract was up and it seems expensive. Courtney will look into another supplier.

Patricia O'Rourke stated that she, Jodi and Phil Dankert met with representatives from the Tompkins County Youth Department to discuss the costs of the programs. This will be presented to the Board at Monday night's meeting.

Marty Moseley reported that Triad Foundation building addition project at 15 Ascot broke ground. The project at 20 Esty Drive will be closing out soon. There have been a few roof permits. The new code which came out in 2010 requires a permit for the replacement of a roof system. Metal roofs are exempt. BJ's Fuel is getting close to being completed. They will be requesting a temporary Certificate of Compliance since they have a lighting issue that will still have to be addressed. There have been a few deck permits issued. Marty hasn't heard anything new on the Fire Station. All in all, there is not much residential building activity, only commercial and small additions. The requests for home occupations are on the rise. June 26<sup>th</sup> is the Primary Election, so the Planning Board will probably be canceling their meeting for that night. The Japanese Restaurant in the Cayuga Mall should be opening in the next few weeks.

Nolan stated that our equipment is running well. The Mayor asked about the Ford Roadside Tractor. Nolan stated that it is a good tractor.

Jodi asked if the Board wanted to pass resolutions to surplus the 1-ton so that it could go to auction and to allow the Village to buy off other counties' municipal contracts.

Resolution # 5880-To Surplus the 2007 1-Ton Red Chevy Truck

Trustee Leopold moved to surplus the truck and Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion.

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

Resolution #5881- To Authorize the Village of Lansing to Buy Off of Other Counties' Municipal Contracts

Trustee Leopold moved this resolution be adopted and Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5882- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$25,403.92 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$32,429.49 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$3,509.90, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$150.47, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$4,463.62, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Baker 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

Marty spoke about the issue of working time limits on the Building Permit which he had Jodi bring up at the last meeting. He stated that there is nothing in the Village Zoning Law to enforce these restrictions so he has removed that from the building permit. Don stated that with no mechanism for enforcement it should be removed. O'Neill asked if we could put a restriction on Commercial activity and not residential. Marty stated that there is no way to distinguish between the two. Lynn stated that if someone comes in for a special permit we can add a limitation on working times as a condition of the special permit.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee O'Neill moved for adjournment. Trustee Baker 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