

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, July 12, 2012, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees 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; TG Miller Engineer, Dave Putnam; Planning Board Chair, Mario Tomei.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm.

Dave Putnam presented a change order for the Sewer Main Replacement Project - Shops at Ithaca Mall in the amount of \$2,501.15. The purpose of the change order was unexpected rock.

Resolution # 5887-To Accept Sewer Main Replacement Project - Shops at Ithaca Mall Change Order #1 for an Additional Payment of \$2,501.15 to Dycon Construction Northeast LLC for Removal of Unexpected Rock.

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

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

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Mayor Hartill stated that it looks like Dycon is doing a very good job. Putnam stated that he was pleased with Dycon and they should be completed with everything except planting by next week. Putnam gave them the option of waiting to seed the area until the end of the summer because nothing is really growing now. They would prefer to just go ahead and plant and they will return if it doesn't take.

John Courtney stated that the paving is moving along on Cayuga Heights Road. He feels that by doing it outside of the 2011 Water Project Contract, the Village should save approximately \$20,000 on the job. Originally, LRS wanted \$68,000 to do the job. John feels the job will come out a lot better since it is being done by the Village.

John stated that the new 2012 Chevrolet Silverado truck has come in so we need to surplus the 2005 Green Chevrolet Silverado that Adam drives so it can go to auction. It is currently listed online and he is trying to get \$20,000 for it.

Resolution # 5888-To Surplus the 2005 Chevrolet Silverado Truck

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

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

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Courtney stated that he received a copy of the Park Regulations from Jodi and he would like to get rid of the times on it and just have it state that the park is open from sunrise to sunset. This will involve modifying the Codification. The Board agreed that the times should be changed and would like John to proceed with having a sign made that states the park is open from sunrise to sunset.

John O'Neil asked about Ivar Jonson turning the road over to the Village. Mayor Hartill stated that it is a right of way issue and paperwork issue. The Mayor met with Ivar Jonson and he is now aware of what needs to be done.

Mario Tomei stated that the pathway from Janivar to Leifs Way is caving in. Courtney stated that a muskrat did some damage by the bridge there but Adam and Nolan went out and patched it.

Mayor Hartill asked Courtney if he had a chance to talk to LRS about the planting in front of the Lifton's home. John stated that Eric was there and they called Green Acres, the company that they got an estimate from, and he didn't say it was as bad as Ms. Lifton had said. Dave Putnam and Courtney spoke and they feel that LRS should have a chance to fix the problem. It is tough to get anything to grow right now with this weather.

At this point Courtney, LaLonde and Hatfield left the meeting.

Julie Baker stated that Barton & Loguidice has completed their final report on the Northeast Area Roadway Access & Traffic Impact Study. Jodi stated that it arrived last week. Copies have been distributed to the Code & Zoning Officer, Planning Board Chair, Attorney and Mayor. There are hard copies and also electronic copies. This report will be posted on the webpage. Julie asked if anything formal had to be done with the report now that we have received it. Mayor Hartill stated that it should be added to the agenda for Monday night to formally acknowledge its receipt.

Julie also asked what the next step was with updating the Comprehensive Plan. Don stated that each Trustee has been assigned a section to look at. His goal is to have the Trustees complete their review by the end of the year. The plan is to discuss it at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and then pass it on to the Planning Board for their first meeting in November. Don feels that there will only be minor changes in details.

Julie stated that David Dubow had talked about NYS Election Law fair campaign matters in response to the issues that had been previously discussed at our last meeting. Julie stated that she read the fair campaign code and she feels that the whole Board should

review it so that we can acknowledge the fact that we know it its provisions. The Board agreed.

Julie also asked about doing a survey in the Village in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan review that is being undertaken. She feels it is not a bad thing to do. She questioned whether we hire someone to do it and what questions we would ask. Mayor Hartill stated that Ms. Miller said herself that you can word a survey to get whatever response you want to receive. Hartill indicated that he experienced that result with respect to a survey that was done for the Geneva Experiment Station. Moseley stated that he was contacted to participate in a TCOG survey which he feels would be better if experts that deal with the code every day were consulted with. Code matters are generally up to interpretation by the Code/Zoning Officer and that is why he feels you have so many discrepancies in different jurisdictions. The Clerk/Treasurer stated that she can start a list in the Office to gather issues throughout the year. Village residents can contact the Village Office with items to be considered if a future survey is developed and utilized.

Mayor Hartill stated that he met with Kathy Miller and Rob Creed at the Town of Lansing this morning. He voiced his concern with what Village of Lansing residents get for their tax dollars. They understand the problem and they explored a number of paths. In five years the contribution by the Village of Lansing residents should be 50% of what it is now. They also talked about the City of Ithaca joining Bolton Point. There are now new people in office in the City that may see the benefit of joining the Commission verses building a new \$36 million water plant.

The Mayor stated that the Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership Agreement is up for renewal. Originally he wanted to only extend the contract for one year but he is comfortable signing the five year contract since it has an 18 month opt out clause.

Resolution #5889- To Adopt the 2013-2017 Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership Agreement

Whereas, the Village of Lansing is currently a member of the Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership by agreement dated August 21, 2007, with an original 5 year term expiring December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership agreement by its own terms may be renewed for an additional five years by appropriate resolutions by each of the municipal partners on or before December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, any municipality may withdraw from the Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership Agreement upon a full calendar year's notice.

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Lansing agrees to renew the August 21, 2007 Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership Agreement for an additional five years, expiring December 31, 2017 and further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Recreation Partnership Board care of Tompkins County Youth Services Department at 320 W. State/MLK Jr. Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

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

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

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Mayor Hartill explained that the Village Board has looked at what we get for our money and has determined that we are getting our moneys' worth.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5890- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 14 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$1,961.23 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 2 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$141,676.15 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 2 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$38,678.94, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 2 for the Special Assessment Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$3,610.00, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 2 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$138,785.90, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Baker moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted and Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Patricia O'Rourke stated that they changed the last Youth Board meeting so she has nothing to report on that. She asked about the ditching that was done on Oakcrest Road. The Mayor stated that there was erosion under the roadway. The Town of Lansing did a great job on this project. The ditching and stone that was installed will help to keep the water out of the yards there. Don is pleased with the Town and the help that they have given us with brush pick up and culverts. Jack French wants to continue this good relationship.

Mario Tomei stated that the Planning Board is discussing informally the Commercial Low Traffic District. This came about because of a proposal for a hotel on the unimproved Butler property on North Triphammer Road. The Planning Board is looking at different uses. The 2001 CLT Design Guidelines describe CLT as a transition zone. The reason behind this is to achieve a "Village feel". The Trustees may see some recommended changes. Julie stated that she attended the last Planning Board meeting and their thinking makes a lot of sense.

Marty Moseley reported that 20 Esty Drive has been granted special permit approval for a second curb cut. The Japanese Restaurant in the Cayuga Mall is having its Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting & Lunch tomorrow at 12:30pm which the Village is invited to. The restaurant holds 183 people. BJ's Gas has opened under a TCO since they can't do any plantings now with the dry weather. The Fire Department will be coming into the Planning Board meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup> for special permit review. Cayuga Mall will also be coming in for special permit review regarding some upgrades to Cayuga Mall. Marty is still working on coordinating a meeting of six people to discuss the Pyramid road/sidewalk issues. Verizon wants to put up a cell tower behind the Village garage. They want to install a 100 foot tower but we have strict regulations regarding fall zones.

Bookers Backyard Grill on East Shore Drive has requested that the Village waive the 30-day waiting period for their liquor license.

Resolution #5891-To Waive the 30-Day Waiting Period for the Bookers Backyard Grill Liquor License

Trustee Baker moved this resolution. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

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 1:34pm.

Jodi Dake  
Clerk/Treasurer