

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, September 20, 2012, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold; Trustees 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.

Deputy Mayor Leopold called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

Dave Putnam stated that he has change order #5 from LRS for the 2011 Water Contract. The change order was to have them put gravel back in and not asphalt and an adjustment for the contract price for quantities. The net change is an increase of \$8,926.80. There is still a problem with one of the hydrants but it is not the fault of the contractor. Dave Putnam and John Courtney will deal with this. Work directive #5 added ~\$12,000. We extended the project main by 1,100 – 1,200 ft. to the last turn on Cayuga Heights Road.

Resolution #5900- To Approve Change Order #5 to Make Changes in the Contract Documents to Set Final Contract Amount Which Includes a Deduction of \$3,515.30 for Actual Quantities Installed in the Base Bid and Change Order #4 and Adding \$12,442.10 for Work Installed Under Work Directive #2

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

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

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Courtney stated that Highgate and Burdick Hill Road paving is complete. As you can see from the voucher, they have gotten the two big trucks serviced. There was an accident Friday night at Graham Road which took out a streetlight. There are a couple of streetlight bulbs out which need to be replaced. The Highway Department has done a little ditching and a couple of rounds of mowing this month. Courtney handed out some quotes that he received from Cintas and Unifirst which includes wiper rags, continuous roll towels, pants and service charge. It also included what we are currently paying to Coyne and a proposal for going to a clothing allowance. John O'Neill requested that this be tabled until a full Board was present.

Adam and John O'Neill had nothing further to report.

Julie Baker stated that she attended the Town of Lansing Board meeting last night. She was very impressed with Pat Pryor's presentation on the Tompkins County Budget. They

have been trying to keep costs low through attrition. Now, they would like to add four critical positions which include an IT Management Position. Dave Miller gave a presentation on the Lansing Center Trail Project by the Eagle Scouts. The Lansing Town Board agreed to support a grant application that could bring high speed Internet access to most of Tompkins County, including “dead” areas in Lansing. Local Internet provider Clarity Connect has been working on a plan with towns in the Tompkins County and Southern Cayuga County areas to bring fixed wireless Internet service to almost all unserved areas. It is estimated that there is somewhere in the range of 200 households that have no access to a high speed Internet connection. Pat Pryor is in charge of this committee.

Julie stated that she talked to Marty about a shopping cart law. Julie is reluctant to do things that add expense to business owners. It is not cheap to lose a cart. Elderly people are using the carts as walkers. Moseley stated that Courtney has worked with the apartment managers in the past. It is unsure how best to solve the long standing problem of carts being left around the Village. Lynn recalled that years ago there use to be someone that returned the carts for a bounty. Dake suggested having signs posted that say carts are not allowed to leave property. Courtney stated that he has done that and that he gets no response from the mall stores. This is a problem that the Trustees and Planning Board have been trying to address for years.

Lynn stated that she attended the Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County Green Infrastructure Tour given by Craig Hebden, Town of Ithaca Engineer. On Warren Rd. by the school they looked at porous pavement that was made of tires, small stones and urethane glue. This was done with a State Grant. They did have some problems last winter. Courtney stated that the biggest problem is cars tracking dirt. It is unsure how well it will last. The Cornell University Plantations parking lot is made of porous concrete which has a sort of slick covering on it. The retention basin there is beautifully planted, but high maintenance is involved. Ithaca College’s new recreation building has a large stormwater catch basin that is planted with prairie plants. The hospital has a new lab on the east side and its green roof is actually in trays. They say a green roof lasts longer because no ultraviolet light hits it. The Cayuga Medical building on N. Triphammer Rd. has a porous pavement parking lot. Courtney asked how that compared to regular material because he is looking for a high friction surface to redo the Beckett Way Trail. Leopold stated that this is 2-3 times more expensive than a regular parking lot. When using porous pavement one must dig deep and add a lot of crushed rock. Moseley added that you must get below the frost line.

Leopold stated that yesterday the Stormwater Coalition closed out Rounds 6, 7, 8 & 9 of funding. Jodi will check back through Village records to see if we ever received our \$10,000 funding request.

Dake stated that she attended the NYCOM Conference last week. She has come back with many things that need to be implemented. These will be discussed once we have a full Board. The bid opening for the new Village Office project was Tuesday. The project came in ~\$250,000 over the estimated budget. Vince and Dave Putnam will go back and

look at the breakdowns to determine why there is such a discrepancy. This will be brought to the Board at the October 1st meeting. Jodi pointed out that the large expenditure to the Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH) was for the Borg Warner sewer. Since the Village bills for the 30% surcharge it was suggested that the VCH charge just be added to that bill and then paid to the VCH. Borg Warner has already paid the invoice we sent them. The Village residents will see the increased sewer rate on their October water/sewer billing. Jodi expects many questions regarding this in the next month despite trying to get the word out to residents since May. There is also an explanation on our website at www.vlansing.org.

Marty Moseley stated that he has made Courtney aware of the safety concerns with the path behind the mall to Shannon Park. Lou Gensch was concerned with the trees that were removed and the damage that was done when the sewer main was replaced. Courtney stated that the trees that were removed were on the sewer line and both he and Dave Putnam discourage the trees being replaced since it is the main access point to the sewer. There was some exhaust damage to some pine branches, but Courtney believes they will rebound. Dead trees have been removed. A long standing concern is lighting of the trail. It is unsure how to get light without invading on private properties. Courtney would like to remove one more tree to utilize mall lighting on the trail. Leopold suggested low lighting but that is not vandal proof.

Mosley stated that Booker's Restaurant will be opening to the public this week. 2593 N Triphammer is now occupied. Beauty Plus will be opening at The Shops at Ithaca Mall. BJ's is now in compliance with their lighting. The Planning Board is working on the issue of the renewal of temporary commercial activity special permits and related procedures. The suggestion is if the same event returns in similar form, another public hearing will not be required. A proposed local law will be coming to the Board of Trustees providing that when there is a proposed renewal of a previously approved temporary commercial activity special permit, the renewal can be granted administratively by the Code Officer unless he determines that it should be referred to the Planning for action. The Planning Board had Comprehensive Plan training last night. Dake stated that on Oct. 1st Dubow and Hartill will also talk about what a Comprehensive Plan is. Moseley stated that there is also training on Comprehensive Plans at TC3 on October 25th. Lynn questioned whether the Village would have to hire a consultant to update the Comprehensive Plan. It was commented that the Board of Trustees have lived in the Village and know it better than any consultant would. Lynn would like to meet with the Town of Lansing Planning also to coordinate planning at our boundaries. Currently the Town is looking at their trail system and it would be great if they connected into our trails in the Village. O'Neill stated that he gave each of the Town Board members a copy of our Greenway Plan.

Moseley stated that he has revised some of our building permit forms. Jodi has placed these revised forms on our webpage. He has created a new culvert permit for people who want to repair or replace their culverts. Courtney stated that we don't want to own culverts. Lynn asked if this was part of stormwater control. Marty stated that when he

started Curtis always stated that it was a privilege to cross a Village ditch, not a right. It was questioned what other municipalities do.

Leopold entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5901- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 4 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$322,916.59 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 4 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$20,427.59, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 4 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$4,805.17, is hereby approved for payment.

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

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

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Nolan had nothing to report.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

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

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer