

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, January 7, 2013, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold; Trustees Julie Baker and John O'Neill;  
Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow

Deputy Mayor Leopold called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and opened the public comment period. Glynis Hart, Editor of the Lansing Ledger, presented the Board with a letter asking the Board to consider designating the Lansing Ledger as the official newspaper of the Village of Lansing. Glynis stated that the people that read their newspaper are the ones that follow local government. There are other municipalities that have designated the Lansing Ledger as their official papers. She thinks it is important to support local businesses.

Lynn stated that one of the problems is that the Lansing Ledger is only published once a week. Glynis has researched the law and found that a municipality does not have to have a daily paper. There were other requirements such as the paper having been in circulation for over a year and it not having over 50% advertising. Dubow stated that not having a daily paper is an issue when it comes to timely publication of legal notices, but there is no reason why the Village could not have two papers. He would certainly advise the Village to have a daily paper. The Ledger is published on Wednesday and legal ads must be submitted by Friday. Lynn stated that we do not designate an official paper until our organization meeting in May, but is sure we can work with them.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee O'Neill moved to close the public comment period. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from December 3 and 13, 2012.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from December 3 and 13, 2012

Trustee Baker moved to approve the minutes. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

The next item on the agenda was to consider appointing John Dennis to the EMC for another two-year term. The Board all agreed that they would like to have John continue as our Village representative. Lynn would like him to come and give a report once or twice a year. Jodi will call

John to see when he is available to give us a report.

Resolution#5925- To Appoint John Dennis to the EMC for Another Two-Year Term from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014.

Trustee O'Neill moved to appoint John Dennis to the EMC. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Lynn clarified that John Dennis is a member as the Village's representative to the EMC.

The next item was to consider refunding some or all of the remaining previously established Pyramid Mall escrow amount for project completion, the balance currently being \$15,000. Marty Moseley submitted a letter to the Board stating that the remaining escrow amount of \$15,000 is being held for the final site development at the Pyramid Mall as is explained in a letter from Pyramid back on October 20, 2003. Marty stated that in a discussion he had with the Mayor he agreed with Marty to return \$10,000 to the Pyramid Mall due to the completion of most of the remaining items. The item that has not been completed is the sidewalk, and \$5,000 will be retained by the Village due to the Village now designing and installing the sidewalk themselves.

Jodi stated that she spoke with Marty and asked how much the sidewalk would cost with the new design, and Marty indicated it would be much more than the \$5,000 amount. The reason Marty recommended \$5,000 was because that was the amount in the October 20, 2003 letter specifically designated for the sidewalk.

Dubow explained that this was an escrow established 10 years ago. There has been some indication that what still needs to be done is in excess of what is being considered. Lynn questioned other open matters such as dead trees on south side by the Regal Cinema area. Lynn encouraged the Trustees to go look at this area and see what they think. Dubow stated that it is his understanding that the sidewalk is now intended to be extended and completed pursuant to an easement to be granted to the Village with the Village primarily covering the costs for the work to be completed. Dubow stated that the real question is if \$15,000 is too much money to remain in escrow. Lynn wondered who would know what the actual cost would be. O'Neill would like the Board to first find out the cost from the Village's engineer. It was 10 years ago and everything is more expensive now. Julie stated that it has been 10 years so waiting until Thursday to discuss this further shouldn't be an issue. The Board questioned whether the \$5,000 amount was enough. Dubow stated that he will be in attendance at the Board's Thursday noon meeting regarding SCLIWC bond authorization matters and would be available to discuss this escrow issue if that would be helpful.

Lynn stated that we have received the \$10,000 grant from Triad to do a traffic study at the corner of N. Triphammer Rd. and Craft Rd. O'Neill stated that there was a letter stating the cost could be up to \$30,000. Jodi has not seen that letter. Mayor Hartill has told John Courtney to get the ball rolling for this project. Jodi has not heard from Courtney on the progress of this. Mayor

Hartill has signed and returned the acknowledgment letter to Triad accepting the grant money.

Both Leopold and O'Neill attended the last Town Board meeting. It was their organizational meeting. O'Neill stated that it was uneventful. Lynn went for privilege of the floor to comment on the NYSEG land to be bought by the state for state forest. Lynn feels it would be valuable as open and undeveloped space. The property she is referring to is on the other side of AES. It is a spectacular piece of land and a very nice forest.

Julie brought back the CD with the report from James Orcutt regarding deer issues. He will be happy to come and talk to the Board. Julie also informed the Board that her group that is working on the Comprehensive Plan is getting together on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to continue to discuss Comprehensive Plan changes.

Lynn stated that the second part of deer season begins the 12<sup>th</sup> for only antlerless deer. Lynn pointed out that each Board member received a copy of a letter from the Joint Youth Commission wanting their revised bylaws approved by each Board. Jodi suggested that the Board wait until Pat O'Rourke is at the meeting so that she can update the Board.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Jodi Dake  
Clerk/Treasurer