

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, June 13, 2013, in the Village Office.

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

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:27pm.

Courtney stated that we are done with the paving that was in last year's budget. We milled and filled the bad spots on N. Triphammer Rd. This should buy us a year or two before we need to repave the whole road. Lynn asked if the milled asphalt is all put back into the asphalt. Courtney stated that they don't, the millings are used for shoulder material. Millings are good for base or gravel material.

Courtney stated that they have had the most productive 2 months since he has been here. Suit-Kote has gotten paving done. In the last couple of days the highway guys have reinstalled 44 mail boxes on Dart Drive as part of the Stormwater project. The sidewalk by Friendly's/ Mobile Gas Station went in. Our Planning Department forced Cayuga Mall to put in their section of sidewalk by Friendly's. Our guys did most of the work in front of the Mobil Station. RGL did an excellent job on the Cayuga Mall section of the sidewalk. RC Wilson paved the trail from The Shops at Ithaca Mall to Sevanna Park. There have been lots of positive responses to that. Julie stated that she was concerned with that path if a bike shoots out and someone walks out in front of them. Courtney stated that we discourage bike use on the trail. Lynn recommended installing a dismount bike sign. Are these valid concerns? John added that they even managed to keep up with mowing the parks

Adam and John attended the Cornell Highway School. The Dean is considering discontinuing this schooling. Courtney recommended sending a letter of concern on this issue. Earlier in the year he had issues with individuals plowing across the road and they were able to supply him with the information he needed to deal with this. It's a Vehicle & Traffic State Law violation and John got the information from CU.

Julie stated that we get a lot of complaints regarding Warren Rd. even though it is a County Road. The most recent was yesterday from JingBi Zhao who suggested we add more pedestrian crossing lights to Warren Road to provide a safer crossing path when crossing Warren Road to the Airport and Cornell Business Park Area. He stated that currently, there is only one pedestrian crossing light close to the post office. He feels the pedestrian crossing path from the North Wood Apartments to the airport side is very dangerous. Most cars don't stop when a pedestrian is trying to cross Warren Road to the other side. At rush hours, it is very difficult to cross when drivers don't stop at the

pedestrian crossing path. He would like the Village to take a look at the possibility of improving the walkability of Warren road close to the Airport area. He added that a crossing light has been added to cross Warren Road closer to Route 13, but sometimes the push button doesn't work from one side to the other. He would like the Village to take a look and improve the pedestrian crossing light. Jodi stated that we have contacted the County on this issue at the Planning Department and Highway Department levels. She has also responded to JingBi. It was suggested that someone should talk to TCAT about where they drop off people. Courtney will contact them. Since this is a County road, the best we can do is stay in contact with the County and let them know what our residents are saying.

Julie asked if there was an update on the sidewalk by TOPS that goes to nowhere. Mayor Hartill stated that it is being worked on.

Dart Drive has been widened from 11 feet to 16 ft. wide. Dart Drive will be striped soon. The contractor's proposal to complete the Dart Drive project was \$430,000. John estimates that \$225,000 was spent on the north side. This is a cost savings by doing ourselves, however, we did not budget enough money for the south side. It is going to be much cheaper. The south side of Dart Dr. is all engineered and ready to go.

Adam stated that he attended Cornell Highway School for the 1st time and learned some useful things.

John O'Neill asked if the charge for water line repair by Bolton Point at 1616-18 East Shore Drive is the Village's. Courtney stated that our water line runs all the way to Sun Path.

Lynn stated that she attended the Town of Lansing's Comprehensive Plan meeting. They talked mainly about the comprehensive plan survey. At that meeting Kanter stated that we can't continue to make changes. A lot of stuff was taken out. Another draft will be sent out and Lynn and Julie will review. They agreed that some things don't need to be asked. The Town also wants to add green building principles or using techniques that are energy efficient.

Lynn removed some plants from the rain garden on Monday. The ground breaking ceremony is Monday, June 17th at 3pm. All of the gardens around the current building are going so that ADA compliant sidewalks can be installed. The Planning Board still needs a landscape plan. The Board decided to move current plants and make a plant list. The current plants can be used around the new building to keep costs down. Lynn stated that we will also need to purchase trees and bushes. It was decided that we should have someone local do our landscape plan and not have it added to the current contract. The Mayor stated that with the WICKS Law everything needs to go out to bid. Marty will call Dave Fernandez for a bid.

Don stated that Lynn pointed out that the Park at Bolton Point is being used quite a bit and he would like Courtney to get signage and doggie bags in that area. Adam stated that

we do have a sign. We do need a dog bag stand. Courtney was concerned with the size of a sign that had all the rules posted, and suggested instead that we have a sign that directs people to go online to see the rules and have them posted there. The Board wants them posted at the trail and doesn't want people to have to go online to get rules. Mayor Hartill thinks we should be able to get something. Hartill stated that it is actually a designated trail. Courtney will contact Cayuga Sign to come up with a sign of Trail Rules & Regulations. Also, the sign should include "Use at own risk" text. Leopold stated that it looks really nice down there. People seem to be picking up their trash. John stated that Nolan and Adam pick up the trash every Monday, but it is usually pretty clean. Leopold asked who put up sheriff sign. Courtney was not sure, but thinks it was Bolton Point. Hartill will check with Jack. It may be a federal law.

Lisa Schleelein and Lynn Leopold planted all the Village sign flower boxes. The Board thanked them.

Jodi stated that we have received complaints about the standing water behind the Shops at Ithaca Mall. Marty stated that the retention area has always been there but now that it has been cleaned out it is more noticeable because there are no cattails any more. Jodi asked if there were any items the board would like to see on the agenda for Monday besides the survey and approving minutes. Hartill stated that with having so many meetings this month it should be a short meeting. Leopold stated that she will miss the meetings of July 1st, 11th and 15th and Aug 5th. The Mayor will not be here for July 1st. O'Rourke will not be here for the noon meeting on July 11th, Julie will not be at the August 5th or 15th meeting.

Moseley stated that a stormwater map was sent to Courtney. Bolton Point has a new gentleman in their GIS Department who is quite helpful. Moseley has been working with Cayuga Mall on getting a snowplow turnaround agreement. We have finally received all the paperwork and adopted the roads that were built in Lansing Trails II. Ace Hardware and a Podiatrist Office will be opening soon in the Triphammer Mall. Bolton Point has gotten a variance for an addition building by the current pump station. This building will be used to store chlorine dioxide. The construction of a house on Sun Path has started. There is a new house going in on Burdick Hill Road. They are currently working with Courtney with installing a driveway. The Energy Code may be updated this summer. There are talks on whether residential sprinklers should be required. There are problems with this and maintenance issues. The Governor is not listening to the Code Officers concerns on this issue. It's pretty messy in Albany. Marty gave an update on Codes and possible revisions.

Nolan Hatfield stated that he is getting the roadside mower ready to go.

Lynn stated that University Park Apartments have some beautiful gardens. She feels we should acknowledge this sort of thing. She recommended that we create an award and maybe announce it in the next newsletter. Nick Vaczek is interested in talking about where some volunteer gardening can be done. The Ramada is also doing a good job. Gina from The Shops at Ithaca Mall had originally offered to maintain the garden on the corner

of The Shops at Ithaca Mall. but then she said that they can't afford a landscaper. Leopold feels we need to come up with a plan for each garden and then get volunteers. Urban Gardner's in Ithaca do a great job and they are all volunteers. It would be nice to get people involved in the Village. The Village should identify spots for gardens, and maybe create some trail head gardens.

Mayor Hartill stated that Bolton Point is revisiting the minimum bill charge. He suggested a very sensible minimum of \$8 and then a standard water rate. This would award people for being conservative in their water consumption. Our current water system in the Village is very tight.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5981- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$277,556.62 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$16,438.84 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$147,346.76 , is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$21,703.30, is hereby approved for payment.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

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

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:27pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer