

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, November 18, 2013, in the Village Office.

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

Deputy Mayor Leopold called the meeting to order at 7:31pm and opened the public comment period. Lisa Schleelein was present on behalf of the Planning Board. There were no public comments.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

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

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

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes of October 17th and November 4th.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from October 17, 2013

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

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

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from November 4, 2013

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

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Abstain	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye	Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

The next item on the agenda was to consider Proposed Local Law B (2013) to Amend the Village of Lansing Code-Vehicles and Traffic Regulations. The purpose and intent of this Local Law is to amend Chapter 135 (entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"), Article VI (entitled "Schedules"), Sections 135-19 (entitled "Schedule III: Stop Intersections") and 135-20 (entitled "Schedule IV: Yield Intersections") of the Village of Lansing Code so as to amend such Schedules III and IV and thereby (i) designate three new additional stop sign

intersections and stop sign locations within the Village of Lansing, and (ii) eliminate the existing yield intersections and locations within the Village of Lansing.

Dubow explained that in this Village Code section there is a schedule of traffic signals. Since the Board was updating the traffic signs in Lansing Trails they also took this opportunity to eliminate the yield sign at Hemlock Lane. The adoption of the proposed Local Law would result in the replacement of all yield signs in the Village with stop signs. Dan Veanor asked if this is being done because the Board feels that the road from Warren to Craft is now a speed way. It was explained that changing the signs from yield to stop signs follows the applicable Traffic Rules & Regulations. O'Neil stated that this is not considered a traffic calming devise. Baker added that John Courtney, Supt. of Public Works, explained to her that the yield sign at the corner of Hemlock Lane was changed to a stop sign because there is not a clear entry into the other road because of the bushes. Traffic rules state that to have a yield sign you must have a merge or a clear view.

Motion- To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law B (2013) to Amend the Village of Lansing Code-Vehicles and Traffic Regulations on December 2, 2013 at 7:35pm

Trustee Baker moved to set the public hearing. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Dake will send the legal notice to the Ithaca Journal.

The next item on the agenda was to finalize the survey which will be given to Village businesses in conjunction with the current Comprehensive Plan update. Julie Baker explained that at the last meeting they discussed the business survey. After looking at the 1989 survey that David Dubow handed out, she revised the whole survey. The survey process has had input from the Trustees, Planning Board members and staff. Additional changes were made to the survey. Baker will incorporate these changes and send to Jodi Dake to distribute to the Boards and staff for final approval. Dake gave a list of Village businesses to the Trustees. The Board briefly discussed who would deliver the surveys to which businesses. This will be finalized in the next week.

Patricia O'Rourke asked if the Greenway Plan was going to be updated. The section of the Comprehensive Plan that she and Lisa Schleelein are updating refers to this outdated document. Dubow explained that a goal set forth in the updated Comprehensive Plan could be to develop a more updated Greenway Plan.

Baker asked the Board if there were any additional questions that they felt should be added to the survey. Dubow stated that the Planning Board has spent a lot of time discussing whether the Commercial Low Traffic District should be split into two different districts to create a transition zone. After much discussion, the Board decided not to have

a question on a transition zone. Leopold suggested we ask businesses if they are in favor of mixed use in the commercial district. The Board added this into question #15.

Dubow stated that the Comprehensive Plan should indicate that there may be some benefits to adjusting uses. The Comprehensive Plan is an outline for our zoning law. In the Comprehensive Plan we want to indicate how the Village would like to develop in the future. Leopold added that the Comprehensive Plan is our road plan which we use as a basis by which to make zoning decisions on a going forward basis.

The Board thanked Julie for all her hard work on this project.

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 Patricia O'Rourke-Aye	Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer