

## Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, February 3, 2014, in the Village Office.

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

Deputy Mayor Leopold called the meeting to order at 7:32pm and opened the public comment period.

Carla Marceau stated that she was representing the Community Party. Carla stated that the new office is really nice. Leopold added that we realize we have to speak louder in this new conference room until we get the air handler noise issue worked out. There were no more public comments.

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

John Dennis was present to give an Environmental Management Council (EMC) update. Dennis is the Village representative on the EMC. The following report was handed out to the Trustees:

1. Unique Natural Areas. Boundaries being rationalized for some of the 192 UNAs in the County. Village of Lansing has 7 UNAs totaling 292.5 acres or 9.9% of the Village area, which is a bit below the County-wide average of 12%.
  - a. Our UNAs limited to escarpment forests along east shore of Lake & Northeast corner of Village near intersection of Snyder Road and Mohawk Rd.
  - b. No State Parks, Forests or WMAs; Fred Bonn, Bell Station
  - c. No Fingerlakes Land Trust Nature Preserves and Conservation Easements (Crossmore?)
2. Energy Issues
  - a. Transition to alternative energy based economy
  - b. PV solar projects:
    - i. Town of Lansing on Snyder Road
    - ii. TC Airport west of Warren Road (in VoL or ToL?)
    - iii. Cayuga Operating west of 34B/Lake Ridge Road
  - c. Wind: Black Oaks
  - d. Coal: Cayuga Operating: 3.5 years more; Dunkirk will regasify, CO?
    - i. 60 years of coal ash stored west of Rte 34

- ii. SPEDES permit allowed wet processing of bottom ash with direct releases to the lake.
  - e. Hydrofracking
    - i. 71 municipalities in NYS have banned hydrofracking including Caroline, Danby, Dryden, Enfield, Ithaca, Trumansburg, and Ulysses. 106 municipalities have moratoria in place including Town of Lansing and Newfield. Groton has a process in place.
    - ii. Guy Krough recommended as the most experienced attorney for drawing up road use regulations and road use permits for Village roads. Attorneys David and Helen Slottje are willing to advise attorneys on ban, moratoria and road regulations (numbers of trips rather than weight limits).
    - iii. PA does not allow disposal of drilling wastes in PA, so operators looking for farms, old wells, and other locations in NY for disposal. As you may recall, residual waste was even disposed of at the Cayuga Heights Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) for many months despite the fact that that WWTP has no capacity to remove formaldehyde and other VOCs, not to mention radioactive materials brought up from below.
- 3. Environmental Review
  - a. Stormwater management: permeable pavers & permeable asphalt more cost effective than retention ponds. Missed opportunity at BJs & Village Office; test area??
  - b. Deer-hunting: excellent but expand area
  - c. Invasive species: hydrilla at south end of lake; create more awareness in VoL regarding invasive trees & plants, perhaps drives for removal.

Dennis started off his presentation by stating that the Environmental Management Council was formed to give advice, and does not have authority to take formal action. All municipalities in Tompkins County are represented. The Town of Lansing representative just left her position and Dennis is trying to keep the Town updated in the interim. The EMC has 3 different committees. Dennis asked if anyone knew when the EMC was actually formed. Leopold stated that it was formed back in the late 70s-early 80s as a result of state enabling legislation that called for the formation of Conservation Advisory Councils.

Dennis also handed out a map of UNA locations in the County. The Village of Lansing has 7 UNAs totaling approximately 292 acres. The far northwest section of the Village has no UNAs. DEC has monies to purchase UNAs. Finger Lakes Land Trust is looking to get lake front property in the Town of Lansing. Dennis feels we should look at other areas in the Village that would benefit from UNA status. There are no conservation easements in the Village.

Leopold stated that when Carol Klepack was on the Planning Board she was putting together a stewardship plan but it never was finalized. The idea was to have specified individuals checking all of our public land and reporting any problems. We do not have legal access across the railroad to Poison Ivy Point now owned by the Village. The

railroad owns the land where the tracks are. Leopold stated that it has become an overgrown natural area and we may want to leave it natural.

Dennis stated that UNAs are currently associated with tax map numbers, but they may be redefining UNA boundaries to conform to natural boundaries.

Dennis updated the Board on the PV solar projects in the area. The County Attorney is looking to tax issues regarding solar facilities. The airport has installed solar equipment that is enough to power the Cornell lake source cooling pumps. Tompkins County has added solar to many of its facilities.

During their discussion on hydrofracking, O'Neill pointed out that it is his understanding that there is only one small area in the Village that may be under lease, but truck hauling on our roads is an issue. Dubow stated that there has been previous discussion on one major topic, that being the question as to how to distinguish between one party and another as to the impact on Village roads. The Mayor has also previously raised that same concern. How does one segregate the trucking of hydrofracking materials as opposed to other heavy trucks, equipment, busses, etc.? Leopold suggested a bonding system to pay for damage. Dubow pointed out that it is hard to figure out which vehicles are doing the damage. These trucks will be traveling through many jurisdictions. It's complicated. It was suggested that one get contractual agreements instead of passing laws. Dennis stated that there are many hydrofracking leases in the Town.

John indicated that John Dennis chairs the County Environmental Review Committee. Dennis feels the Village missed the opportunity to have permeable pavement at BJ's and the new Village Office. The Village looked at the costs and benefits of permeable pavement and found that the long term maintenance was too great. Leopold stated that this is a new technology and it needs more time to improve.

John Dennis thinks the Village could do more to increase the awareness of invasive species. Dennis thinks it would be useful to send a letter of support to the Town of Lansing regarding the resolution of support they passed November 20<sup>th</sup> in regards to their support of Bell Station being a State Forest. Leopold stated that this would have to be a discussion of the whole Board and have some community input. She personally has sent a letter of support to the Town already. The Board thanked John Dennis for representing the Village on the EMC.

Jodi stated that there were two sets of minutes on the agenda to be approved. Suggestions emailed from the Trustees were previously incorporated.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from December 12, 2013

Trustee O'Neill moved to approve the minutes. 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-Ay

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from January 16, 2014

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 Patricia O'Rourke-Abstain    Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Dake stated that the Village has received change orders from Panko Electrical and Maintenance, Inc. regarding the new Administrative Building. Copies of the change orders were previously given to the Trustees to review. Moseley, Hartill and our representative from Morse have all reviewed and approved the following change orders being submitted:

- E-001 (\$140.98) Credit for change from timer to photocell
- E-002 \$867.68 Provide two additional can light fixtures in meeting room
- E-003 \$650.65 Provide additional data piping as requested by Village
- E-004 \$3,624.40 Provide modifications to fire alarm system as shown on revised E-102 issued 10/9/13
- E-005 \$1,529.50 Provide emergency exterior lighting modifications per revised E-101 issued on 11/3/13
- E-006 \$649.29 Re-route electrical conduit due to ductwork conflict
- E-007 \$463.81 Convert spare conduits to accommodate data usage request by Village
- E-008 \$331.19 Add EM light in the mechanical room
- E-009 \$533.14 Add can light in Mayor's Office as requested by Village
- E-010 \$749.43 Power feed to existing sign and repair as directed by Village

Resolution#6019- To Approve the New Administrative Building Electrical Change Orders E-001 thru E-010 Submitted by Panko Electric and Maintenance, Inc. Totaling \$9,258.11

Trustee O'Neill moved to approve the change orders. 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

During the general discussion, Leopold stated that we are getting audited on Stormwater Maintenance by NYSDEC. We were supposed to get a stormwater plan on paper. It doesn't have to be adopted, it just has to be available. A plan shows measurable goals and how we will accomplish them. Marty has put a plan together based on other municipal plans. Angel is helping Marty. Leopold stated that they will start putting together the Annual Report in March. We don't have to present to municipalities any more. It will get

presented at a Water Resources Council meeting. Lynn will still do an executive summary for the Trustees.

During the extended deer season an additional 2 deer were taken. It was very cold during this time and no one wanted to go out. Total deer taken this year was 56. There were 16 stands in operation. Bernd would like to talk to the Trustees about updating our local law. The Governor is proposing a decrease in the minimum discharge range from 500 feet to 150 feet. Safety is primary.

Nick stated that it was difficult to hear over the air handlers in the new building. The Mayor is aware of this and is having the architect come down to observe and come up with a solution.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Jodi Dake  
Clerk/Treasurer