

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, March 13, 2014, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Patricia O'Rourke, Lynn Leopold, John O'Neill, Julie Baker; 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; Planning Board Chair Mario Tomei.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:19pm.

Courtney stated that he has been working on the budget and plowing snow.

LaLonde and O'Neill had nothing to report.

Julie Baker thanked the Highway Department employees for snow plowing. She had a concern with drainage down the south side of Cedar Lane. Courtney stated that the residents put a lot of leaves in the ditch which creates a problem. The Highway Department does have to go there and clean the ditch out every year.

Moseley stated that the Planning Board has recently been doing one meeting a month based upon the slower volume of matters. Last Monday they worked on the new Village Office landscaping plan, and now have a plan that has been lowered from \$35,000 down to \$25,000, and has taken into consideration the underground utilities. Target wants to have temporary storage trailers. The Planning Board will be considering a minor subdivision at their next meeting. Moseley has been working with Jodi to get all the new Village office change orders for the administration building finalized.

Moseley stated that the NYS DEC stormwater audit went well. A little more paperwork needs to be done. Leopold also thought the audit went really well. She felt the DEC auditor was helpful and understanding.

Leopold has sent everyone the tobacco free presentation materials. Ted Scheile will be here for next Monday's meeting to discuss this with the Trustees. Leopold stated that we do have a nonsmoking local law already, but it doesn't cover e-cigarettes, tobacco and our parks. She thinks we should close the loopholes. Smoking will be hard to control and enforce, but she hopes that with doing this we will have more awareness. Leopold feels it is about us taking a stand and it is up to people to obey the law. Courtney encourages businesses to have their own smoke areas and not go to other municipal property. We could do more to build awareness. It was clarified that we are talking about tobacco free not just smoke free.

NYSDOT held a public open house on the Cayuga Heights Road Bridge Deck Replacement Project on February 26th. Several of the Trustees and staff attended. The Village plows the bridge, but we don't maintain it. Concerned residents were given a chance to speak with the NYSDOT representatives. Dake stated that they left public comment forms if there are any other concerns that residents would like them to be aware of. There are copies of this form in the foyer display rack. The project is in the preliminary design phase. Construction is scheduled for the 2015 construction season. Courtney stated that back in 2011 they asked him what the Village would like. At that time Courtney told them about the problem we had with plowing the bridge and ice falling over the side and breaking a windshield. Courtney's main concern is with the aprons to the bridge. NYSDOT will make sure that when they design the aprons they will not settle. Signage for bikers and pedestrians in that area also needs to be improved.

Leopold brought up a concern that she received while canvassing. Leopold stated that everyone along Route 34, Burdick Hill Road and East Shore Drive is complaining about Jake brakes noise. Courtney stated that the State is thinking about rumble strips, and if that happens there will really be a noise issue. Hartill stated that he has already expressed his concerns. Leopold stated that they are still coming down the hill faster than the speed limit. This winter has been particularly bad because of the number of salt trucks. The speed limit was lowered to 45 mph but hasn't done anything. This issue is hard to enforce.

Hartill stated that he had a conversation with Vince and the engineer from QPK about the sound level in our conference room. Their solution was to make a bigger hole in the wall. Hartill suggested that an easy solution would be to move the air return from the hallway to behind the refrigerator in the kitchen. He will be interested to see what they come up with. Hartill also told Vince that we would like all the bills and change orders so we can start to finalize that process.

Hartill stated that the Town of Lansing is still interested in sewer development of some sort. He has a meeting with Kathy and Ruth who have requested to meet privately to discuss sewer.

The following four change orders were given to the Trustees to consider:

-E-011 Door transmitter device and wiring	\$ 666.94
-GC-008 Add soffits to conceal ductwork	\$1,404.00
-GC-009 EIFS Modifications-provide flashing	\$5,366.00
-GC-010 Operable window/counter at clerk's office	\$4,199.00

They had already been reviewed by QPK and Marty Moseley. Hartill stated that he is disappointed with the detail portion of this building. It is a nice design, but they missed a lot.

Resolution #6026-To Approve the Following Change Orders Totaling \$11,635.94

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Trustee Leopold moved this resolution. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill -Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Jodi stated that she received a complaint letter regarding the safety of families walking on Graham Road. They recommend that the sidewalk on the north side of Graham be extended to Triphammer Road. Jodi informed them that the property was not owned by the Village. Dave Pytcher stated that he would be sending a copy of the letter to the mall in hopes that they would resolve the problem.

Dake has been working on the Budget. Dake asked if Courtney had an estimate of what the costs would be for the improvements to the old office so that anticipated cost could be included in the budget. Courtney will look into seeing if we need a new sewer line in the old office or if we can just slip line the current pipe to fix the problem. Leopold asked if we would charge people to rent out the old conference room once all the improvements were done. It was suggested that a cleaning fee or small fee for the utilities be charged. This is something the Board will discuss in the future.

The Village Open House & Ribbon Cutting has been rescheduled for Monday at 5:30pm. Dake has taken care of all the invites and arrangements for that event.

The Board had previously reviewed the vouchers. Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6027- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$45,814.22 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$25,522.35, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$69,897.02, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$2,517.78, is hereby approved for payment.

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

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

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

O'Rourke and Hatfield had nothing to report.

Mario Tomei stated that Marty already gave the Board an update on what the Planning Board is doing. He is at the meeting to hear Eric Goetzman's presentation on the status of the Lansing Reserve PDA Senior Housing Project that is proposed for across the street from the Village Office.

Eric Goetzman from the Shops at Ithaca Mall was present to give the Board an update on where he is with the Senior Housing Project. He stated that he has been working with the Army Corp of Engineers to see if he can get rid of the wetland designation on the project property so he can build more than the originally approved 12 units of senior housing. He feels it makes sense because senior housing is not available in this area. The problem is that there is a designated wetland there. The wetlands were created when Pyramid Mall was being built. As a compromise to getting rid of the designated wetland on Pyramid property, he was told he could build a real wetland somewhere else. The expedited permit took 18 months. Eric met with Finger Lakes Land Trust and they put him in contact with the Upper Susquehanna Coalition (USC). Eric bought land that contains an inland salt marsh by Montezuma Wildlife Refuge. Eric bought the land and gets credit for that but USC will own and maintain it. They are close to finishing the transfer. After he gets through this process, he will come back to the Village Board. The issue now is Eric isn't sure what the Army Corp will approve. Eric stated that he still intends to build this housing. Higher density for more housing is his desire.

Leopold was interested in why Andy Zepp's (Executive Director of Finger Lakes Land Trust) decision not to participate. Eric stated that he had a lot going on. Eric stated that it has been an interesting and time consuming process. Eric plans to start the senior housing project next spring. Mario asked Eric how many units he would like to build if the Army Corp allows him to get rid of wetlands. Eric would like to increase the number of units from 12 to 24 single floor units.

O'Neill asked about resolving the sidewalk issues down to the Shops at Ithaca Mall. Pyramid owns Pyramid Drive and Graham Road. Property lines are not related to where

the road is on Graham so there are multiple owners involved. Hartill would like to normalize the situation this year. There is a sidewalk on the north side but no place to go on the south side. Adding a pedestrian crossing there may be an option. Baker asked if the Village will take over maintenance of the road. Hartill stated that there were property acquisition issues when doing N. Triphammer Road Project. Hartill will revisit taking over Graham and Pyramid with Eric. Hartill would like to resolve the issue this year.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill –Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer