

## Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, April 17, 2014, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Patricia O'Rourke, Lynn Leopold, John O'Neill, Julie Baker; 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 12:35pm.

Courtney stated that the Town of Lansing has completed brush pick up. All the curbed streets have been swept. It took more time because there was sand on the road. The Village doesn't use sand on our roads but the Shops at Ithaca Mall does and it gets traced out to Triphammer Rd. The State also uses sand that comes up the off ramps onto our streets. Lynn stated that bicyclists appreciate our cleaning the debris off the roads. CHIPS funding will stay the same as last year. There has been an additional 50 Million allocated by the State for potholes resulting from the rough winter we had. We don't have a lot of potholes but Adam stated that they are still developing. Courtney stated that by using only salt we cut down on the amount of sweeping that is required. The Law prohibits the Mall from storing salt so they left it in trucks on their property. We order an additional load of salt that we hadn't planned on in April.

Courtney stated that they plan to fill in ditches and start Dart Drive at the end of the month. In June the Village will have a mill and fill done on Triphammer Road. There was a lot of cracking this year. Don was happy with the mill and fill we did last year on another portion of Triphammer Rd.

Leopold ask Courtney how many catch basins we had and if we would be cleaning them out. He stated that the Clerk had done up a spreadsheet for him which he thinks he has in his email. He believes it is about 256. Courtney stated that we are proactive with street sweeping so he doesn't think we will need to clean the catch basins. It is difficult to get in and clean them with the way they are installed.

Courtney stated that there will be some tree trimming on Twin Glens Road. When trimming trees they usually go six feet off the road and up 15 feet. Nolan will also be doing our roadside mowing now that we have the roadside mower back from being repaired.

O'Rourke asked Courtney if they moved tree on Twin Glens Road. Hartill stated that maybe the neighbors moved it. Courtney stated that he will talk to the people on twin Glens Road.

LaLonde stated that they have fixed potholes. Stop signs have been installed in the Janivar Drive area. There were no smoking signs installed in the park. They put some

shopping cart signs up around the Village which states “Village Law, no carts beyond this point”. Moseley stated that Dubow is working on the shopping cart law.

O’Neill stated that the paper stated that we paid \$2,000 for landscaping. This amount was for the landscape design done by Cayuga Landscape. This gave us a plan to go to the Planning Board which will then go out to bid for the actual work. Courtney thought that was cheap for a landscape engineer design. Leopold stated that the landscape design was not part of the original project scope. They felt that Cayuga Landscape knows this area and what will grow much better than QPK would know. Leopold added that we are having a tree donated by Maria Stycos and Seymour Smidt in honor of Rita Smidt who is considered the founding mother of the Village.

O’Neill was concerned with the homeless person that was hanging out in the village. The Sheriff couldn’t do anything because we don’t have a law. O’Neill feels we need a law.

Courtney stated that they had a contractor remove the cigarette butts on the onramps of Route 13. They used a leaf blower and vacuum and Courtney feels they did a nice job.

Julie Baker thanked the Board for the privilege of serving with them. She will hand off some documents to the next person. She will hand over her information on the Comprehensive Plan that is being worked on. Baker has learned a lot and now appreciates the principals of good government. She appreciates the Mayors guidance.

Leopold asked if we could get summer help to maintain our gardens. Courtney stated that we tried the volunteer thing and it just didn’t work. Courtney has contacted some contractors to get prices for gardening and lawn mowing when we aren’t able to get to it. LaLonde suggested filling in the two gardens at the entrance of Cayuga Mall and just have grass. It would be easier to maintain. Leopold agreed with this. Leopold stated that once the weather gets nice she will get out and start working on the gardens. She feels it is too big of a job for one person to maintain. We must keep the gardens at the entrance to the Shops at Ithaca Mall because we have quite a bit invested in plants there. It was asked if Shops at Ithaca Mall would maintain the gardens since they were at their entrance. Leopold stated that the gardens are in our right of way and that she had asked the mall to maintain and they stated they don’t have the money to do that anymore. O’Rourke ask if Ithaca Garden Club could do it. They would want some kind of recognition. Leopold stated that we could place a plaque there that says this garden is maintained by Ithaca Garden Club. O’Rourke will check with them to see if they are interested. Courtney added that we need to trim the trees on Triphammer Road also. Hartill suggested we have a garden maintenance fund.

Hartill stated that he was quite encouraged by a phone call he received from Mark Rosen of Northwood Apartments. Basically, the ball is in our court now for taking over the road. The joint water project with Bolton Point under Route 13 will save us money. The final checklist for the building is being done. Moseley stated that he has scheduled a walk thru with Dave Putnam to perform a site inspection and put together a final punch list. QPK

had two engineers down here yesterday to do an internal punch list. They are waiting for TG Miller to come up with their punch list.

Moseley stated that he is on Jury Duty every Thursday and was surprised to be out early today so that he could attend the meeting. Dairy One will be starting soon. Ulta Beauty Products will be going into Shops at Ithaca Mall. They are currently putting up fencing around the outside of the building in the area so they can do a new façade. There have been numerous building permits from the mall because they are jockeying tenants around. There will be temporary flower and car sales in the parking lot. Triphammer Market Place will start their Farmers Market this spring.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6036- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$26,609.42 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$246,346.05, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$67,085.52, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$187,573.44, is hereby approved for payment.

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

Hatfield had nothing to report.

Mayor Hartill thanked Julie for the great job she has done. She ran for Trustee in 2008 and won. Julie has helped the Village out by balancing the checkbook. By law the Village has to have a separate person check the bank statements and in effect by what she's done, we have been able to not have a part time Deputy Clerk. She has helped to keep us honest. Julie stated that this group is very pleasant to work with. The Board showed their appreciation by presenting Julie with a card, plant and cake.

Motion- To Go Into Executive Session

Trustee O'Rourke moved to go into executive session. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

The Board went into executive session at 1:27pm.

Motion- To Come Out of Executive Session

Trustee Baker moved to come out of executive session. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

The Board came out of executive session at 1:35pm.

Resolution#6037 - Agreed Conditions for Possible Acceptance of  
Northwood Road

WHEREAS, the owners of Northwood Road (currently a private road) have expressed their willingness to dedicate and transfer such private road to the Village of Lansing for use as a public road; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees believes it would be in its best interests of the Village to pursue the acquisition of such private road and to cooperate with the owners thereof in the process of such dedication and transfer of the property involved for use as a public road;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

The Village of Lansing hereby expresses its initial intent to proceed with the necessary and appropriate procedural matters in conjunction with the dedication and transfer of the current private Northwood Road to the Village of Lansing for use as a public road, subject to customary conditions of the Village Board of Trustees for road dedications, and also the following additional conditions:

- A. The Village will provide a permanent easement for the Northwood Apartments sign and its maintenance at the entrance of Northwood Road at the intersection of Warren Road.

- B. The Village will permit the existing on-street parking on the north side of Northwood Road in perpetuity.
- C. The Village will take over the maintenance of Northwood Road immediately after the transfer of the road takes place.
- D. The Village reaffirms that the roadway connection at the end of Wood Thrush Hollow Road to the Lansing Trails subdivision will not be constructed; provided, however, that if in the future, public safety concerns require an additional emergency access for the residents along Wood Thrush Hollow Road, the connection would only be an emergency access connection with a locked gate or similar apparatus.

Trustee O’Neill moved this resolution. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee John O’Neill –Aye	Trustee Patricia O’Rourke-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye	

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee John O’Neill –Aye	Trustee Patricia O’Rourke-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye	

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Jodi Dake  
Clerk/Treasurer