

## Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, September 11, 2014, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold; Trustees Patricia O'Rourke, John O'Neill, Gerry Monaghan; 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.

Deputy Mayor Leopold called the meeting to order at 12:22pm.

Courtney stated that he is putting up speed signs on Dart Drive. Tomorrow, the driveway entrances on Dart Drive will be paved. Courtney explained that they ended up tipping up the side of the road which helps with water runoff. Cayuga Landscape is getting ready to plant around our office. Courtney explained that Cayuga Landscape missed the drip edge around the building by 6 inches so there will be a change order for that.

John stated that he hasn't had time to get generator quotes. The Board had previously asked him to get quotes on getting an emergency generator. It was asked if we could have solar power to use if there was no power. Moseley stated that if there was a battery, it would, but if it was tied back into grid then we wouldn't get power during an outage. You need an inverter to store into a battery. A natural gas generator is the suggested source of power. There is currently an old generator in the garage that would not be sufficient in an emergency power outage situation. It was suggested that this be added to the budget.

Bomax is striped and the speed limit sign should slow down traffic. Most summer projects are complete. Easements for the traffic signal at Craft and N. Triphammer Roads are still needed. Courtney stated that Dubow is overwhelmed with water easements right now so we have to wait. Courtney explained that there is a 12-16 weeks lead time for traffic poles so he thinks that the project will not happen until the spring.

There is a problem with the 2" service line that goes into the new karaoke business at Lansing Village Place. The Village is responsible for the lateral up to the valve. Courtney will be working on that this afternoon.

Courtney explained that there have been complaints on the road striping because residents in Shannon Park and Beckett Way didn't want striping. The striping is usually done with EPOXY paint, but this year we used water borne- striping. Courtney couldn't get anyone to do epoxy.

Dake asked if the Highway Department would be able to do the maintenance this fall on the gardens since most summer projects are complete and we have already gone over budget on that item. Courtney stated that the Highway Department is overwhelmed with work and they don't have time to do landscaping maintenance. Courtney stated that they

have two cross culverts to do on Bush Lane and Janivar Drive. It was suggested that next year we consider hiring a summer laborer that could primarily mow and maintain gardens instead of hiring a landscaper. Ideally, Courtney would like to hire an experienced retiree for the summer. Lynn stated that it took her and Nick approximately 6-8 hours to weed the gardens. Courtney was informed by Dave Fernandez that there are some dead trees along N. Triphammer Road. Fernandez has suggested we plant elm trees. The Village will need to budget for trees in 2015-16. Trees are not in this year's budget, but Courtney stated that he may be able to take it out of the highway budget.

A street sweeper was used to clean up the glass on the road in the Lansing Trails area. Courtney believes it is from the recycling truck, but can't prove it. Courtney will call Casella, and if it can't get resolved he will then contact Tompkins County Solid Waste who contracts with Casella to pick up recycling.

Adam had nothing to report.

O'Neill stated that the Town of Lansing is looking at the drainage in the Autumn Ridge area. They are going under East Shore Drive to divert water. Courtney stated that drainage in that area is an issue. Bolton Point road has also been fixed twice this year due to wash out. Courtney will call TG Miller to find out what is going on and how it will affect the Village.

O'Neill questioned the voucher for \$900 to Cornell University Lab of Ornithology. Dake explained that Tompkins County awarded Cornell a grant but it has to pass through the municipality that it is in. Tompkins County sent us a check and we in turn sent it to the Lab. The monies for this program come from the hotel tax that is collected in Tompkins County.

Monaghan stated that he has realized that we share services with the Town. He would like to look into the services that we are already paying for and how we could utilize more. Two areas that he will look into are expanding Parks & Recreation to our parks and Village artifacts from a Village history stand point.

Monaghan lives in Shannon Park and the neighborhood is considering creating an interest group, "Friends of Shannon Park", that would focus on Shannon Park instead of a Home Owners Association. They have discussed buying benches and improving the entrance area.

Leopold talked about a fracking ban. There is not much area to frack in the Village, but she felt a ban would be more of solidarity with other municipalities.

Leopold stated that Tompkins County Solid Waste (TCSW) would like to have a spot on our property as a place to drop off compostable materials. TCSW will provide all equipment. They currently have pilot programs and are collecting in other areas. Leopold will send the Board a summary description of how it works. If the Village was to try this, it would be set up in the upper parking lot behind the old office. Cayuga Compost would

pick up the compost material. If it is successful and we want to continue to have the drop off area, we could consider putting up a small shed to store items such as tables and bins. TCSW would need a part time person to staff the drop off. The Village could hire someone we know and they will pay for them. This may be a real benefit since a lot of people in the Village of Lansing live in apartments and can't compost where they live. TCSW promotes the program and provides the materials. This would start out just as a test. TCSW gets grant money and some County monies. Leopold will call to find out how it will work to pay someone to man the position.

On Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Leopold attended an informational meeting by the City of Ithaca to the Stormwater Coalition and Water Resource Council. The City recently passed a stormwater law as a tax – equivalent residential unit. ERU= 2,300 sq. ft. Individual homes will be assessed one ERU (\$48/yr.) to pay for Stormwater expenses. They estimate that this new tax will raise \$800,000. Neighboring municipalities are not impacted. This creates a dedicated revenue stream.

Dake reported that a representative from the NYSIF was here to do our Workers' Compensation audit on Monday. The Fall Newsletter will be going out at the beginning of October so articles need to be submitted by September 25<sup>th</sup>. Jodi reminded Courtney that he had previously stated that he would write an article about how it is a violation to park on roads between 2-6 am and about State and Federal regulations that people don't know about, explaining to our residents that a situation isn't always in our control. She also reminded Leopold that she was going to get with Bernd Blossey and write an article on the Village Deer Management Program and any changes that have occurred.

Dake will be here for Monday's meeting, but then will be gone to the NYCOM Conference for training the rest of the week. In October we will begin to go through all of our Policies and Procedures to make sure they are updated and to be sure the staff is informed. She also reminded the Board that they needed to have their updated Comprehensive Plan sections to her so that Jodi, Deborah and Lisa can start putting it all together in October.

Back on May 5<sup>th</sup> representatives from the Youth Commission came to talk to the Board about updating the Joint Youth Commission Agreement since the Town of Caroline has joined. The Joint Youth Commission has finalized their Operating Guidelines and Municipal Agreement for the Towns of Ithaca and Caroline and the Villages of Cayuga Heights and Lansing which was previously emailed to the Trustees on August 29<sup>th</sup>. The Board will need to pass a resolution to authorize the agreement.

Resolution #6092-To Accept the Updated Operating Guidelines and Municipal Agreement of the Joint Youth Commission and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Agreement

Trustee O'Neill moved this resolution. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold-Aye    Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee John O'Neill -Aye            Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Deputy Mayor Leopold entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6093- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 4 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$82,742.20 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 4 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$721.43, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 4 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$15,508.59, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 4 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,067.95, is hereby approved for payment.

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

Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold-Aye    Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee John O'Neill -Aye            Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

O'Rourke had nothing to report.

Moseley stated that construction has begun on the new Dairy One and Cayuga Medical buildings. The Board was concerned how the Dairy One area looked without any trees. Moseley explained that all the stormwater regulations call for retention ponds so there isn't an area for trees.

The Planning Board will be recommending an amendment to the Planned Sign Area at the Shops at Ithaca Mall. The Trustees should see this in October. Edger has completed the replacement of unsatisfactory sidewalks around the building and is working on finishing the punch list. Courtney asked if the Planning Board discussed parking on Dart and Graham Roads. Moseley stated that the Planning Board is concerned, but didn't make any changes. They are going to wait to see if this will be a problem when the newly approved religious building is completed. Courtney stated that the road was widened for pedestrians. If people park on the road he feels it is defeating the purpose. Courtney would like the Village to consider having no parking on Dart and Graham Roads.

Nolan had nothing to report.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill -Aye	Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Jodi Dake  
Clerk/Treasurer