

Village of Lansing

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

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Patricia O'Rourke, Lynn Leopold, John O'Neill, Gerry Monaghan; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; MEO. Nolan Hatfield.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12: 30pm.

Nolan stated that they plowed 16 hours yesterday. The new transmission on the plow truck works very well. Courtney stated that Nolan took over Adam's old route and did a great job. Marty was also in last night for an hour to clear the office parking lot and this morning from 4-7am to help clean snow with the tractor. Marty is very good with the Skidster but he hit a curb and it put him in the ditch and that caused a hose to burst. They pulled the Skidster out with a chain. Courtney stated that having the extra help relieves the pressure on them. Even the Clerk helped out with shoveling the office sidewalks all day. Lynn stated that this just confirms our need for a third person in the Highway Department. The new plow truck we ordered should be ready at the end of the month.

Courtney reported that he took some time off since he knew he would have to cover the snow events with Adam being gone. Courtney felt that Lynn, Gerry and he made a great interviewing team. They interviewed five candidates and have narrowed it down to two. Courtney will arrange a second interview with the Mayor on Monday morning.

Courtney stated that the traffic signal is moving along. The Board discussed the possibility of installing a pedestrian crossing signal to the west side of N. Triphammer Road. Previously, there was a request for a sidewalk on that side of the street. Typically when we do improvements we have the property owner install a sidewalk. Courtney estimated that it would cost approximately \$10,000 to add the infrastructure for a pedestrian crossing. Hartill stated that it is cheaper than tearing up the road later. Courtney will have Fisher come up with an estimate to add this. Courtney also stated that Dubow is working on getting the paperwork for Bailey permanent easement and Dr. Limburg office. Keith of Fisher Associates is concerned Dubow has not responded to him. TG Miller now out of signal project. Dake stated that last report, TG Miller was going to put this project out to bid. Dave Putnam stated that Keith of Fisher Associates and Dave Herrick of TG Miller had conversation about the bid. Since Fisher's paperwork is not compatible with TG Miller, it was decided that it would be more cost efficient for Fisher to do it.

Monaghan asked who was keeping the path from Shannon Park to the Shops of Ithaca Mall open, Courtney stated that it was been cleared by Marty, Nolan and the mall. Monaghan also requested that they do some clearing so that there is more visibility coming out of Shannon Park. Courtney will take care of that.

Jodi stated that she attended the WLB training at the Town of Lansing last week.

O'Rourke complained about the tree trimming job that was done in front of her house by Limbwalkers. They took too much off the hedge and it looks terrible.

Hartill stated that he has been on the road a lot. He will be in town until the end of the month. Hartill is the Co-Chair for the Department of Energy which will take him out of town for the first 3 weeks of January. The Village is still waiting to hear from Northwoods regarding taking over Northwoods Road. On December 18th the Mayor will be attending a meeting with Barbara Lifton to discuss the tax cap. The Mayor feels we should not waste a lot of time on this.

Leopold stated that we have decreased the deer population by 39 so far this year. In past year we have gotten double that amount. The interview process for the Highway Department was a pleasure. They had a lot of interesting conversations.

Leopold reported that she and Monaghan met with Rick Mandl to look at the Highway Garage as a possible site for solar. A NYSERDA technician is here in the area who can give us an overview as to how to go about choosing a system. Tompkins County is leasing a system so they don't worry about maintenance. They have 7 buildings with solar. Leopold doesn't know who does installation of the solar systems. More information is needed. NYSERDA provides some consulting. They do energy audits at no charge. Courtney stated that he had previously talked briefly with Halco and they stated that that roof is perfect for solar. Mayor Hartill stated that the payback period is now becoming reasonable. Leopold feels we need to do our part to reduce our carbon footprint. Problems now are with the inverters.

Bernd Blossey will be attending Monday's Trustee meeting to further discuss having a NYSDEC nuisance permits. The Board feels the way to proceed may be to just allow certain properties that might be effective for initial testing. Dake stated that to do this we would need to update our Local Law to allow this. This would require a public hearing.

O'Neill stated that the neighborhood traffic has increased with the opening of the road connecting Bomax to Janivar. Cars are going fast and O'Neill would like to possibly get some speed limit signs on the east side of Janivar. O'Neill will also talk with people in his neighborhood about stop signs and reducing speed limits. After O'Neill talks to his neighbors he will get back to Courtney. Courtney stated that they could add a speed limit sign midway on Janivar.

Monaghan stated that he is enjoying his position as Trustee. He is working with Jodi and is amazed at all she does. Lansing Historian Louise Bement will be attending a Trustee meeting in January to talk about what the Town can do for the Village. Monaghan also met with Steve Colt to discuss what other recreational activities can be done in the Village through the Town Recreation Department. He would like to see more cultural events. We have many nationalities in the Village and he would like to see the Village reach out to those groups.

Leopold added that she and a few other people from the Village attended Ivar Jonson's Memorial Service up at the Leifs Way Park in Lansing Trails. It was a very nice service.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6116- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$38,344.94, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$1,368.44, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$2,438.25, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Trust & Agency Fund, in the amount of \$2,180, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$2,193.00, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Leopold 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 Gerry Monaghan-Aye

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

Unfortunately Moseley was not able to attend the Trustee meeting due to a conflict with training. Below is a list of items that Moseley emailed to the Board regarding what the Code & Zoning Department is working on.

Planning Board

The Planning Bard has had the month of November off, but on December 8th they approved a salt storage method/container for the Cayuga Mall, approved the lot line alteration for the Lansing Meadows PDA, and started considering requested changes to the CU Suites project, which was originally proposed for the piece of property in between Homewood Suites and CFCU on Cinema Drive. CU Suites was originally proposed to be a three story 39 unit mixed use building with covered parking under the building.

Building Department:

Currently we are at 125 building permits for the year, which is the most that we have had in the past. We still have numerous projects that are waiting to be reviewed and approved including, but not limited to Advanced Auto Parts (located at the Cayuga Mall) and a Jazzercise tenant (located at 15 Catherwood Road).

Zoning Department:

The Village has had a requirement, through the sewer law, of requiring an exterior building trap. After numerous conversations with John we have determined that the Village may not need to have a requirement for an exterior building trap for structure, and the NYS Plumbing Code actually prohibits such a trap but does allow for building code officials to require one if the local conditions provide such an avenue. I have also suggested some additional changes to slightly modify the sewer law to follow the procedures that actually take place when an applicant applies for a sewer permit. These proposed modifications/comments are in Mr. Dubow's hands at this point in time.

Fire Inspections:

At this point in time we have approximately 93 operating permits issued for the businesses in the Village. We expect to hit 100 operating this year.

NYS Code:

It appears that NYS is requiring that we enforce a new commercial energy code as of January 1, 2015. I sat through the first part of an update course today and foresee some complications for this for the future applicants. Also one caveat to this update is that typically we are allowed to have a 90 day transition period where applicants can choose either the new code or the existing code to build to but there is no 90 day transition period and therefore all commercial applications will be subject to the new code on January 1st. We also do not have any paper code books to refer to so we will be looking at an electronic copy on the Department of States website. Also it seems as if there is a new code that the NYS Code Council has determined that they should approve for all residential additions, new construction, and remodeling projects, which would require a reflective medallion to be placed on the exterior electrical panel of the house indicating the type of construction. The medallion is the same medallion as what is on the exterior of the new office building. The medallion is required when engineer products are used in residential projects, like truss systems. We are also now required to notify the fire chief and the county emergency administrator as well. It seems as though we are continuing to receive more unfunded mandates that take more of our time.

NYS DEC:

We are continuing to work on the required updated changes that the DEC has required of us by January 31, 2015. Lynn and I are also working with Tompkins County Soil and

Water on the updates, since we are part of the Tompkins County Stormwater Coalition and they are also assisting other municipalities with the updates.

Other Topics:

As you are aware, we are working with the State on providing Catherwood Road to the Village. As soon as Mr. Dubow has an acceptable resolution and the Trustees have passed that resolution, we will hand that to the State to continue the process. At this point in time the State has projected that this may be complete by the end of February 2015. This is one addition item that we need to continue with a larger plan that makes the Village a more walkable area and increases pedestrian access to areas that are not very well served at this point in time.

Moseley has received various phone calls and met with Crystal Mullenix from Crystal's Spa and Salon. Crystal may be coming to a Board of Trustee meeting to discuss a sidewalk that she would like to have on her side of the street. After meeting with John it is Moseley's understanding that the traffic light designs are at 100% for Triphammer and Craft Road intersection, but he would suggest that the Village consider having the design altered to accommodate for a cross walk if ever it needed to be utilized. Even if the Trustees are not interested in installing a sidewalk on the west side of Triphammer Road, this would at least allow individuals to cross over to the west side of Triphammer Road at a light intersection creating a safe pedestrian route. As usual this would add cost to the design phase and the overall project, but it would eventually save money as you would not need to alter the road or propose an additional design in the future.

Hartill stated that the Holiday Party is Tuesday from 5:30-7:30pm.

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 Gerry Monaghan-Aye

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer