

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, January 5, 2015, in the Village Office.

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

Deputy Mayor Leopold called the meeting to order at 7:33pm and opened the public comment period. Carla? was observing for the Community Party. There was no public comment.

Motion- To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee Monaghan moved to close the public comment period. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Louise Bement was present to inform the Board of what she does as the Town of Lansing Historian and how the Village can be involved. Louise stated that she became the Town Historian in 1981. She got involved because the 4th grade classes she taught did research and she wanted the records organized and available. Every town in New York has to have a historian. In 1988 she retired from teaching. In 1989 she founded the Lansing Historical Association which does a quarterly newsletter.

Louise stated that what she mainly would like to do is put a face with the name of those in the Village and welcomed the Board to use the Town of Lansing records any time. Suzanne Harring was one of the first state mandated historians for the Town. Villages are not required to have historians. However, Dake stated that as a Village we keep history through detailed minutes.

Louise stated that one of the reasons that the Village was formed was because of the geology of the Town. To the north there is farming with nice soil and to the south is clay which makes for different attitudes. In 1790 different parcels were identified as Milton Military lots. She has maps from 1853 and 1866. In 1817 when the Town of Lansing was formed we got 60 lots and Cayuga got 40 lots because the land in Lansing wasn't any good. Streets started to be named in the 1830's. In 2003 Rita Smart's archives were given to the Town of Lansing Historical Association. Her notes included Community Party information, notes from meetings and letters commenting on why the formation of the Village was a good idea. She also has pictures of the intersection of Triphammer and Route 13 before the overpass was built.

When land was acquired for the Triphammer intersection they didn't realize how fast development would go so they didn't plan to acquire enough land for a clover leaf design. They weren't thinking of the future when they acquired land for the intersection.

Gerry wants to get grants to do historical work, which he will pursue. It was suggested that the Village get copies of early maps and hang them on the wall here in office.

The Town of Lansing Historical Association has presentations twice a year. They hold meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month from October to April. The next presentation will be on Rogues Harbor. A year and a day on 4 acres was the last program. Louise feels that we have done a great job of developing the Village.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Deer Nuisance Program.

Dubow stated that at the last meeting the Board raised the issue of adopting a Local Law amending the existing provisions under Section 67-6 to address possible inconsistencies arising from the proposed Nuisance Permit process and provisions. After further review of this issue and the Village Code provisions under Section 67-6, specifically subsection A.(5), Dubow believes that the language in the second sentence of that subsection should in fact sufficiently allow the Board to use its discretion to apply certain identified NYSDEC Deer Management Program provisions and thereby override certain of the provisions in subsections A.(1), (2), (3) and (4). Therefore, given what he understands to be the Board's current intention to proceed with a NYSDEC Nuisance Program and thereby utilize certain of the DEC permit provisions in lieu of the otherwise applicable Village Code provisions, Dubow believes the Board can make that determination and take such formal action. That will then of course eliminate the need for a Local Law amendment.

Dubow stated that the current Village hunting law empowers the Trustees to approve official DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) program regulations even if they exceed Village's local hunting law provisions. Dubow called the DEC Nuisance Program a kind of a 'higher level' of the Village's program, saying that the Trustees could make discretionary decisions as to which parts of DEC regulations are allowed.

The Board has reviewed the particular language in Section 67-6, and more specifically in subsection "A.(5)", and confirmed the determination to proceed with this more simple approach.

Leopold stated that not having to change our Local Law simplifies the process. It gives us the flexibility to do the NYSDEC nuisance permit program. Dubow stated that the Board has to make a determination on the record. Leopold feels we need to have conditions on how it will work. (Nuisance Operations) The NYSDEC Nuisance Program takes some limitations off such as the number of deer an individual can take, baiting, language changes, use of artificial light and hunting up until 11pm. The nuisance program must take place outside of the regular hunting season. Before Bernd Blossey approaches the land owners, he wants Board approval.

Dubow asked Bernd to provide guidelines and a map of where the nuisance hunts would take place. Bernd stated that there would be a small number of hunters involved. They would hunt no more than twice a week. Bernd will put together proposed guidelines and email them to the Trustees. He added that the NYSDEC will probably come in and look at the area. Bernd will bring in the application for the Trustees to review and approve. The Board will need to authorize the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to sign the document.

Bernd added that we will have cameras to monitor deer movement. Participants will be trained to hunt under artificial lighting. There will be a very small number of hunters, each of whom will be assigned to a specific hunting area on the properties whose owners have granted permission. Bernd wants to get deer used to feeding at certain areas where bait is put out or distributed using automatic feeders. They will also put ribbons on deer stands so they get used to motion in those locations.

Leopold stated that the Board still needs to discuss how much they would be willing to contribute for the cost of corn and automatic feeders that would be used for baiting. If we don't use automatic feeders than the land owners would have to spread the corn daily.

If NYSDEC approves our nuisance hunt, it would take place from 2/1/15 to 3/31/15 from day break until 11pm, which is what the NYSDEC approves. Locations would be strategically placed through the Village of Lansing, depending on landowner approval. Currently, three Cornell sites and the Leopold property are the only properties that have already agreed to a nuisance hunt. Other landowners would need to be approached.

Dubow suggested that the Board authorize Bernd to go forward with the guidelines and application and then present this to the Board at their noon meeting on Thursday, January 15th so they can potentially accept and authorize the nuisance permit program and its establishment and utilization. Dubow suggested that our local law be referenced in the application. The Board is all in favor of proceeding in this manner.

The next item on the agenda was to approve minutes from December 15th.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes December 15th

Trustee O'Rourke moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Monaghan seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

O'Neill complained about trucks cutting through the Lansing Trails neighborhood. The construction trucks should be going to Warren Road and coming in that way. O'Neill will bring this to Marty Moseley's attention.

Leopold stated that John Dennis would still like to see the Village discuss a fracking ban. She feels we should be careful because State government can change. Recently, New

York State banned fracking. Leopold is worried about it being approved in the future. She would like to discuss this with the full Board in February.

Lynn asked if everyone received the email from Moseley regarding the noise complaint made by the karate studio in regards to the Karaoke place next door to him. Dubow stated that the Village of Lansing noise regulations apply to property lines and not interior locations which are generally not local government regulated. Dubow suggests that we don't want to be in the business of policing noise within interior locations. Those matters generally involve civil claims between the two parties. It was suggested that this may also be a landlord-tenant matter.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer