

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, January 15, 2015, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold; Trustees Patricia O'Rourke, John O'Neill, Gerry Monaghan; Code & Zoning Officer, Marty Moseley; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; MEO, Nolan Hatfield and Thomas Stephens.

Deputy Mayor Leopold called the meeting to order at 12:10pm. Courtney stated that we have had a lot of nuisance snowfall events and have been using a lot of salt. We have used the 350 tons of salt stored from last year and just got another 275 tons. There was an ice storm last Saturday during which we used a lot of salt on the roads. The new International snow plow truck is here.

Fisher Associates is working on updating the traffic signal design since we added the cross walk signal. Courtney and Hartill have talked and agree that this is the only connection for the pedestrians to cross to the west side of North Triphammer Road down at the northern end of the Village. The Board agreed that it is a good idea to include a provision to install a loop at that intersection in case it is needed in the future. The easement from Dr. Lambert's office is in. Courtney is waiting for Dubow to get the last necessary easement from Bailey Insurance. Moseley stated that Dubow has had family emergencies lately. Once we get the easement Courtney will go ahead and get final specs built which would then go to Dubow to review, and then go to bid. Fisher will be doing the engineering for this project, not TG Miller.

Courtney stated that he is starting to look at his budget for next year. Courtney asked the Board to email him with any proposed projects. Leopold stated that she has looked at our stormwater requirements and we need to replace the plaques on the storm sewer. Courtney stated that we have more plaques in the shop so he can replace them as needed. John wants all suggestions emailed to him.

There is a section of lights out on N. Triphammer Rd. which has been reported to NYSEG. It is a problem with the relay. Courtney complained about the lights at the Maguire car dealership and suggested the Lighting Commission look at that again. Since there are no leaves on the trees it is very noticeable. Leopold feels they need to shield the lights.

Leopold stated that the number of deer that have been taken as part of the controlled deer hunt is low. Courtney stated that lately they haven't had to pick up any dead deer on the side of the road.

Nolan reported that they have been plowing and repairing water main breaks. The breaks have occurred on Brook Drive, Brook Way, two on Bush Lane and one behind Cayuga Pet Hospital. The line behind the Cayuga Pet Hospital needs to be replaced from there

down to Burdick Hill. The line on Bush Lane from Brook Way to N. Triphammer also needs to be replaced. The water line is not very deep, really old and sitting on rock. We have TG Miller engineering this area.

O'Neill had nothing to report.

Thomas Stephens was introduced to the Board. Nolan has done a fantastic job showing Tom the ropes. Courtney was sick at Christmas and they did a good job while he was out. Courtney stated that we have Tom coming in early to check roads because he has the farthest drive. If there is a slight snow Tom will take care of it and if help is needed he will call in John and Nolan.

Monaghan asked if Courtney had considered installing a camera to observe the weather and road conditions from home. Courtney thought that there were provisions to do that with original design of the administrative building but is unsure. It needs to be a good quality camera. He has looked at Ithaca Campus and Cornell cameras. Where Courtney last worked they had a Weatherbug camera at the school. Courtney will continue to look into it.

Tom has been learning the ropes. The Board thanked him for his work.

Monaghan is still having fun with his involvement with Lansing Historical Association. He continues to look into ways we can work together with the Town of Lansing Recreation Department.

Moseley presented the Board with a map of the Lansing Trails area. At the January 13th meeting, the Planning Board approved a request to rename the parkland in the Lansing Trails II subdivision after the previous Planning Board Chairman, Edward Hickey. This was approved with a condition that Mr. Hickey approves his name being used for that purpose.

Another request was to change the current name of a Lansing Trails private road from Park Way to Ivars Way. This road is at the Janivar intersection prior to turning into the Lansing Trails II subdivision. The Planning Board approved this change to the subdivision and made a recommendation that the Trustees consider and approve a name change to what would continue to be the existing trail system at the end of Janivar Drive. Larry Fabbroni has presented a formal recommendation to have the public section also named that.

O'Neill stated that the road is currently called Park Way. It was originally a cut through but that was abandoned for parkland. Moseley stated that originally it was supposed to go all the way through to the Millcroft Subdivision. Half way down is where the public section already is. The park is designated, but it doesn't have a name.

O'Neill feels that we already have Janivar Drive (Janet & Ivar) and that it is not necessary to have an Ivar Way. Marty stated that he was just informing the Board of this

recommendation that is coming from the Planning Board. Leopold stated that Ivar was an outstanding builder for many years in our Village.

Courtney is concerned that Craft Road turns into Janivar and it is just the same straight road. It makes it very confusing for people. Another issue is having a house and driveway on one road and the mailing address on another. Marty stated that he has a couple of different areas that have their driveway on one road but address on another because the 911 center doesn't have the appropriate volume of house numbers set up to accommodate the houses. One example is the new houses on Sun Path. Those houses have East Shore Drive addresses because the 911 Center doesn't have a broad enough range to allow those addresses on Sun Path. Sometimes it is out of the Village's control in order to cooperate with intermunicipal parties.

Courtney stated that Fabbroni has been asking him to get the street signs for the private road which they named as Ivar's Way. Moseley stated that the Planning Board approved it already. That is currently a private road so Courtney can proceed with the sign. That road used to be called the Park Way and the Planning Board approved a name change at their last meeting. The Planning Board approves the name of private roads. If it was a public road then the Trustees get to approve the name.

Moseley stated that Advanced Auto Parts has requested that they be allowed to erect a larger façade sign than what is currently allowed by the Cayuga Mall Planned Sign Area. The Planning Board is recommending that the Cayuga Mall Planned Sign Area be amended to allow for a store that has 70 feet of façade to erect a sign of 71 square feet. Currently stores that have a faced of 50 feet or more are allowed to have a 55 sq. ft. façade sign. The applicant originally requested to erect an 88 sq. ft. sign for Advance Auto Parts. Leopold stated we did a similar change when Sumo came in.

The park, road and sign issues will all be on the agenda for the February 2nd Board of Trustee meeting.

Moseley stated that there has been a complaint from the Plantsman because we allow the mall to bring in someone to sell plants. The current law allows for outside sales. We don't get to decide who comes in. Leopold suggested that the Plantsman contact the mall.

Monaghan is concerned with what appears to be a drop off and pick up of cars and trucks behind the Shops at Ithaca Mall. There was a car sale in December. He is worried that they are using it as a transit point. Moseley will keep an eye on that.

Moseley stated that the Planning Board was talking about fracking/gas drilling. Dake informed Moseley that there was a letter sent to the Trustees to ban this activity even though the State had already done so. Moseley's interpretation on this issue is that gas drilling is not a permitted use in residential area therefore it is not allowed. Leopold stated that most of the Village is residential.

Moseley has emailed the NYSDEC materials for Stormwater & Illicit Discharge guidelines to the Board. Moseley did extensive work on creating a Stormwater Plan. The original auditor, Julie Melancon, thought we have been more proactive than most of our neighboring municipalities. Moseley explained that it's not that we haven't done it; it just wasn't in a formal policy. Illicit Discharge documentation has also been put together. Courtney stated that having to clean 10% of our catch basins a year was an issue for him. We do this as needed. If we have a good street sweeping program we shouldn't need to clean them. Moseley informed Courtney that if we find it isn't necessary we can always amend this next year and explain why. Courtney stated that cleaning the basins on N. Triphammer was going to be a nightmare because they are all bolted down and rusted. Moseley stated that these are all workable documents and if we find we need to make changes, we can. We have about 200 catch basins. We don't have an updated list of catch basins. TC Soil & Water can have GIS locate all the catch basins and update it for us. It was suggested that all of this should be considered in the budget process next year. The Trustees are in agreement with the stormwater documents that were submitted.

Moseley stated that there has been a complaint on noise at the K-House. Mr. Lane, owner of the business next door, came to the Planning Board and he will also attend the next Trustee meeting. Mr. Lane will be proposing that we change our zoning to include tenant noise restrictions. Moseley went to the K-House parking lot after the Planning Board meeting and could not observe what Mr. Lane had stated.

Moseley stated that 130 permits were issued for 2014. There are a lot of commercial updates. Moseley stated that he and Courtney are working on sewer law updates. These changes deal with procedural and trap issues.

Deputy Mayor Leopold entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6118- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$43,288.06, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$115,647.10, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Special Assessment Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$21,375.00, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$172,823.85, is hereby approved for payment.

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

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

Trustee Patricia O’Rourke-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Leopold stated that all Trustees have received an email of NYSDEC nuisance permit guidelines that Bernd Blossey suggested for us. At the last meeting it was determined that it wasn’t necessary to change the current law to allow for a nuisance hunt. We have the flexibility to work with the NYSDEC on any of their approved programs. This is one of their approved programs. It would be a smaller more contained project that takes place outside of hunting season. The State issues a permit to the Village and it is overseen by the Village whereby it has control over how we conduct this. There is permit paperwork that gets signed and submitted. This will be discussed at the February 2nd meeting. We have some landowners that have agreed to have the nuisance hunt on their property. The people that participate will be a very small number and will have been trained in this kind of activity. They have done this same thing over in the Village of Trumansburg and have been very successful. Leopold stated that if our conservation goal is to have our ecosystems recover, Leopold thinks we need to proceed. There will be a form to sign to apply for this permit.

Moseley updated that Board on the multiple emergency code rules that are now in effect.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Monaghan moved for adjournment. Trustee O’Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee John O’Neill –Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer