

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, February 12, 2015, in the Village Office.

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

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:28pm.

Bernd Blossy was present to discuss what the Village is going to do in the near future regarding deer management. At the previous Monday, February 2nd meeting the Board passed a resolution approving the overflight for an amount not to exceed \$3,000, to proceed with the Deer Management Permit Application from the NYSDEC, and then wait to conduct a hunt until after overflight data was received and analyzed. Since then the Deer Management Permit has been pursued from the NYSDEC and they have scheduled a site visit for February 18th to examine the deer damage and take a look at the sites selected for baiting.

Bernd stated that he has inquired with Toni DeNicola about the timing of the flights and the approved cost contribution. The Board has also learned that the best temperature for a successful flyover is 20 degrees or above. This would make mid to late March the best time. This would not allow the Village to take advantage of the February/March opportunity to make progress in deer impact reduction. Also, the Board has learned that the organization that was going to do the flyover has rescinded their offer to offset part of the total costs for the flyover since the Village is not going to proceed with the nuisance hunt. The Board asked Bernd to find out if we do proceed on a limited basis if they will still offer the flyover for the allocated \$3,000. Otherwise, it would cost the Village the full \$7,000.

Because of the delay of the flyover, and after considering all the information, the Mayor suggested that we go ahead and hunt a very limited number of sites to see how effective it will be. It was suggested that two residential properties and designated Cornell properties in the Village move forward. By proceeding in this manner, the Village should get an accurate database with hunting and flyover. The Mayor pointed out that if we would want to implement the nuisance hunt for all the properties that had been previously approved, we would need to wait do this at the next Monday night meeting. If we approve a limited hunt today it gets us started with the process, and also gets us the information that we need which will help to make an educated decision for next year.

Bernd stated that if we are successful in using this approach, there will be a human dimensions scientific research paper out of the experience. We have collected ecological data. The Village of Lansing has the longest running active program in the area. Bernd would like to see the Village authorize additional locations. The Board asked if approved,

when the hunt could start. If NYSDEC approved the permit at the February 18th site visit, it would be the first time that bait can be on the ground. Usually, it is a week later before any hunting occurs. We will have cameras to see when deer are coming. The next Board of Trustee meeting is March 2nd. It was suggested that on March 2nd the Board discuss expanding to other properties. We can also consider corn purchases and discuss the flyover further.

It was asked when the best time is to do a nuisance hunt. It was indicated that the preferred nuisance permit time period is February and March. NYSDEC also likes the September period which is the first two weeks of the month. Hunters don't like this current time period because it is very predictable. It was asked if there should be another nuisance period. If we start on a limited basis we will see how we do and proceed from there. The normal hunt every year will still continue as it has in the past. Bernd reported that no deer were taken in the special season this year. He feels that it is mostly due to the cold and snow.

Resolution #6123-To Proceed on a Limited Bases with Hunts at Two Residential Locations and Cornell Properties after Permit to Take or Harass Nuisance and Destructive Wildlife is Approved by NYSDEC

Trustee Monaghan moved this resolution be adopted and Trustee Leopold seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill -Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Courtney stated that we have had a lot of snowfall. So far this winter we've used 8-900 tons of salt. We have ordered 825 tons of salt this year but can go up to 900 tons. After that they cut you off or give you their price increase. The electronics on the new plow truck tells us the amount of salt that has been spread. We have 500 hours on the new truck, and according to the computer 200 tons have been spread by the truck already. We have cut back a little on our salt. We use rubber blades because steel blades ruin the road. That's why we have to go back out in afternoon to hit roads again. Slush is hard to drive in. There have been a few complaints regarding mailboxes being hit and the gentleman in the Village that is in a wheelchair has complained about the sidewalk on Graham Road. Courtney feels our sidewalks are in better condition than the parking lot and mall roads. The Highway Department does the walks in morning, and then they do cul-de-sacs. Recently they have been cutting snow banks back. Lynn commented that the snow on the solar panel is making it so the speed sign isn't working.

Courtney stated that he will be working with Mayor Hartill and Clerk/Treasurer Dake on the Highway Department budget. This year we will be designing and widening Bush Lane. The water main on Brook Lane will be replaced and the shoulders will be widened. The slope on Brook Lane is too steep for ADA Compliant sidewalks. There was a Craft Signal meeting to finalize the details so it can go out to bid.

On February 17th DE Tarolli will start to bore under Route 13. The water vouchers for legal fees from The Stop & Shop Supermarket and The Solomon Group associated with the Route 13 project were questioned. Hartill stated that the Village has agreed to pay legal fees associated with getting easements for this project. The Mayor feels this whole project has been a pain. Even though there have been unnecessary legal fees due to dealing with SCLIWC member municipalities, both organizations are saving a significant amount of money.

It was asked who clears the N. Triphammer Road Bridge over Route 13. Courtney stated that the Village does. He explained that we can't get any equipment on the east sidewalk because of the way the bridge was repaired when the truck carrying a windmill hit the bridge a couple of years ago. The sidewalk is no longer 5 feet like the other side of the bridge. The Ramada sidewalk has been maintained this winter.

Stephens stated that he likes working for the Village. He doesn't mind the long commute. Courtney stated that Thomas is usually the 1st one here and he feels he is a good addition to the Highway Department. Stephens has been doing a lot of sidewalk clearing. Hartill stated that we are happy to have him work for us.

Hatfield stated that everything is going well. He did upset one gentleman when he hit his recycling bin which was in the area that gets plowed.

Monaghan gave the Village a copy of Rita Smidt's "Declaration" from Louise Bement of the Town of Lansing Historical Association. Monaghan asked for clarification on what an Accounting Code number was. Dake explained that the vouchers list the name of the code in the top line of the description area. This is a new feature that was added with the new accounting update.

O'Neill had nothing to report.

Leopold stated that she will send everyone a link from Bernd. She feels it should be required reading for all municipal officials. It explains what municipalities can do to manage deer in their municipality.

Jon Reiss did some aerial photos of the Village this fall which Leopold sent to the Trustees. She will resend them. Leopold paid for the flight, but if we chose an image we will need to pay for it. It was suggested that we have some of these photos framed and hung in the new Village Office. Dake suggested adding this type of thing to the upcoming budget.

Hartill stated that this is the longest period of snow cover that he can remember. With the construction drilling under Route 13 there will be a sleeve liner and a pipe will go in that. This will provide our connection to the other side and enough valving to become the transmission line for Bolton Point if their current line fails.

Craft Road Traffic Signal will probably be completed in October. We still need to get final easement and expedite contract arrangements for the bidding process.

Dake stated that January has been closed out and everyone has received a Treasurer's Report in their folders. Dake stated that she and Lynn have been spending quite a bit of time on the Deer FOIL request from James LaVeck on behalf of Cayugadeer.org. She will be meeting tomorrow with Dawson and Schleelein to continue working on updating the Comprehensive Plan.

The Electrical Fee Schedule needs to be updated to include solar installation. The Board was given a copy of the proposed Electrical Inspection Fee Schedule. Moseley added that with the evolving technology it may change again.

Resolution #6124-To Approve the Updated Electrical Inspection Fee Schedule.

Trustee Monaghan moved this resolution be adopted and Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion.

Mayor Donald Hartill
Trustee John O'Neill –Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6125- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$269510.12, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$1,129.09, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$12063.61, is hereby approved for payment.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill
Trustee John O'Neill –Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Moseley has been working with Angel Hinickle of Tompkins County Soil & Water on stormwater. The plan is to update our inventory of catch basins as part of next year's budget. Ours is outdated.

As far as residential building in the Village, there is a new house on Millcroft Way and other minor alterations going on. A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) has been issued to 19 Hemlock. Cayuga Medical is close to getting a TCO. Dairy One is in the framing stage right now. Their store front isn't in yet so they are basically heating the outside. Moseley is also working with John on a sewer law.

The Planning Board canceled their February 9th meeting. At the next Planning Board meeting they will be discussing Commercial storage. Moseley has been working on budget and year end information.

Leopold stated that she is concerned with the Maguire Ford lights shining out on Route 13. Moseley will look into it the next time he is in the Village at night.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill
Trustee John O'Neill –Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:19pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer