

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, January 14, 2016, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Gerry Monaghan; Trustees, Ronny Hardaway, John O'Neill, Patricia O'Rourke; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Marty Moseley; Supt. of Public Works John Courtney; MEO, Nolan Hatfield and Chris Zavaski.

Deputy Mayor Monaghan called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00

Courtney reported that the Highway Department helped Bellisario Excavating & Drainage complete the sidewalk on Pyramid Drive. The sidewalk comes down from TOPS and crosses at the ring road. They will be adding thermal plastic crosswalks when the weather permits. Motorists will have to yield for pedestrians. Signs for this area were ordered last week. From the north there is nowhere to put a sign because you would be blocking the stop sign. It was suggested that flags be placed on the signs temporarily to show the new crossing at that corner. O'Neill asked if there would be a stop sign coming from the east down to the mall. Courtney stated that he talked to Mayor Hartill about this situation. They want to monitor the area for now. We may install paint symbols on the road at a later date. Monaghan noticed that the boulders on the bank near that intersection were moved and are blocking so you can't see the sidewalk. Courtney stated that they only moved a few rocks and he feels they didn't change the contour. Boulders are there to stabilize the bank. Monaghan stated that you can't really see the sidewalk.

O'Neill stated that next year he would like to see the Village install a sidewalk on the north side also. Courtney stated that there is stormwater to contend with there also. To do that, they will need to add curbing and a storm water system.

Courtney stated that they have done some truck repairs and fighting some small snow storms. Monaghan mentioned that at the end of Oakcrest there is water seeping up.

The traffic signal light project at Craft and N. Triphammer is complete. There are two change orders that need approval by the Board. Dake ask Courtney to present the two change orders for the Craft Road traffic signal. Change Order #1 is for labor and material to pave a storm water pipe trench for \$3,000. Courtney stated that the Village extracted the blacktop out of the contract for the signal since he felt we could do it cheaper. They paved the right turn pocket lane extension which had the newly installed storm sewer. They dug across the road making a 4 foot trench that was 55 feet long. Courtney thought this was a great price. Change Order #2 is an increase of \$5,806.30 to reconcile the unit price item quantities. Binghamton Road Electric had to increase the size of the pole base because they ran into rock which changed the design. The engineers did some changes.

Resolution #6228- To Accept Change Orders No. 1 for \$3,000 and Change Orders No. 2 for \$5,806.30 From Binghamton Road Electric for the N. Triphammer Road & Craft Road Intersection Improvements Project

Trustee O'Rourke moved that we approve Change Orders No. 1 & 2 and Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill –Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

O'Rourke asked when the Village would be doing tree pick up. Courtney stated that tree pick up was Monday, but if she leaves her tree by the road they will pick it up and take it to Leopold's house. Each year we deliver a few trees there for critters.

Hatfield reported that they have been spreading salt and doing repairs. Chris had nothing additional to report.

Moseley stated that 93 permits were issued in 2015 which is 37 behind last year. The Planning Board approved the Michaels Sign at 40 Catherwood Road. CU Suites is moving forward. Moseley received a full set of plans today. Previously, Moseley emailed the Trustees Proposed Local Law #1(2016) with all the proposed zoning changes which was formally introduced. Moseley agreed to send the Trustees the track changes document so that they could see where all the changes are in the Zoning Law. Tompkins County Planning has the proposed law now and Moseley has asked them to get us comments by Feb 1st.

Resolution #6229- To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #1(2016), Amendment to Village of Lansing Code-Zoning Law for Feb 1 at 7:35pm

Trustee Hardaway moved that we set the public hearing and Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill –Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Dake will post the lengthy proposed law on the Village website. The required legal notice will also be published in the Ithaca Journal.

Moseley has been working with Courtney on a local highway law. Moseley has given Courtney changes to review and then it will be sent to Dubow for legal review. The changes include working in the right-of-ways and required procedures. Courtney would like to have something added for plowing across the road and a penalty for doing it. Courtney added that if they don't salt when they push snow across the road, it then causes the road to refreeze. Most people do not plow across the road and agree to comply, but

there are a handful of individuals who continue to plow across the road. The Board discussed ways to resolve the issue. It was suggested that the first time a plow driver disobeys the requirements he or she will be given a verbal warning. If a law is established, each Village truck should have a printout of the law to hand out. It was also suggested that a written warning be sent to the plowing companies that continue to plow across the road. Courtney will look to see if Cornell has any generic road laws we could use.

Moseley is still pursuing the acquisition of Nor Way. He has completed his New York State Annual Report. Moseley made the Board aware of a person on E. Shore Drive who doesn't have water and has contacted the Village about hooking into our water system. To hook in would be quite costly and the Trustees would have to approve the method. Moseley has spoken with our engineers about the two possible ways of connecting. They are 2100 feet from a water main. The two options are hooking into the main on East Shore Drive or at Cayuga Hills Road.

Monaghan wanted to discuss how we will deal with the circus when they come to town again. O'Rourke stated that she read an article that said the circus would not be having elephants any more. Moseley stated that there are only so many things we can get involved in. Even if you don't agree with the way they treat their people and animals, there are legal parameters. The Mall is unsure if they will even be returning.

O'Neill was concerned with the large temporary Doug's Fish Fry sign that was out in November and December. Moseley stated that he dealt with the issue according to our Code provisions. Moseley stated that he has moved the sign himself. They have a legal amount of time to remove the sign once they are notified. O'Neill stated that he will talk to Moseley about some problems he sees with Proposed Local Law #1(2016).

Monaghan stated that January 21st he will start to serve on the TCAT Board for TCCOG. He asked the Board if we want to get the intersection of Cayuga Heights Road and East Shore Drive on the agenda for the transportation council. It is a State intersection. Previously, a study on this intersection was done in 1990. There have been over 80 accidents in that area since 1990. Not all are critical. Before he begins the process he would like feedback from the Board. O'Neill was okay with Monaghan taking a plan to the committee. Courtney stated that we looked at that intersection a few years ago and we didn't have the room to make changes. Monaghan feels that NYS needs to address this intersection. Courtney stated that he has discussed having Cayuga Heights Road rerouted to go over the ravine and connect into Burdick Hill instead of coming out onto Route 34. Hardaway doesn't see any reason not to present it. It's worth bringing it up. A streetlight was previously installed to illuminate the current intersection.

Monaghan has started working at Dewitt Middle School on the art project. The plan is for an April installation in Dankert Park. There are 26 different languages spoken in the Village.

Dake informed the Board that 52 deer have been taken in the Nuisance Program to date.

The Comprehensive Plan has come back from the printer. It looks really nice, especially the fly over picture on the front. Thank you again to all that helped to update this document. 50 copies of the updated Comprehensive Plan were made. Each Board member can receive a copy or they can just reference the copy online. If the public is interested in getting a copy it was suggested that the charge be \$20-\$25 to cover printing expenses.

Resolution #6230- To Charge \$20 for a Printed Copy of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan

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

Deputy Mayor Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill -Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

There are three sets of minutes to approve. O'Neill was not at the December 16th meeting so we will need to do two separate resolutions.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from December 7, 2015 and December 21, 2015.

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

Deputy Mayor Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from December 16, 2015

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

Deputy Mayor Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Abstain
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Deputy Mayor Monaghan entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6231- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$69,012.00, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$122,090.03, 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 \$20,907.50, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$183,770.96, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee O'Rourke moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted and Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill –Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

O'Rourke reported that there hasn't been a deer meeting with Bernd being gone. She had nothing else to report.

Hardaway stated that at the January 11th Planning Board meeting the interior and exterior signs for Michaels at the Shops at Ithaca Mall were approved. Mario asked Gina what the tenancy rate was for the Shops at Ithaca Mall. She stated that it was 92%. At the meeting there was also a brief discussion on the report that states that Ithaca is the 8th most expensive place to raise a family in the US. Inflation for the college students may be a factor. The Village is still looking for a Planning Board alternate. The Greenway Committee hasn't met since the last meeting due to the holidays. The next meeting is Wednesday. Frank Towner will be present and to talk about the YMCA plans and trails.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Hartill-Not present	Trustee John O'Neill –Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill –Aye	

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer