

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, December 15, 2016, in the Village Office.

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

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:37pm.

Courtney stated that they have had water breaks and are doing the normal snow plowing. They are getting the bugs worked out of the equipment. It has been a nice change of pace. The Highway Department has put in quite a bid of overtime. They were in Friday, Sunday and Monday morning dealing with water breaks. We are doing well on salt. The new stop signs in Lansing Trail are up. O'Neill feels they are working well. There are 2-3 people who are running the stop sign, but generally people are happy because it is slowing down the traffic. Dawson feels that having to stop discourages people cutting through from Bomax.

Courtney asked the Board to not allow hunting behind the garage. He feels Bernd is out of control and that by baiting they are drawing in the deer. Courtney has a problem with the bait and shoot procedure. In the beginning, they did a great job controlling the deer but now he feels they are out of control. There haven't been any deer picked up in the Village in quite a while. Monaghan suggested we have a list of priorities. Courtney stated that the highway crew all hunts and they eat the deer they harvest. Courtney felt that Bernd confronted him at the holiday party which made him uncomfortable. Dawson feels the problem is that the Village never had metrics. Hartill will not allow hunting behind the garage. There are already a large number of other sites that we hunt.

Hartill stated that Tuesday evening the Village roads were clear, but then when he got outside of the Village on Warren Road the roads were greasy. Hatfield has noticed that there is a big difference in snow just two miles away. Hardaway stated that he and Monica Moll were up touring the park on Northwood and a driver told them that Northwood Road is much safer and better. Courtney stated that it is now a pleasure to plow that road. It was asked which truck Zavaski drove. Zavaski stated that they let him drive the small truck and plow the sidewalks with the tractor. Courtney stated that they have started taking turns getting into the big truck so all have practice driving it.

Courtney stated that he is looking for a good sidewalk spreader for the skidster since ours breaks down almost every time we are out. Hartill suggested checking with Cornell maintenance to see what they use. Courtney wants to get a spreader that uses bulk salt instead of bag salt because bulk is cheaper. Currently we get one or two tons each year to use around the office and around gardens. The heater in the John Deere tractor is not good so Chris has been clearing the sidewalks with the skidster.

Moseley stated that Planning Board meetings will resume in January. Don Eckrich resigned from the BZA and Monica Moll may be interested in serving on that board. There is no formal job description. The BZA only meets as needed which is not very often. Monaghan would like to follow up with some people that want to help. We will also need an alternate.

Moseley stated that amendments will be coming in January for a modular construction for the proposed Mosque on Graham Road. It was asked why they keep changing their mind on the design. He feels that they design, but then they get sticker shock. There have been no building permits issued in a month which has allowed Moseley to catch up on back paperwork. However, it appears things are ramping up for spring. The CU Suites project has obtained financing and will get a building permit once they do Marty's checklist. Moseley attended the Housing Summit where they brought awareness to the problem with affordable housing. Not a lot of solutions were presented.

There are stormwater changes coming and things will become more complicated. There will be additional paperwork. The third General permit is open for comment right now with all comments needing to be in by Feb 3rd. The changes are coming about because the Environmental Groups are very active and the EPA keeps getting sued and losing. With the new regulations the DPW garage will have to have their own SWIPP because it has salt storage and the EPA considers this critical. Hartill stated that at some level it is becoming out of control. We don't have the staffing to meet all the requirements.

Moseley had a discussion with Dubow regarding Graham Road West. Their attorney will be putting together the final paperwork, hopefully by spring. The current owners are responsible for patching Graham Road until the Village takes it over. The sad thing is that people think the Village owns that road.

O'Neill stated that we have a dead end sign on Ascot. It says "no outlet" and we may need to add a speed sign.

Monaghan will be meeting with Gina from the Shops at Ithaca Mall tomorrow to discuss the idea that the mall is an ideal location for medical offices. The old theater location would be perfect for a Human Health Services area. He will also talk to them about maintaining their path that goes to Shannon Park. Monaghan feels they should be good neighbors with the Village, who owns the adjoining property, and take care of that area. He wishes they would think more about the outside of their property.

Monaghan spoke with Karen Veanor regarding the 2017 Bicentennial of the Town of Lansing. He would like to encourage us to take a small roll. Monaghan would like to invite them to a Trustees meeting in February.

Mayor Hartill stated that Graham Road West is the last of his road puzzles and is looking forward to finalizing that. The next thing is sewers. Hartill has had a meeting with other parties which he gave a written report on at the last board meeting. He has requested 700

sewer units over the next decade. The Town wants 500-1000 units. 1400 units would exhaust the capacity at the current plant. This will be an ongoing discussion. With the new water meters we can actually access what is going on. There is another sewer bypass route which is the Kline Rd bypass which will provide an additional 100,000 gal per day. Hartill asked Courtney to look into the public right of way. We can do anything we want in our right of way. Hartill thinks the easiest route for a sewer line from the Town would be down the west side of N. Triphammer Road. Hartill will get together with Herrick to see if this is correct. It would require pump stations by the Town of Lansing. He is wondering what the Village should do to create a larger sewer area. He would like to have the Planning Board look into changing the minimum lot size to 4,500 foot. This would make a blend from a non-sewered to sewer district. It was asked where the sewer line runs on N. Triphammer Road. The sewer stops at Brook Way. We are in good shape as far as gravity lines. The Mayor will be out of town for the month of January and will not be able to attend the next TCCOG meeting. Monaghan will attend that meeting and then O'Rourke will take over.

Dake stated that Attorney Khandikile Sokoni of True, Walsh & Sokoni has filed an action against the Village on behalf of The Heights of Lansing Development LLC, IJ Construction II of Ithaca, LLC, Janet Jonson and Lisa Bonniwell regarding Local Law 3- Rezoning of the Bomax Property. They claim we improperly re-zoned this parcel. They are requesting an Order of the Court granting a preliminary injunction to restrain the respondents from reviewing or approving any permit application, or any other applications by a developer for approvals including but not limited to an application for site plan approval for any project to be located within the approximately 19.5 acre Bomax parcel that was re-zoned on 11/7/16, pursuant to Local Law 3 (2016) of the Village of Lansing. Also, they are asking compelling respondents to notify them in writing of any developer who has informed the Village of plans to develop any kind of project in the Bomax Parcel and that the Village shall not entertain any applications for any permits or approvals while the proceeding is pending. Hartill stated that Bill Troy will be defending us on the litigation. Deborah Dawson has offered to help since this could get quite costly. The Mayor is expecting additional litigation which may provide another delay. Dawson feels the suit is a delaying tactic.

Dake has been working on job cost analysis for TG Miller. Herrick would like feedback to see if their estimates are actually accurate. Dake asked Courtney if she could get his work log to distribute labor costs. Courtney stated that they do not keep detailed work logs, but he would give a calendar of dates for each project to compare to timecards. It will not be exact but will give a general idea. Courtney feels we have saved money on Dart Drive and all our projects that we have done because we don't have to pay prevailing wage. He also feels it will justify the equipment purchases they have made.

Mayor Hartill stated that on Dart Drive there is a fair amount of pedestrian traffic and no streetlights. He suggested to Courtney that this may be a good area to look into installing solar lighting. Courtney stated that Dondi, of TG Miller Engineer, is also trying to get a grant to replace the culvert to the shopping area on Dart Drive. Sheraton Drive is very

dark also, but Courtney has been holding off on suggesting lights for that area since Trip Hotel had lighting in their improvement plans along the sidewalk.

Dake asked the Board to approve the minutes from the December 5th meeting.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes of December 5, 2016

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

Mayor Donald Hartill –Aye

Trustee John O'Neill –Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Hardaway told Courtney that he should be receiving a phone call today with a shipment date for the playground equipment. They will need a forklift to get the equipment off the truck. Deborah and Monica are researching playground equipment for our new park off Northwood Road. They took Gina from RE Woodson on a tour of the park so she could see the area and give us more options. Gina will be submitting some ideas. Courtney asked about the green ribbons on the trees in the park. Trees marked with ribbons are trees that we should try to keep if possible.

Hardaway is working on the Greenway Plan. The Youth Services Board is losing a lot of members. If anyone knows anyone that would be willing to serve they should let him know. The position basically gives feedback of what your community needs. Their 40th Anniversary is next year and they would like us to submit names of people that have been foster parents. Hardaway ran into Jerry Dietz at the Housing Summit. Dietz does fundraising, and will give us suggestions to help support our Village Park.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6339- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$199,906.72, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$29,885.41, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$3,910.79, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Hardaway moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted and Trustee Monaghan seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill –Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

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

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee John O’Neill –Aye
Gerry Monaghan-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:42pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer