

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, February 6, 2017, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Ronny Hardaway, John O’Neill, Patricia O’Rourke and Gerry Monaghan; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow; Planning Board Member, Mike Baker.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:35pm and opened the public comment period. Dan Veanor asked which positions were up this year and who was running for reelection. Mayor Hartill, Trustee O’Rourke and Trustee Hardaway are all up for reelection. Hartill stated that he has heard that Lisa Bonniwell is also running for Mayor, and two others he doesn’t know are running for the Trustee positions. He feels it’s a single issue campaign. They don’t realize they will have to reclus themselves from issues that are in their interest.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee Monaghan made a motion to close the public comment period. Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Patricia O’Rourke-Aye	Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee John O’Neill-Aye	

Hartill stated that there are two positions open on the Board of Zoning Appeals, one being Donald Eckrich who has moved from the area and resigned, and the other being Mary Sirois has also expressed an interest in stepping down as alternate. There was a previous request to appoint Monica Moll of Dart Drive to take Eckrich’s place. Monaghan stated that he spoke with someone who owns property in the Village, will be moving here in May, and would be interested in serving on the BZA. Hartill stated that we will keep this in mind. Hardaway stated that Moll is currently a member of the Greenway Committee and will be attending the noon meeting to do a presentation on the proposed playground equipment for the new park. The Mayor suggested we postpone this decision until Monica Moll comes to the meeting on February 16th.

Mayor Hartill stated that it is good to be back. We are making progress on the senior housing adjacent to BJ’s. The swap of the wet lands has enabled them to expand the number of senior housing units. We have had a large number of water main breaks this winter. One was caused by Bolton Point not opening a valve on Dart Drive. We are still waiting on the Mall lawyers to acquire Graham Road West. As soon as we take over Graham Road West we will fix the road. So far this winter we have used 400-500 ton of salt even though we haven’t had much snow. We are in good shape.

This year the Mayor would like to focus on sewers. We had a blockage at the airport that was caused by paper towels being put down the drain. He is thinking of improving the southernmost part of the Village sewer line. This section drains the Triphammer Mall area. He would also like to explore the idea of expanding the sewer portion of the Village with an increased lot size to 45,000 sq. ft. for low density residential. It was asked how this would affect others in the Village that are already on sewer. The Mayor stated that if you are currently hooked up you are under old rules. It would, however, affect any new sewer lines along N. Triphammer Road that don't currently have sewer. He will be going to the Planning Board to suggest this change.

Mayor Hartill stated that we are entering budget season. He and Jodi will be looking at the overall budget. John and Marty will propose their changes. At the next Thursday meeting the Mayor would like to talk about which aspects he would like each Trustee to be involved in. Dake has emailed the budget worksheets to the Board.

O'Neill handed out a letter from John LaVine that is circulating in the Lansing Trails neighborhood. There is a new independent political party forming in the Village of Lansing calling themselves the Preservation Party. They would like to replace the Community Party. Their main objective is to reverse what they consider spot zoning on Bomax Drive. The candidates they are trying to get elected are Lisa Bonniwell for Mayor, Tatyana Duval and Gregory Eells for Trustees, all of whom reside in the Lansing Trails Development. O'Neill pointed out that the build out for Lansing Trails, which Bonniwell is part owner of, has already been approved. There is still a potential for approximately 73 building lots for single family homes and zero lot line townhouses. There is a lot of building to do and he feels it will be a shock to the neighborhood. O'Neill isn't quite sure if people realize that the beautiful fields they currently have will be IJ Construction townhouses. A map was distributed showing the potential build out of Lansing Trails. O'Neill is not against building apartments on the Bomax lot.

O'Neill asked if we can convert the old Village Office building into a community center type place. Hartill stated that it has some issues. He explained that we have to do a lot of work to bring it up to code. The improvements would have to include a firewall and creating a secure area for our Village records. O'Neill agreed to work on this.

Pat reported that she attended the last TCCOG meeting along with Gerry. She feels that the meeting was interesting. The meetings move very quickly and there is a lot going on. TCCOG is proposing that she join a lot of committees. She declined until she has a chance to consult with the Mayor on which committees would be most beneficial for the Village.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill- Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer