

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday April 19, 1999 at 7:30 P.M. in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Don Hartill, Trustees Cliff Buck, Larry Fresinski and Lynn Leopold; Planning Board Chairman Ned Hickey.

Mayor Don Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:35P.M. Mayor Hartill called for Public Comment. Ned Hickey thought Ivar Jonson might show up to talk about putting in a road. Ivar called the Mayor before the meeting and told him he wanted to do as he has done in the past and put in a road and get a letter of credit for the final stages. Ned stated that we have been very lenient with Ivar in the past. The Mayor suggested we continue to explore greenway plans in that area. This road will eventually meet the Edelman's road. The Edelman's do not want to invest any money until there is no longer a problem getting sewer units. Ned stated that Ivar plans on doing seven units this summer to complete Leif's Way.

Motion- To Close Public Comment Period

Trustee Cliff Buck motioned to close the public comment period and Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Cliff Buck- Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold- Aye Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye

Next on the Agenda was the Engineer's Report. Liz Vastbinder of the Lake Source Cooling Project (LSC) has indicated Cornell would agree to the provisions for the connection outlined by the Village. The university attorney is drafting the agreement. Lynn asked what our roll is in this. They want to relocate sewer lines and they have a sump in the building they want to pump into the Cayuga Heights plant.

A bid opening will be scheduled for 2pm, June 2nd and a recommendation will be made at the June 7th Board meeting for the Sheraton Drive Sidewalk Project. The Mayor informed the Board that a letter has gone out to Mr. Thaler and he hasn't been able to reach Mr. Homik regarding the easements for this project.

Preliminary construction drawings are complete for the Kline Road By-Pass. The road right-of-way issue must still be resolved by the Village of Cayuga Heights to allow for the relocation of the gas main.

Next was the issue of resolving the Churchill Drive right-of-way. George Gesslein purchased the Talandis property on Churchill Drive at a foreclosure sale and expects to close later this month. He wants to resolve the road right-of-way, turn around and utility issues with the Village. Dennis Reinhart and Dave Putnam met with Mr. Gesslein on April 15th to discuss these issues. A sketch of the proposed solution for the end of Churchill Drive was provided to all the Trustees. Mayor Hartill thought this looked like a reasonable proposal. Dave Putnam will keep the board informed.

Mr. Jim Napoleon P.E. has been retained to assist in the design of the signal at Uptown road. Dave has sent him the traffic counts from 1995, 1997 and 1998. He also requested a speed check, which Mr. Reinhart performed during the week of April 16th.

Lastly, the bid opening for the airport ground tank is scheduled for 2pm, June 1st and a recommendation will be made at the June 7th Board Meeting. Lynn asked if we were going to try and sell the tank. Yes, whoever removes it can do whatever they want with the tank. Removing the tank is cheaper than removing the lead paint and repainting it. Cornell wants it down also and is paying us \$10,000 to take it down.

Next on the agenda was to reappoint Carol Klepack to the Planning Board for another 5 years. Her term is up in May.

Resolution #3536 - To Re-appoint Carol Klepack to the Planning Board for a Five Year Term

Trustee Cliff Buck motioned to re-appoint Carol Klepack to the Planning Board for another five years when her term expires in May and Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Cliff Buck- Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye

The Board of Trustees is very pleased with her work and would like to thank her and the rest of the Planning Board.

Neil McLain has requested a reduction in his letter of credit. 5% of the last payment to LRS Excavating, Inc was withheld to insure that work would be completed. At this time, Mr. McLain would like to pay this 5% to ensure completion this spring.

Resolution #3537 - To Reduce the McLain Letter of Credit by \$4,175.00.

Trustee Cliff Buck motioned to reduce the McLain Letter of Credit by \$4,175 and Trustee Larry Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Cliff Buck- Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye

Next were comments from the Mayor. He is working on the Sheraton right-of-way. The joint sewer letter that the Mayor had written to be sent from him and Jeanine Kirby of the Town of Lansing will go out tomorrow. On Thursday the mayor spoke with Jeanine at the IWSC meeting and they reached an agreement regarding the letter. He wanted to discuss with the Board how to distribute the 10 sewer units we have received from VCH. Cornell B&T Park has received a separate 20 units for the proposed Marriott Hotel. Monroe Muffler would like a sewer permit, Ivar Jonson would like three and that leaves 6 more units. The Board decided that the sewer permits should be distributed on a first come first serve bases with a limit of 2 at a time as previously done, and in addition the Board wants the sewer permit tied to a building permit.

Resolution #3538 - Sewer Units will be distributed according to the existing procedure with the additional requirement of having a building permit at the time of getting a sewer permit.

Trustee Cliff Buck motioned to distribute sewer permits according to the existing procedure with the additional requirement of having a building permit application at the time of getting a sewer unit and Trustee Larry Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Cliff Buck- Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye

Ron and Brent Cross have assured the Mayor that if we need another 10 permits before the whole joint agreement is complete, we may get them.

Next on the agenda was general discussion. Ned Hickey spoke with Susan Lorbeer who would like to get money to start the Village Flower Boxes. He told her to go ahead. The Mayor said that was fine; it's in the budget. Ned has gone through all the minutes that were taken while he was away and was very impressed with all the laws we have passed. Ned said we need to redo the zoning law book. The codification has been indexed and we need to pass it as law. The Mayor didn't realize that we had to pass it.

Ned asked the Mayor how he would like to activate the members of the Greenspace Advisory Committee. Once the Board of Trustee's appoints the members, it is out of their hands. The Mayor will send them a letter stating they have been appointed and Ned will get them started. The Planning Board will direct the Greenspace Advisory Committee.

Ned put a proposal in all the Trustee's packets to hire a Planning Consultant. The Planning board has discussed this proposal for several months and has reviewed commercial district guidelines in documents from the Village of Manlius and the Town of Victor. Ned thinks the comprehensive plan is missing how we want our low traffic commercial area developed. On May 11th the Planning Board is going to Victor to see how their comprehensive plan is working. This topic has also been discussed with the planners in the Tompkins County Planning Department and the City of Ithaca Planning Department. Ned would like the Board's approval or vote of confidence before he continues to pursue this. The Planning Board, with the assistance from the planners, will develop a plan of what the Villager wants. Cliff and Lynn stated that they support this; it will fill a gap we've had for a long time. The Mayor stated that the \$15,000 for consultation services is in the adopted budget. Ned would like to see additional buildings go in along N. Triphammer that are like the Village Office Campus, buildings with parking in the back and uniform signage.

The next topic that came up was the NEST project. The Mayor stated that there will be a loud campaign against it. There is no cost benefit so the state probably won't fund it. Lynn stated that the good thing we are getting out of this is the recommendation to increase public transit.

The question was asked as to when the Village hopes to start the North Triphammer Project and the Mayor is hopeful that the preliminary engineering will take place in the fall.

Motion- To Go To Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Issues

Trustee Cliff Buck motioned to go to executive session to discuss personnel issues and Trustee Larry Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Cliff Buck- Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye

Motion- To Come out of Executive Session

Trustee Cliff Buck motioned to come out of executive and Trustee Larry Fresinski seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Cliff Buck- Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Larry Fresinski motioned to adjourn.

Trustee John Caren seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Cliff Buck- Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye

The meeting adjourned at 9:21pm.

Jodi Dake

Village Clerk