

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, November 1, 1999, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Don Hartill; Trustees John Bailey, Larry Fresinski and Lynn Leopold; Planning Board Chairman, Edward Hickey; Village Attorney Randy Marcus

Mayor Don Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:35P.M

Motion- To Open Public Comment Period

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to open the public comment period.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill - Aye Trustee John Bailey- Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Cliff Buck stated that there was a Homeowners meeting on Thursday and he had some questions. He asked if the Village was Y2K compliant. The Mayor stated that the water company has a strategy in place and can run for 36 hours without electricity and the Village could probably run for 4-5 days. They are not doing emergency generators. All sewer pumping stations have emergency generators. Business systems and accounting package are compliant. The Mayor plans on being in town to deal with anything that may occur. The Mayor asked Cliff to stress to the residents that one of his main concerns is people having gas generators and gas in a confined space, which could cause a fire. Bolton Point will be sending out an executive summary mid December. The public works people will also be on call.

Cliff's next question was in regards to North Triphammer Road Construction. The Mayor informed Cliff that we were in the last stages of getting agreements for property acquisition. The State has a preapproved group of engineers now, which means the process will be sped up. The Village should be in a position to choose an engineer in early 2000. Construction should take place in 2001-2002.

Cliff asked if the Mayor could help to get the erosion problem at the trail in Lansing Trails corrected. Cliff has contacted the public works department several times and Dennis tells him they don't have time. Cliff feels that if Rick weren't spending so much time helping Cayuga Heights there would be time. The problem is the gravel on the trail washes out into Walter Weitgref's yard. The Mayor will contact Dennis to see what they can do.

Ivar Jonson has finished Leif's Way and the homeowners would like to get sidewalks done. The Mayor stated that the deal was IJ Construction would do the work and the Village would provide the materials. Finally, Cliff stated that there is a Neighborhood watch and they were having problems getting stickers. The Mayor stated that the Village would soon have the State Police come in to talk and at that time we could state our concerns.

Motion- To Close Public Comment Period

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to close the public comment period.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill - Aye Trustee John Bailey- Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Motion- To Open Public Hearing on the Offer of Dedication of Horizon Development Open Space & Drainage Area

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to open the public hearing.

Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill - Aye Trustee John Bailey- Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The Mayor stated that this cleans up a long-standing issue in connection with the original approval of this subdivision, but not the issue of the end of the road. Mr. Cima didn't pay taxes and the portion of the road in the Village and it is now owner by the county. The Village never took over the small portion of road because they could not prove that it was built to Village specifications. The property that is being dedicated is two small parcels on Rosina Drive, one for drainage and one for open space. The Planning Board approved this 12 years ago as part of the subdivision.

Motion- To Close Public Hearing on the Offer of Dedication of Horizon Development Open Space & Drainage Area

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to open the public hearing.

Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill - Aye Trustee John Bailey- Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

RESOLUTION #3608-To Accept Dedication of Horizon Development Open Space & Drainage Area

WHEREAS, Horizons is the developer of the Horizons Estates subdivision in the Town & Village of Lansing located easterly of North Triphammer Road and northerly and westerly of Bush Lane in the Town & Village, New York State Route 34, and the owner of the remaining lots in said subdivision, which premises are a portion of the premises conveyed to Horizons by four deeds to Horizons Development Corporation of Ithaca from Sigrid O. Farwell, Erna Olafson, Aldies O. Edwards, and Freya Olafson, recorded in the Tompkins County Clerk's Office in Book 632 of Deeds at page 1086, 1089, 1092 and 1095 respectively (the"Property"); and

WHEREAS, Horizons has received subdivision approval and amended

Subdivision approval for the subdivision of the Property known as the

Horizons Estates; and

WHEREAS, a condition of the subdivision approval and amended subdivision approval required that Horizons develop and convey to the Village the retaining pond located between lots 2V and 67V on the west and lots 3V and 7V on the east, and the 14,991 square foot parcel adjoining Lot 1V on the west: and

WHEREAS, Horizons desires to dedicate and convey these parcels to the Village for Village purposes as provided in the subdivision approval and amended subdivision approval.

Now, Therefore, Horizons hereby offers to the Village of Lansing for dedication as Village properties the premises more particularly described in Schedule A annexed hereto and made a

part hereof.

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the Offer of Dedication of Horizon Development Open Space & Drainage Area subject to Randy's confirmation that all the paperwork is in order.

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to accept this dedication and Trustee John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye Trustee John Bailey- Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Next on the agenda was the consideration of correction of drainage & sewer easements on former Howard Johnson's property. Dave Putnam, at the request of Randy Marcus, reviewed the Village utilities and easements on the former Howard Johnson site (Tax parcel #47.1-1-21). He suggested that the manhole (#3017) adjacent to Route 13 and the line under Route 13 should be officially abandoned by the Village. Dave thought Pyramid should be notified since they have an easement for a force main sewer across parcel 47.1-1-21 ending manhole #3017. Dave doesn't think the mall has used this force main since the Village installed the sewer system in the late 70's and they, along with the Village, abandoned this pump station. Dennis Reinhart checked with Pyramid Mall on October 29th and they were not aware of a sewer pump station on the mall property. The Village sanitary sewer and pump station easements can be abandoned. The abandonment should be conditioned on the owner of parcel 47.1-1-21 accepting legal responsibility for manhole #3017 and the sewer under Route 13 if they wish to continue to use it. The drainage easement is much larger than required and is the result of a temporary easement being filed as a permanent easement. Dave recommends the easement be reduced so that the southern boundary of the permanent easement is 25 feet south of the parcel's north property line until the storm sewer enters the parcel then parallel the storm sewer 25 feet south of the centerline of the pipe. The north boundary remains the parcel's north property line. The Mayor entertained a motion to set a public hearing regarding this. The Mayor asked Randy, when he arrived later in the meeting to notify the landowner before the public hearing.

Resolution #3609-To Set a Public Hearing to Consider the Correction of Drainage

& Sewer Easements on the Former Howard Johnson's Property (Tax #47.1-1-21) or November 15,1999 at 7:35pm at the Village Office

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved to set the public hearing and Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye Trustee John Bailey- Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for October.

Motion-Approval of Minutes for October 4th & 13th, 1999

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved that the meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Lynn Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee John Bailey-Abstain Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye

Motion-Approval of Minutes for October 18, 1999

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved that the meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Abstain

Trustee John Bailey-Aye Trustee Larry Fresinski -Aye

Every year on November 1st Jodi makes a list of delinquent taxpayers, which is turned over to the County to collect. The trustees all reviewed and then signed the Tax Return Warrant.

RESOLUTION #3610-To Activate John Dennis From an Alternate to an Active Member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for Three Months

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees activates John Dennis as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for three months

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved and Trustee John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye Trustee John Bailey- Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Next on the agenda was discussion of a Village Logo. The Mayor had authorized the Planning Board to hire a consultant to design a Village logo. Ned Hickey presented two pagers of sketches done by a designer with the Art Department, a commercial firm on Tioga Street to the board. After much discussion the board decided on one logo with some suggestions on how to modify it. Ned will take it back to the Art Department and bring back some more options at the November 15th meeting. The board decided that the colors should be gold & green.

It was decided that the Planning Board and Board of Trustees would have a joint meeting December 6th. Ned informed the board that Pyramid has to turn in another traffic analysis because Sear Brown turned the original down.

Lynn stated that she has asked not to be reappointed to the EMC when her term ends January 1st. She has been on the council since 1986. The Mayor will check with John Dennis and John Reis to see if either of them would be interested in being a Village representative. The meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7-9pm. You are only allowed to have 3 unexcused absences. The EMC is the biggest advisor board in Tompkins County.

The Mayor asked if anyone would be interested in being the Village representative for Cayuga Lake Watershed. He would like to have someone by the first of the year.

We are still working on property acquisition. There are 29 property owners. We need 15-foot strips on both sides of the road from Brook Drive to Pyramid for sidewalks, curbs, bike paths and three lanes. We have 1 property owner that wants more money, one we may just design around, and McDonalds and Mobile are still going through their corporate channels. The Mayor would like to have TG Miller's as oversight group of the project. Soon Larry, Don and Carol will get the addresses of the 5 preapproved engineer's and get a letter out to them. However, we can't proceed until we have all the property. The Mayor is reviewing a draft purchase offer that Randy has prepared.

A petition was received from residents of Cedar and Hemlock Lanes requesting the following be done by the Village:

- repair the road damage caused on Hemlock Lane this summer by a heavy truck

- resurface both lanes to the same quality as the streets in Shannon Park
- improve and regularly maintain the drainage system
- install streetlights for both roads
- install sidewalks for both roads to increase pedestrian safety

The Mayor will go check this area out.

We passed the PESH reinspection. The Mayor still would like to resolve this confined space issue.

Lynn stated that she went to the Citizens Planning Alliance Meeting. It was an informational meeting on the intermunicipal water commission. They discussed growth implications. The Town of Lansing wants to protect its agricultural areas and the lake. It's not clear that WatchTower is on board.

Randy Marcus arrived. The Mayor asked him to contact the owners of the former Howard Johnson's Property regarding the public hearing set earlier in the meeting. Randy stated that correction of these easements will benefit all parties. Randy handed out a copy of the draft Purchase Agreement for the North Triphammer Road right of way for everyone to review and explained that it spells out what the Village will pay for. Randy has sent a letter to Time Warner as requested at the last meeting.

John Bailey asked the Board if they had considered saying the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of our Board of Trustee Meetings. He thinks it sets the tone for the meeting and gets it focused.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Larry Fresinski moved adjournment. Trustee John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill- Aye Trustee John Bailey- Aye

Trustee Larry Fresinski- Aye Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 P.M.

Jodi Dake

Village Clerk