Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, December 5, 2011, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold; Trustees Patricia O'Rourke, Julie Baker and John O'Neill; Attorney David Dubow; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Richard Durst, Planning Board Member.

Lynn Leopold called the meeting to order at 7:31pm and opened the public comment period. Ruth Hopkins, new member of the Town of Lansing Board, stated that she looks forward to working with the Village Board. Her husband Roger was also in attendance. Stu Grinnell was present as the Community Party Observer.

Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee O'Neill moved to close the public comment period. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Next on the agenda was to approve the minutes from November 21, 2011.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from November 21, 2011

Trustee Baker moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Clerk/Treasurer and the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

During general discussion Lynn stated that the Board has received an email of the Village of Lansing Small Area Development Issue Identification Report prepared by Tompkins County Planning Department. Dan Veanor asked if this was the study that was brought about because of the Lansing Reserve PDA proposal.

It was explained that the study area is located to the west of Warren Road, east of Graham Road, north of Route 13, and south of Bomax Drive. Development within the study area currently includes a mixture of residential (single family, two family townhouse, and multifamily) with some light manufacturing and retail. The Village of Lansing recently considered a request to establish a PDA Zone to allow for the development of approximately 60 units of housing within a portion of the study area. In exploring the request and on hearing concerns raised by neighboring property owners, several issues were raised related to access (for emergency purposes, existing development, and potential future development) and other potential impacts. This report examines the conditions, issues, and potential impacts of

development in the Small Area Plan study area. Three possible scenarios were explored for vacant parcels within the study area. These scenarios all comply with existing zoning, plans, and policies of the Village of Lansing. Common to each scenario are 5 multi-family structures with 40 total housing units on two vacant High-Density Residential District (HDR) zoned parcels and 18 four-story structures for light manufacturing with 715,224 square feet of floor area sited on two vacant Business and Technology District (BTD) zoned parcels. Each scenario varies the density of housing and the associated impacts on the Medium-Density Residential District (MDR) zoned parcels.

Lynn stated that because there are three different parcels that are involved directly or indirectly with the proposed Lansing Reserve PDA project, it's difficult to plan what will happen since all of the parcels aren't being developed at once. The Board will further discuss the document and materials from the County Planning Department once the Mayor returns. Dan Veanor asked if there was a proposed time table for completing this report and the anticipated further planning efforts, and if this was a problem with the group that is proposing the Lansing Reserve PDA. Lynn stated that they are aware that we won't proceed until the final planning report from the consultant to be engaged is completed. Dubow thinks that the final report will be probably completed in the first quarter of 2012 after the professional planner has completed his efforts. It was acknowledged that the developers have been cooperative. It was also pointed out that the developers did not receive funding in the last round.

John O'Neill handed out an article from the Tompkins Weekly paper on Cayuga Heights residents filing a complaint against the Village of Cayuga Heights regarding the recently enacted "Privilege of the Floor" rules.

Lynn stated that Cornell actually has an electric charging station and that the proposed charging station as part of the BJ's project will not be the first in our area. John O'Neill stated that it was his understanding that a full electric charge would take about 3 hours using 110amp or one and a half hours using a 220amp charging station. He feels that is a very long time to charge. Lynn stated that charging stations are a business opportunity in Tompkins County.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee O'Rourke moved for adjournment. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Lynn Leopold-Aye
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Jodi Dake Clerk/Treasurer