

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, December 13, 2012, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees John O'Neill, Patricia O'Rourke, Lynn Leopold, and Julie Baker; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Marty Moseley; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; Asst. Supt. of Public Works Adam LaLonde; MEO, Nolan Hatfield.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 12:23 pm.

Courtney stated that we have had four water breaks this fall. They were on East Shore Drive, Sundowns Road and the last one was on Cedar Lane on the evening of Monday December 3rd.

There have been a few call-ins for snow. However, we have been avoiding snow in the Village. Other than water breaks, the staff have been working on equipment. There are some valve box repairs coming up.

Adam had nothing to report.

O'Neill stated that at the Town of Lansing they continue to look at a sewer project and it is a mess. It will probably be two years before anything is decided. They have looked into spreading the cost over the entire Town. The current estimated property owner cost is \$400-\$1,000 a year.

Julie had nothing to report.

Lynn Leopold stated that she attended the Town of Lansing Comprehensive Plan committee meeting last night. The Town is starting to think about how to get ideas from the public. They want to design another webpage to have a place to post documents and receive comments on the Comprehensive Plan. They are also thinking of having neighborhood meetings. They also felt that they didn't want to wait on a survey because it may bring up some issues. A lady on the committee does surveys and has some good ideas and knows that surveys are very expensive to do. They want to solicit comments from every publication in the town and through the school and their own newsletter. Mayor Hartill asked if there was any discussion about what you do with this information. Once you receive this information you have to analyze it and decide what to do with the information. This is a problem he has. A Comprehensive Plan is a roadmap. Implementation involves a number of different agencies such as fire and police protection and municipal services. These are all very different jurisdictions that a legislature has no control over. Moseley explained Tompkins County's survey. They found that open-ended questions give you more information. But then you have to decipher the information. It was pointed out that the Village is a 3rd of the Town and will need to provide input.

One of the Mayor's concerns is getting to the business side. Businesses are a big part of the Village. This includes the B&T Park and medical complexes.

Mayor Hartill reminded everyone of the holiday party on December 18th. The Mayor will be away all of January. He will be available by email and Skype if necessary. Patricia O'Rourke will not be at the January 7th meeting.

Jodi asked if anyone had any agenda items for the Monday night meeting. They had nothing that needed to be discussed at the Monday night meeting so the Board decided to cancel the meeting.

Resolution#5922 -To Cancel the December 17, 2012 Board of Trustees Meeting Due to Lack of Agenda Items.

Trustee Baker moved to cancel the meeting. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Jodi has not heard back from the Town of Lansing yet regarding scheduling a joint meeting in February. Jodi asked the Mayor if he had had a chance to speak with Vince at QPK regarding the new Village office building and the re-bidding process. He had not.

Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #5923- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$46,451.15 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$23,408.45, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 7 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,339.81, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Leopold moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted and Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion.

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

O'Rourke stated that she went to the Youth Board meeting and had nothing from the meeting to report on. There is now a Town of Lansing representative from BOCES.

Moseley stated that the 15 Ascot Place expansion is nearing completion. They will have to complete the stormwater management facilities in the spring time. Cayuga Mall is working on demolition. He had a meeting with the owner of Tru-Value who wants to change a few aspects of the outside so he will be coming back to the Planning Board. There is a Joanne Fabrics "coming soon" sign at Cayuga Mall. Lynn heard there is an ACE Hardware store and 2 party stores coming to the Village. One party store is going in at the Triphammer Mall and the other at Cayuga Mall. There are alterations being done at the Lab of Ornithology on Sapsucker Woods Rd.

There is a small section of our roof that needs to be fixed. Marty thinks whoever did the roof work didn't slide shingles up far enough. The rotted roof may have been caused by ice damming. Jodi asked if this was something that our staff could repair. The rubber membrane needs to be replaced and Courtney feels it would be a difficult repair. Marty will work with John on assessing what needs to be done. Courtney stated that he would get quotes for the repair.

The new Lansing Fire Department building is coming along. Lansing Village Place will be adding on a small sign to their main pylon. It's a small change so the Board of Trustees probably won't need to review this. Marty has been talking to Julie about the cart issue.

Moseley stated that he attended training yesterday in Binghamton but was unsure if it was ever approved. Jodi stated that training was approved at the organizational meeting in May, but was unsure if this specific training was actually approved.

Resolution#5924 -To Approve Marty Moseley to Attend the STBOA Training

Trustee Baker moved this resolution. Trustee Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Moseley stated that a gentleman from BNI wants to use or rent the Village conference room on Thursdays for a couple of hours. They are currently meeting at the Ramada, but they don't care for the meeting space. O'Neill doesn't think we should let them use the room. Hartill feels it has an advantage to getting closer relationships with businesses. If BNI is local, then the Board will consider them using the room. Lynn feels it would be okay if they are nonprofit. Marty will find out more details and then the Board will discuss it further.

The Mayor asked how many new houses were built this year. We have only had one new house as compared to an average yearly total of ten new houses. This is significantly lower compared to normal. The Board will need to remember this during the budget process when planning sewer unit revenue. The Village usually budgets for ten sewer units which total \$23,500. If the apartment building on Cinema Drive goes in next year there is a potential 37 units that will be issued.

Lastly, Moseley reported that the Cayuga Mall sidewalk is still waiting on language from Dubow. This is a long standing issue that Marty is trying to wrap up for the Village.

Nolan is waiting for snow. He had nothing else to report.

Lynn heard from Bernd Blossey that deer hunting has been very slow. There have only been about 42 deer taken. Hunting is not doing the job of controlling deer. Lynn feels you have to do a sharp shooter culling. Lynn stated that she is not seeing the deer like she used to. The best hunting for Bernd has been off Bomax on the Cornell land. Deer season goes until December 20th and then there is an additional season in our area in January. Courtney stated that they pick up about 1-2 deer a week when they are running. Courtney feels that the Village of Cayuga Heights has their priorities out of line by having the deer efforts be a budget priority over roads.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Leopold moved for adjournment. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill -Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer