

**VILLAGE OF CAYUGA HEIGHTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 15, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of November 17, 2008 – 2 minutes

Privilege of the Floor – 2 minutes/speaker

Guidelines available

NEW BUSINESS

Report of the Fire Superintendent - Report Distributed - 5 minutes

Report of the Mayor – 5 minutes

Deer Referendum – Not Legal

Fence Ordinance – Delay Action

Happy Holidays

-Cayuga Heights Association – Guest Presentation - Michele Kiefer

Trustee Privilege of the Floor – 5 minutes per Trustee available

Report of the Clerk – 5 minutes

Marcham Hall Renovation with Supt. Cross

Report of Treasurer – Report Distributed – 15 minutes

Court Accounts

HR Policies

Resolution approving Transfers

Resolution approving Abstract of Vouchers

Report of Ass't. Superintendent of Public Works – Report Distributed - 5 minutes

Report of Superintendent of Public Works – Report Distributed - 15 minutes

Report of Police Chief – Report Distributed – 5 minutes

Report of Attorney – 5 minutes

OLD BUSINESS

Separate Planning Board – Trustee Riesman

In consideration of the following subject, the Mayor has asked that Trustee Riesman’s statement on a separate Planning Board be included here.

Excerpt from November Board Minutes on the idea of a separate Planning Board:

....Trustee Riesman asked that the concept of an independent Planning Board be put on the December agenda. She would like an in depth discussion, then a decision on whether the Board wants to move forward or not. Riesman stated the following reasons for an Independent Planning Board:

Inclusion

Residents with greater expertise with specific planning ideas

Land use issues, master plan, development

Numerous villages of this size have separate Planning Boards

Take away heavy workload on trustees

Need for more expertise in planning

Members would be willing to commit time and effort

Trustee Szekely asked if there was anything the Trustees could read that would talk about municipalities with separate Planning Boards. Discussion on master plans. Attorney Marcus said that every Village with a zoning law is required to have a comprehensive plan, although not every Village has produced a master plan. The Village of Lansing has regularly gone through a comprehensive plan process and updated it every 5 years. Trustee Riesman just wanted the Board to be aware that this subject would be discussed in December.

Consideration of the following Resolution:

Authorize the Attorney to prepare an amendment to Local Law #2 of 1992: Establishment of Planning Board, Section II, first paragraph that would establish a separate Planning Board, and

Authorize the Clerk to advertise a public hearing for January 19 at 7:00 PM before the regularly scheduled Board Meeting to hear public comment on the proposed amendment to Local Law #2 of 1992.

- Adjourn – 9:30 pm