

TOWN OF LANSING
P.O. Box 266
Lansing, North Carolina 28643-0266
Phone (336)-384-3938
Fax (336)-384-1490
E-mail lansingtown@skybest.com
January 11, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Lansing Board of Aldermen was halt on Monday night January 11, 2010. In attendance were Mayor Jason Ring, Aldermen, Mauvine Shepherd, George Rembert, Brenda Reeves and Bill Cline. Also Bernice Prestwood, Town Clerk, Linda Burchette Jefferson Post, Larry Blevins, Sheriff James Williams.

Our meeting began at 7:00 with Mayor Jason Ring asking for the acceptance of the minutes. A motion was made by Bill Cline and second by George Rembert. All agreed. Motion passed.

Mayor Ring introduced Sheriff James Williams to everyone. He was asked to come and speak to the Board about sex offenders. We were told that Lansing had two offenders within the town limits. There are 32 offenders in the County, 5 are in jail. Sheriff Williams first asked if our Park and Walking Trail was one or two separate units. Brenda Reeves said that they are two separate things. An offender can not come within 300 yards of the play ground, Park, mall or any gathering where children are at. He can not be in the park for any reason. There might be a problem with the walking trail. Because there is nothing to attract children there (such as play ground equipment). Williams asked if we had ordnance to address sex offenders. Yes we do have ordnance, and is posted at the playground.

Mauvine Shepherd asked if the offender can visit others that have children. They can if they are invited into their home. If any one sees an offender breaking the rules, call James Williams's office and he will come down and have a talk with them, and take it from there. He wanted a copy of the ordinance to have on file at his office. Williams was asking if an offender needed to be served with a copy of our ordinance. He told us no, he had been told by his office what the rules are. A sex offender has 3 days to report where he is living when he moves into the county. Sergeant Randy Lewis is the person in charge of sex offenders. Call him or Sheriff Williams and they will take care of it. Williams said that under the Jessica Ledford act and our ordinance we are cover pretty good. Mauvine Shepherd asked Sheriff Williams if we had ordinance could he enforce it. He said yes he could if it is legal ordinance.

We received a letter from Dan McMillan's office telling us of a meeting of the National Flood Insurance Program Community Assistance visit for Ashe County. The meeting will be on January 21, 2010 at 9:00. Also they will visit our town. Jason said he would not go to the meeting, but he would go with them when they visit the town. Rembert ask if Bernice would get the information the committee wanted. She said she would if we had it.

The next item on the agenda was the contract between Southern Software and the Town. The amount is \$2,332.00 for a year contract. This provides help with our computer programming. If Bernice has a problem she can call Southern Software and they can solve the problem. George Rembert asked how many times a month Bernice calls Southern Software. Bernice said about twice a month.

Rembert ask if Bernice felt she needs this contract. She said yes. This includes all upgrades, updates and any training sessions. Bill Cline made a motion to keep the contract and George Rembert second the motion. All agreed.

Next was a solution on how to get Dennis Trainor to get his things off Town property. Mauvine Shepherd said that through the Lansing Tomorrow Commission they had received money for beautification from the Rural Center. She wants to plant trees on the town property where Dennis Trainor has some of his things. And they would need to be removed before she could plant the trees and the parking spaces be marked off. Shepherd suggested that some go and talk to Trainor. Maybe have a letter written to him. George Rembert said that the same should be done for Israel Church and his property. Shepherd said that we need to get the water/sewer lines checked out to make sure no damage is done to Churches property. Mauvine Shepherd suggested the Jefferson water guys or some one to check for all turn off and to check our lines. George Rembert said he thinks that a letter should be written to Trainor and Church. And tell them to move all their property and vehicles off town property. George suggested that we wait until the next meeting, and everyone to write down any suggestion to go into these letters. All was suggested that we get Tim Winters (head of the junk community) to our next meeting, and see what he has to tell us. We will table this to the next meeting. All agreed.

Ring ask if the old Patton House is in the Town limits. Bernice said that it is in the Town limits. The pay taxes in the name of Jana Sutton. We need to scrape the road in front of their home. Also Ring said we should not scrape

the school parking lot. There is no business there. Mayor Ring wanted who scrapes to scrape the Fire Department then Restaurant and Lansing Foods and the rest of the streets. Bernice asked how we could change the signed contract in the middle of the season. You cannot. We will request that he scrape the Fire Department first. And get more trucks and fewer tractors, because the tractors are slower. It was agreed not to do driveways. But Jason gave permission to scrape the driveway because the snow was deep. There was a First Responder who called and said that her driveway and road should be scraped first because she was a First Responder and she might need to get out. We cannot do any favoritism to anyone. Jason asked about the snow blower that Trainor bought. There was nothing in the contract about a snowblower, so we do not pay if he uses it.

Mauvine Shepherd said there was an incident that happened on a cold day. He had a pipe broke and he had water going every where. He came to Mauvine and said he could not find Jason, Gerald or anyone to cut the water off. He finally got it cut off. We need more cut off tools around town in case another pipe breaks. Jason asked if he had the Boards permission if he ran across a meter he cannot get to can he get it fixed. Ring said they make the pump out the water in the meter box. If he finds one can he get it. They said yes. It was asked if the boys from Jefferson could come to our next meeting and tell what they can do. Jason said they would take care of this.

Mauvine Shepherd asked about an e-mail that Sandy Lawrence sent to Kevin Heaths and said we might be in jeopardy of loosing our grant. Bernice said that she thought

that she was telling him that to get him on the ball. But she will find out.

Jason asked if the Board wants to tour the new jail. The Board said no. Brenda Reeves wanted to have an open house for the new business in Lansing. She wanted to go back and get some of the older ones in also (like Frenchy's and the Penny Wise). Have the newspaper here and write a good article on the businesses in Lansing. Let our town be known and get some business that we have be known.

We had no more business Mayor Ring asked for a motion to adjourn. Bill Cline make the motion and Mauvine Shepherd second. All agreed.