

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, April 15, 2021, via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill, Trustees Ronny Hardaway, Simon Moll and Patricia O'Rourke; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Michael Scott; Working Supervisor, John Courtney; MEO's, Nolan Hatfield and Chris Zavaski

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:13pm. There was no public comment.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

O'Rourke made a motion to close the public comment period. Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trust Simon Moll-Aye

Courtney stated that they have been finishing up Northwoods Road by placing topsoil and raking out the boulevards. This project may come in over budget because it took a lot more topsoil than he had anticipated.

April 19th the highway department will start the storm sewer project on Highgate Circle. Letters have been delivered to all residents in that area and Dake has placed a notice on the Village website. The catch basins are being unloaded now and the pipe comes tomorrow. It will be a two-week project. We have had a lot of issues on the one side of the road with the culvert pipes coming out of the driveways because they are so shallow.

Courtney has been trying to work out a couple of concerns with Lansing Meadows water and sewer. At first, he was concerned with the depth of the sanitary sewer, but Courtney went down and popped some manhole covers and he thinks it will be fine. Courtney sent a letter to Eric Goetzmann and Jim Bold mentioning that it would be nice if they let the Village know which way they plan on doing the water, private or public. If they go public, they will have to do a subdivision. If they go private, they will need to order a meter which will take 3-6 months at least. The delays this will cause is not anyone's fault but their owns. Hardaway thanked Courtney for giving them advance warning that a lot of the problems are caused by themselves. Courtney stated that Goetzmann knew two years ago when they first applied for their plumbing permit through Bolton Point that they needed to get the meter on order. A notation was made on their permit that Eric Goetzmann denied the purchase of the meter.

Courtney, Scott, Hartill, Cross and Dondi Harner met to discuss the preliminary plat subdivision for the Shops at Ithaca Mall. One of the things they are looking at is the future

for pedestrian movement.

Scott has been getting everyone together to work out the sewer, infrastructure, water and storm sewer on the Beer's property. Courtney has a concern with stormwater and trails. Hardaway feels that Courtney should get with Scott to discuss his concerns.

Courtney stated that they spent a few days down on Cedar Lane replacing a storm crossing that had failed. They set the water meter over at 87 Uptown Road.

Hardaway stated that one of the residents approached him about installing traffic mirrors on the northbound exit off Route 13 onto Cayuga Heights Road. Courtney stated that we could not do anything because that area is under the jurisdiction of NYSDOT.

O'Rourke stated that there was a tree on Cayuga Heights Road that looks like it is about to fall over. She called NYSEG to report it but she also would like Courtney to go check it out. Courtney stated if the tree is not laying on the lines or above it, NYSEG will do nothing. He will go look at it. If it is a problem of falling in the Village roadway, they will deal with it.

Hardaway asked if the trail behind Uptown Village Apartments was the Village's trail. Courtney stated that the trail that comes up next to Bishops Mall and the Chevy Dealer then goes behind the apartments does belong to the Village. Hardaway stated that there was a complaint about a section of that trail at the end that gets icy. The problem spot is at the end of the trail where the apartments push snow into that area. Courtney stated that the apartment maintenance people are creating the problem by pushing their snow there. In the future Courtney suggested that the resident contact the highway department when it happens, and they will look into it.

Hardaway reminded everyone to review the Greenhouse Gas Inventory document for Monday's meeting. He thanked the Mayor for catching the hydro-power portion of that. Terry will be correcting that. The Greenway Committee has almost completed their review/update to the Greenway Plan so that will be coming to the Trustees to approve. They are updating the maps, making reference to our tree policy, and doing a new introduction and summary. There are not major changes but there are some important changes.

O'Rourke reported that Jerry Deitz and his wife had a long conversation with her regarding the garbage that keeps getting piled up at 134 Graham Road, Pichel's apartments. O'Rourke will send pictures to the Trustees. Scott has already sent several letters to Pichel. When they receive the letter of violation, they clean up the area but then it just happens again and again. Scott has sent out at least four of five violations since he has been here. Since the Letters of Violation really do not have any teeth, it was suggested that a Codification change be made to incorporate fines for repeat offenders. Scott will consult with Attorney Troy and get back to the Board.

Hartill stated that he had to go to another Zoom meeting. Hartill entertained a motion to

pay the bills.

Resolution #6722- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$41,218.74 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$162,210.64 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$200,741.46 is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Hardaway moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted, and Trustee Moll seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trust Simon Moll-Aye

Dake stated that Gary Sloan of Squeaky Clean has requested that their late fee from January be waived. The check was mailed on the 14th but the post mark on the envelop was January 21, 2021 making it one day late. They have not been late with a payment in over 15 years. Hartill stated that he has also experienced issues with the mail.

Resolution #6723- To Waiver the January 2021 Penalty for Account M1690 in the Amount of \$2,054.72

Trustee Hardaway moved that the penalty be waived, and Trustee seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trust Simon Moll-Aye

Mayor Hartill left the meeting at 1pm.

Hardaway asked Scott to put together a list of violations that had been sent to 134 Graham Road over the last five years.

Scott stated that with The Shops at Ithaca Mall subdivision we are getting a Stormwater Agreement, which we never had before.

There will be a meeting next Tuesday with the Beer's to go over their preliminary plat. The intersections that Courtney was concerned about came up quite a few times during the Planning Boards preliminary plat discussion. This will be discussed further at the Tuesday

meeting. The current map is kind of a temporary solution until they come up with something better.

Scott stated that at the March 30th Planning Board meeting the Planning Board decided that what Eric Goetzmann is proposing as far as a subdivision of Lansing Meadows is a major change to the development. This will require Goetzmann to go thru the PDA Process. Scott informed Goetzmann that the next step was bringing the whole layout of the residential area to the Trustees. This would include lot sizes with all the setbacks. The Trustees would decide whether this needs to proceed to the Planning Board. Scott let Goetzmann know this and has not heard from him since. Lansing Meadows will have a progress report coming up at the next Planning Board meeting. Courtney asked if there was still a lot of stormwater issues there. There are occasionally issues with their silt fences and keeping dirt off the road but in general it is pretty good.

Scott is in the process of writing up a proposed law on sidewalks to send to Attorney Troy. Scott will be working with Troy on that proposal. This will probably be ready for the first meeting in May.

Scott is working with Courtney on the Annual Stormwater Report that is due at the end of the month. Things are somewhat slow in his office. He stated that he always have organizing and updating files to do.

Moll wanted to make sure that Troy was reviewing the proposed language for sidewalks. Hardaway asked Moll how Solar Farms New York Project was doing. Moll stated that there should be a check coming next week for the twelve or so that have signed up.

Scott and Courtney feel that it is becoming a fine line with people between letting them know what they need to do on a project and basically holding their hand through it. Scott does not think it is their responsibility to line everything up for them and go through it step by step. Courtney feels that a lot of these issues are engineering related. Hardaway stated that it is a fine line, but part of the job is to inspect and let them know where things are wrong. It is the responsibility of the developer to make sure they are meeting State Code.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trust Simon Moll-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:18pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer