

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held a special meeting on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at the Village of Lansing Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees, Carolyn Greenwald, Simon Moll and Patricia O'Rourke; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Attorney Bill Troy.

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:04pm. This is the first in person meeting since New York State (NYS) lifted the Covid Emergency. After June 24, 2021, local governments will no longer be able to conduct virtual meetings pursuant to New York State Executive Order 202.1. Rather, any meeting of a public body conducted after June 24, 2021, may only be conducted pursuant to the NYS Open Meetings Law.

Hardaway opened the public comment period. There was no public.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Simon Moll-Aye

Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

**Award Contract**

On June 24, 2021, the Village rebid the 2021 Water System Improvement Project Warren Road and Brown Road for materials. There were two bids submitted. Core & Main LP for \$333,326.99 and T. Mina Supply East, Inc for \$334,510.35. TG Miller reviewed the bids and Courtney recommended to the Trustees that we accept the Core & Maine, LP bid.

Resolution #6763-To Accept Core & Mains Bid of \$333,326.99 for the 2021 Water System Improvement Project Warren Road and Brown Road

Whereas, On June 17, 2021, the Board of Trustees Rejected All Bids for the 2021 Water System Improvement Project Warren Road and Brown Road Due to an Error in the Specifications that Was Unclear to the Bidders Which Resulted in a Wide Range of Prices Including the Wrong Product Which Would Result in an Immediate Change Order If Accepted and Rebid the Project on Thursday June 24, 2021 at 9am.

Now Be It Resolved, to Accept the Lowest Bid from Core & Main LP of \$333,326.99 for the 2021 Water System Improvement Project Warren Road and Brown Road Materials

Moll made a motion to approve this resolution. O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Simon Moll-Aye

Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

### **Discuss Recreation Partnership Budget Options**

Moll previously emailed his thoughts on the Budget Options on 6/25/21:

*At our 6/22 Rec. Partnership meeting, we looked at the two proposed budgets for the upcoming year (2022). We will be voting on which budget to work with at our next meeting on 7/13. This is before our next Village Trustee meeting on 7/15, so I would appreciate everyone's feedback.*

*The two proposed budgets are a 2% increase in the total budget and a Maintenance of Effort (MoE) budget. The MoE represents a 7% increase from the current budget. Essentially therefore, the 2% increase will result in a decrease in services and programs and to maintain the current level (MoE) and more substantial budget increase is needed. The reason for this comes from mostly two sources:*

*1) Due to COVID the level of sponsorships and donations that help keep municipal contributions down, are expected to be lower*

*2) The anticipated \$15 minimum wage in 2022 will substantially increase staff salaries. There is also a ripple effect from the minimum wage increase. If a junior staff member now makes \$15/hr and a senior member was previously making \$15/hr, the senior member will now need to be bumped up also.*

*For the 2021 budget, the Village contributed \$17,130 to the Rec. Partnership. Using the 2% increase, this will be \$17,209. If we use the MoE budget, this will be \$18,207*

*Please note that these numbers will likely not be the final numbers. We are only voting on whether to use the 2% or MoE budget for the TOTAL budget. At a later meeting, we will be looking at how to calculate individual municipal contributions, which are based on assessed property values and participation levels. I wish we would vote on everything at once, but that is out of my hands. The take home message is that the MoE budget will lead to a substantially higher Village contribution than the 2% budget.*

*My preference is for the MoE budget. I think that children were some of the hardest hit during the pandemic and cutting programming for minimal additional expense is not the right way to go. Further, when looking at the spending of ARPA funds, I see nothing explicitly directed toward funding children's programs, and children continue to be overlooked in the recovery phase. I am cognisant of the fact the Village spends close to \$40k per year between the Rec. Partnership and JYC, whilst having redundancy with Lansing Youth Services and the Lansing Rec. programs. I think we need to continue to look at that in the future, but in light of the current circumstances, it is my opinion that now is not that time. I am continuing to work to promote these programs and services to our Village residents and I hope our participation rate increases in the coming years.*

Moll asked for a consensus as to which way to vote. The Board unanimously agreed that Moll should vote for the Maintenance of Effort Budget (MOE). The Village will end up paying about \$800 more per year. Hardaway stated that the MOE Budget adds greater diversity for the kids. It also addresses the issue of \$15 minimum wage. This will impact our next budget in 2022-23.

#### Discuss A/V System for Conference Room

The Village has received a quote from Zufall for just over \$4,999.99, therefore, according to the Village's Procurement Policy the Village needs two written quotes. Dake contacted the Town of Lansing to see who they used to outfit their conference room and they suggested either Highway HiFi or ICS. Dake has forwarded that information to the Mayor who has solicited 5 different quotes.

Troy arrived 7:14pm

Hardaway explained that the system we are looking at is a Logitech System. It would include table microphones, a camera that will be mounted above the front door and speakers. This system will tie into our current system that we have which allows us to hook a computer into the two TV monitors. This new system would allow us to have hybrid meetings. It is hard for companies to give us bids because of Covid and everyone wanting to install this kind of system. The plan is to record on zoom. We will also purchase a separate hard drive to store videos of meetings. Hardaway stated that using cloud services storage is convenient for storage but expensive. The Village will follow New York State requirements for all meetings. Dake stated that NYS is currently looking into changing meeting requirements.

#### Mayor's Comments

Hardaway stated that the Intermunicipal Sewer Group is still negotiating the Kline Road Bypass annual fee. Our portion will be based on our water usage. Dake reminded the Board that the Village of Lansing originally paid for that sewer line.

The Dart Drive/Graham Road water main is almost complete. The road will need to be repaved.

Courtney has authorized Cayuga Landscaping to do our spring clean up and plant trees on Northwood Road. It was hard to get someone to do this work since the landscape companies are very busy and short staffed due to Covid.

Hardaway has migrated the Village of Lansing website to a new server. The search index is not working properly, and we are also getting a lot of spam. Hardaway will continue to work on it.

The Village has received a letter from Barney, Grossman, Dubow & Troy, LLP announcing that the practice is splitting as of July 1, 2021. Troy explained that this is an amicable parting of ways. They are still friends but have decided that practicing in two firms rather than one will better suit their needs. Peter Grossman is more of a real estate lawyer and Bill Troy is more litigation. The Board decided to stay with the Law Office of William J. Troy III. Peter Grossman's new firm name will be Barney, Grossman & Dubow. The Village can still use Grossman for any real estate type issues. The Village would just get a separate bill from him.

Resolution #6764 -To Continue Using William Troy as Village Attorney but Now as the Law Office of William J. Troy III, 120 East Buffalo Street, Suite 5, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Hardaway made a motion to approve this resolution. Moll seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Simon Moll-Aye

Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

Moll motioned to adjourn. O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Simon Moll-Aye

Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer