

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, held at the Village of Lansing 2405 N. Triphammer Road.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, Carolyn Greenwald, Kathleen Yen; Code/Zoning Officer, Mike Scott; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; MEO, Nick Dean and Chris Zavaski

Roll Call: Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, Carolyn Greenwald, Kathleen Yen, Ronny Hardaway
Zoom: none

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:01pm.

Scott stated that last Tuesday they had a stormwater class here at the Village office. They went out and looked at two stormwater ponds in the Village. The Highway staff were able to ask specific questions that pertain to us. The Lansing Trails II Pond needed work and the Millcroft Pond only needed a little maintenance. The Shannon Park ponds where we do not have original as built, he advised to keep cleaned out. He also suggested that we consult with our engineer. Courtney stated that Bellisario had a long 50 ft reach machine they were using on a job up at East Pointe which we capitalized on, so we did not have transport fees when we hired them to clean out the Lansing Trails Pond.

Scott has been doing a lot of fire inspections. Multi-unit buildings are in poor condition, but he was surprised that the inside of the apartments were in good condition. The Planning Board is looking at the plans for Taco Bell which is going into the old Pizza Hut spot. Scott just received the information on the storage facility that plans to buy and occupy the space where Dick's used to be all the way down to Best Buy. The storage facility will be unique in that there will also be offices along with the storage facilities. It is a successful concept down south.

The Planning Board is still working on the tree law. Scott advised the Board to watch the video from the last Planning Board meeting.

Scott received a call regarding the 20 Bomax PDA. They are currently on hold because they are looking at another property.

Courtney stated that they finished the concrete at the salt barn addition. They have been inventorying the material that has been purchased. Courtney has been going over the contract for the Dart Drive Project and working on getting the final change orders for the Cayuga Heights Sewer Expansion Project. The roads have been swept and crack sealed.

Courtney stated that the storm water pond in Lansing Trails was not built correctly in 2003. They have been working on it for two days. Courtney took pictures and sent them to Angel at Tompkins County. There are no guidelines for fences so we will not have to install fences. 14-15 loads of spoils were pulled out of the Lansing Trails Pond. We got engineering involved to make sure we

were doing the clean out correctly. Courtney stated that he may not have budgeted enough to actually reconstruct ponds. Courtney thinks the life of a pond is approximately 10 years. You get the most sediment in the first year. We are documenting the work that was done on the ponds. Courtney will send Greenwald an email before they start work on the Beckett Way Pond in June.

The culvert on Cayuga Heights Road was fixed. Last week they fixed a storm pipe which has been crushed since the N. Triphammer Road Reconstruction Project in 2005 near the intersection of N. Triphammer Road and Pyramid Drive. The light pole bases have been poured. We had a preconstruction meeting for the Dart Project.

Since it rained on Friday, they will mow Shannon Park tomorrow. Paving will start on May 20th and it will take 3 days to a week to complete. The Village DPW will help clean around the manholes as they mill and then pave.

Hardaway asked how the lead service line research was going. Courtney stated that he reached out to the Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH) and there are no bids on vac trucks. VCH is treating each service line as a separate job which makes them under \$5,000. The Village is down to 96 lines that we have to prove are not lead lines. Courtney stated that all lead service lines must be identified by October. Courtney stated that he has looked at laser fish to see if there was any documentation on the original plats. He also contacted Mike at the Town of Lansing. It was suggested that he go to the Town of Lansing Code for records to find out when they no longer allowed lead lines. Then all we would have to do is prove the date the houses were built. There are 30 services on Highgate that could be gone if we find that letter. The biggest thing is to find the plats. Greenwald will ask Ruth at the TOL.

Hardway asked where we are with the traffic cameras. Courtney stated that we are still waiting for the cameras to arrive. AT & T needs IME before they can get the chips.

Zavaski stated that they are cleaning up equipment from the pond project and have been mowing.

Dake stated that the new taxes bills were delivered today. Dake asked if anyone had additional items for Monday's agenda? We will be approving minutes and the Tax warrant. Greenwald has a letter that will need authorized for the Town of Lansing regarding trails. She will send that to the board.

Hardaway asked if there were any questions on the vouchers.

Resolution #7071- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$122,520.91 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$270,232.50 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$48,004.86 is hereby approved for payment.

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Greenwald stated that the trails committee is presenting to the Town Board on June 26th. They have asked us to write a letter which we will consider on Monday at the meeting. Greenwald will email the letter to the Trustees.

At the Recreation Partnership budget meeting they discussed whether they should maintain effort or propose a 2% increase. Tompkins County Administration is not authorizing an increase. Greenwald asked the Trustees what size increase we would be comfortable with 2025. Greenwald thinks 5% is not much when we are paying \$19,000. Yen said maintenance of effort. Bullmer thinks these could all be organized together to save money. They do not talk to each other. The Board agreed that they need to be combined. At the next meeting, Greenwald will raise the point to consolidate the Joint Youth Commission, Youth Services and Recreation Partnership.

Greenwald is chairing the committee that has been tasked to revise the Comprehensive Plan. Their goal is to have survey questions done by fall. We have a residential survey and more recently a commercial survey. The plan is to email out a short questionnaire. The committee will be looking for feedback from the staff.

Greenwald stated that she is still not comfortable with the Solar Code. She is stuck on the requirement of bond requirement for residential decommissioning. Greenwald will meet with Scott on Monday.

Greenwald would like to see the Village create a focus group for redesigning our Village logo. She wondered if this should be part of the Comprehensive Plan goals or if we should just start working on it. Gerry Monahan would be a good contact. With a new logo we would just get new stuff as we go along and not replace all the old ones immediately. Let's come up with ideas!

Ainslie stated that the Planning Board had a planting presentation by Dan Segal and she encouraged the Trustees to watch the presentation. It is not a one size fits all for everyone in the village because of the different geography and ground material. The tree planting program also needs to be updated. Dave Fernandez is very knowledgeable about plants and trees. Tree Law is being looked at again.

The public hearing for Lansing Meadows is May 28th. Goetzmann had until May 1st be granted an extension to build the final 2 buildings. He did not meet this deadline. There was a stop work order for everything except what was on the list of what he needed to complete. Courtney stated that Goetzman has to relocate the sewer which is a tough job.

Bullmer previously sent out a summary of the Town of Lansing (TOL) meeting. Greenwald will attend the next TOL meeting since they will be talking about trails. Dog enumeration found 128 unlicensed dogs in the Village.

Hardaway stated that tomorrow Safe Streets for All will hold their first formal presentation to all the municipalities. They are getting ready to turn on their website. They are working on the joint safety action plan so they would be eligible for federal grants. Hardaway stated that he, Greenwald and Courtney will need to review a map they provide and make comments or add additional areas. There will be an educational component in the future. The goal is to try and get to zero fatalities by 2040. Hardaway will share information with the Trustees as it is released.

In 2025 the Joint sewer agreement will need to be renewed. There is a push to get I&I issues resolved. VCH is considering purchasing ten acres next door to the current sewer treatment plant for the possibility of expansion in the future. They are also looking at two diversions. Hardaway things they should do both for the long term. Expanding housing in the area is only going to increase the volume of flow to the sewer system. Hardaway also recommended to the VCH that we should do a group application to show that we have enough need as a group.

SCLIWC adopted the schedule for the 2025 Budget. August 8th the Commission will vote on the proposed budget and water rate. We will vote on this by December 16th.

Motion- To Adjourn

Mayor Hardaway moved for adjournment. Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:23pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer