

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, May 20, 2024, in person at 2405 N. Triphammer Rd. and via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees: Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, Carolyn Greenwald, Kathleen Yen; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney Natalie French; David Durrett, Ithaca Times.

Zoom: no one

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Hardaway opened the public comment period. There were no public comments.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from April 11, 15, May 6 & 16, 2024. Yen was not on the Board for the April meetings.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from April 11 & 15, 2024

Hardaway made a motion to approve the minutes. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Abstain  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Bullmer was not present for the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from May 6, 2024

Hardaway made a motion to approve the minutes. Greenwald seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Abstain

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from May 16, 2024

Hardaway made a motion to approve the minutes. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye	Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye	

**Approve Tax Warrant**

Hardaway explained that each year the Board needs to pass a resolution authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to collect taxes. Dake added that Tompkins County Assessment provided us with an incorrect total assessment number of \$622,735,107 when it was actually \$623,037,107. (A difference of \$302,000) Because of this the tax rate is \$1.499273 not \$1.50/1,000 of assessed value.

**Resolution #7072- To Authorize Treasurer to Collect Taxes**

**WARRANT TO TREASURER TO COLLECT TAXES**

To: Jodi L. Dake  
Treasurer of the Village of Lansing

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive and collect from the several names in the assessment roll, hereunto annexed, the several sums named in the last column thereof opposite their respective names, altogether a total of \$1,119,473.27 for the following purposes:

For the General Fund	934,102.95
For Delinquent Water Rents	107,712.57
For Delinquent Sewer Rents	77,657.75
For V Lansing 520 (Prior year move tax)	0

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive as much thereof as may voluntarily be paid to you from June first to and including July third of this year, without additional charge, and after expiration of the time mentioned to proceed forthwith to collect the residue of the sums not so paid in as aforesaid, with five per centum charge for the first month and an additional one per centum charge for each month and fraction thereof thereafter, and you are to file the tax roll and warrant in your office on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, at which time the taxes will be returned to the County tax roll.

Hardway moved to authorize the treasurer to collect taxes and Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye	Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye	

**Letter to Town of Lansing Regarding Trails**

Hardaway stated that we previously discussed this at the last meeting on May 16, 2024. Greenwald has drafted a letter to send to the Town of Lansing in support of the Town Center Greenway Trail and the Lansing Greenway. The letter states that the Village fully supports the connecting of the Town and Village via trails as alternative transportation options. The Village also supports jointly applying for mutually beneficial funding for the trails in the future.

**Resolution #7073- To Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter to Town of Lansing Regarding Trails**

Hardaway made a motion to pass this resolution. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

**Mayors Comments**

Hardaway will be gone starting next Tuesday. Deputy Mayor Greenwald will be taking over for the mayor. Hardaway is making Greenwald a list of items that are scheduled for this month. Timesheets will need to be signed. Dake will let Greenwald know when they are ready each pay period.

**General Comments**

Ainslie stated that Youth Services met today. There was a presentation by the Learning Web. One disturbing fact is that there does not seem to be much interest in the Ithaca Public School system. This is a concern and disappointment because they have services that would be useful. It seems to be about parents and commitment. Bullmer stated that this is not only with the Learning Web. They hear it from the Joint Youth Commission and almost every program. There is no interest from Boyton Middle School. The next CWIO meeting is in Seneca County, however, Ainslie will not be attending.

Yen stated that she attended her first CSC/CEC meeting with Hardaway and got an overview of the status of things. They are waiting on NYSDEC. Some information that would be useful for the CSC/CEC which would tie in with the Comprehensive Plan would be demographic information and the history of the Village. Hardaway stated that a lot of the preliminary information for their action items would come from the Comprehensive Plan. They do not want to submit anything until the Comprehensive Plan is updated. There is no hurry. A lot of it has to do with cooling and heating areas and public health in times of emergencies. Currently, the only cooling area in the Village is the mall. The Greenway Committee is looking at protecting trees and shade as areas of cooling within the Village. In order to get funding, we need to have this documented in the Greenway Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. This would be considered an action item to help our municipality prepare for emergencies. For the long-term benefit of our residents, we need shady areas in our parks for residents as a source of cooling. This is to get more credit within the Climate Smart Communities program. We are already doing this; we just need documentation for submitting so

we get credit. The Greenway Plan is due for an update next year. We have already received some clean energy credits for the Clean Heating and Cooling Program which had 10 households sign up.

Greenwald stated that she let the Recreation Partnership know that, regarding the budget, maintenance of effort was good for us. She also let them know that we would like to see the different youth programs combined instead of increasing budgets. She received one response from Randy Brown. Brown thinks this is something the County should be thinking about. They will be talking about it. The Village does not want to see programs cut; we just want to see them managed appropriately.

Greenwald stated that she was not ready to present anything on the Solar Law. She got Michael Baker's latest version, and she still thinks it is too onerous in the Tier I level. Greenwald would like to think about it some more, share her thoughts with the Board and then speak with Mike Scott.

Ainslie asked Attorney French a question on Solar law and resale. French stated that we want residents to be aware that there are conditions of decommissioning. It is an easy one-page form that gets filed at the Tompkins County Clerk's office which costs \$50.50.

### **Adjournment**

Motion- To Adjourn

Hardaway motioned to adjourn. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer