

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, June 13, 2024, held at the Village of Lansing 2405 N. Triphammer Road.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Carolyn Greenwald; Trustees Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer (zoom), Kathleen Yen; Code/Zoning Officer, Mike Scott; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney

Roll Call: Susan Ainslie, Kathleen Yen, Carolyn Greenwald

Zoom: Wolfgang Bullmer

Absent: Mayor Ronny Hardaway

Deputy Mayor Greenwald called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:10pm.

Dake stated that Change Order #3 has been submitted for the sewer expansion project which has 7 items included in it:

1. Deletes the roadway milling and paving on Cayuga Heights and Twin Glens Road (-\$350,000)
2. Adds trees and shrubs +\$6,637.05
3. Additional Line Side Disconnect for pump station #1 +\$2,625
4. Repair of uncharted concrete box culvert on E Shore Dr. +2,208.28
5. Install additional pressure and gravity laterals on Cayuga Hgts. Rd. +\$14,934
6. Additional water stops on E. Shore Dr. and Twin Glens Rd. +\$49,000
7. Storm sewer extensions at Autumn Ridge and pump station #1- +\$28,300

All these changes have been reviewed by TG Miller Engineering and Courtney. The net change is (\$246,295.67) lowering the total contract for the project to \$4,349,795.42.

**Resolution #7074**-To Approve Vacri Construction Corp. Change Order #3- Sanitary Sewer Benefit Area Expansion Cayuga HeightsRd., E. Shore Dr. and Twin Glens Rd. in the Amount of (\$246,295.67)

Greenwald moved this resolution and Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Dake stated that she received the agreement from Tompkins County for the Parks and Trail Grant. It is the \$5,000 grant we will be receiving to use towards the bridge replacement in Lansing Trails. (Resolution #7033) The Trustees need to pass a resolution to authorize Deputy Mayor Greenwald to sign the agreement. French looked it over and had a couple of questions regarding whether some numbers were correct or not. Darby Kiley explained that this program

was set up for municipalities to complete projects within 6 months, so that's why the project completion photos are expected by the end of the year, 12/31/2024. Kiley also explained that they keep the contract timing to a full year to allow for paperwork submission and to save some headaches if the project cannot be completed before the end of the year. The reference to 2019 on page 6 is from the village's application showing that you received funding in a previous round. French was happy with the explanation.

**Resolution #7075-** To Authorize the Deputy Mayor to Sign the Tompkins County Agreement to Receive \$5,000 to be Used for the Bridge Replacement in Lansing Trails.

Greenwald moved this resolution and Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Dake stated that the taxes bills have been steadily coming in. Dake went through the current Comprehensive Plan and made some notes for the Committee that is working on updating it. Greenwald thanked her for that.

Greenwald asked if there were any questions on the vouchers.

**Resolution #7076- Abstract of Audited Vouchers**

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$398,027.64 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$35,416.42 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$448,782.99 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$9,931.64 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Trust & Agency Fund, in the amount of \$3,620.55 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$51,639.90 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$0 is hereby approved for payment.

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

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

Dake asked if the Trustees would like to approve the June 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from June 3, 2024

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

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

Dake asked if anyone had additional items for Monday’s agenda. Bullmer and Hardaway will not be there and Dake does not have any items for the agenda.

**Resolution #7077-** To Cancel the June 17, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting

Greenwald made a motion to cancel the meeting. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Dake will send out an email to the agenda receivers and post it on the webpage.

Scott stated that as per our Village Code, when he sends out an order of remedy and it reaches the end date, he needs Board approval for extending it or ordering an appearance ticket. Scott had two properties that have come to an end date on their order of remedy.

Scott stated that the first was for the Shops at Ithaca Mall Stormwater at 40 Catherwood Road. On July 7, 2023, Scott sent a letter to the business manager regarding the stormwater issues. Best practices were discussed but nothing was actually done. On January 15, 2024, Scott sent an order of remedy. After their 30 days were up, Scott came to the Board of Trustees to get an extension until the end of April. Scott was told several times that they were going to start. On May 3, 2024, Scott sent a second notice of violation and was told the contractor would be there at the end of May. It is now the second week of June, and they still have not even called dig safely yet. Scott would like the Trustees to give him permission to issue an appearance ticket. Greenwald thinks given the ownership structure of the mall, this will move things much quicker if we do issue an appearance ticket. Scott has bent over backwards for them to make it as easy as possible, and this will make it easier. Yen thinks that since there has been no action and they have already had an extension that this would be appropriate.

**Resolution #7078-** To Authorize the Code & Zoning Office to Request an Appearance Ticket from the Lansing Town Court for 40 Catherwood Road

Greenwald made a motion to authorize this resolution. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Scott stated that the second one is for Don Swearingen of 1503 East Shore Drive. He has equipment, old vehicles and a school bus out front. Scott sent a violation because there was a complaint that it was an eyesore but there are no life threatening issues. Scott sent a letter to clean up the area or move it out back. He never heard from anyone. On 12/19/23 Scott sent a notice of violation. Scott then received a call back from Don's daughter, Louanne Bangs letting him know that her father lived there and would be back from Florida in April/May. Scott then came to the Trustees to get an extension until the end of May. Since the termination date Scott has been over there and some things have been moved but it is not completed. Scott then sent an email to Bangs to find out what the situation was. Immediately Scott received a call from Don Swearingen asking Scott to come out and talk to him about it. He is 93-year-old man who is doing it all himself. He has taken out 4-5 loads of metal and has moved some equipment and he is working to keep progress going. He would like to keep working until the end of August. Scott is requesting to not issue him an appearance ticket but give him until the end of August to complete the cleanup. It is not a life or death issue and most of the items are well off the road.

The Trustees agreed to extend the deadline since there is progress and he has been working on cleaning the area up. Greenwald likes that he responded immediately to Scott's email. Bullmer stated that he drove by and feels that Swearingen has made a lot of progress.

**Resolution #7079-**To Authorize the Code & Zoning Officer to Extend the Deadline for the Order to Remedy for 1503 East Shore Drive Until the End of August 2024

Greenwald made a motion to authorize this resolution. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Scott stated that stormwater management program is being upgraded with the new language that the MS4 would like us to have. Stormwater Coalition is still working on stormwater mapping. The Trustees will need to upgrade our IDDE section of our Codification. Scott has given some recommended changes to French. The Village has everything it needs for MS4 upgrades. It is just a matter of getting everything that DEC wants. Greenwald asked what the deadline was for the Code update. Scott stated that this needs to be done by August 1<sup>st</sup>, but as long as it is in motion they are ok. Greenwald will email French to let her know we want it for the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting so that a public hearing can be set. Dake explained the process for passing a local law to update the Codification with this information.

Yen asked when the mapping needed to be completed. Scott stated that they want to see progress in the mapping. We have 2 years to complete the mapping. Scott explained that it is best to do this in the spring and fall. Greenwald asked how much was done. Scott stated that he has divided the Village into sections, and he has done 2 of the 10 sections.

Scott stated that building permits are picking up. IJ Construction is starting their last 3-plex for Lansing Trails II. He is unsure if they will go on to Lansing Trails III. The building that had a fire at the Gaslight Apartments will be starting soon. Fire inspections are all on schedule.

Scott gave a Planning Board update.

New York State is working on the draft for the new 2024 Unified Code. This is done every 4 years. Rumor is that the Energy Code will be enhanced.

Courtney stated that for the storage addition to the mall, anything over a acre disturbance they need to check for water quality. Scott stated that if you do not have a stormwater plan, NYSDEC wants them to incorporate 2 of the 8 best practices. These practices include planting trees and landscaping.

Courtney stated that Cayuga Heights Road has finally been paved. Greenwald asked how long it would take to wrap it up. Courtney stated that Vacri is going through doing their punch list items now. There is still some striping to be done and fixing some driveways. It will be a couple of weeks until this is complete. Greenwald confirmed that an outside company was coming in to do the striping. They spent a week raising the manhole frames to match the grade of the pavement.

Dart Drive sidewalk project started and should be completed in October. Basically, the road is closed to reduce the liability. There is some Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) of the sewer line that needed to be done. After the sewer repairs are complete, they will move on to the water line installation. 57 Dart Drive did not have a sewer line because they are on septic so we will be installing a lateral. 6 Dart also got a sewer lateral in case they want their own service later. Their current lateral runs across another lot and connects at 2 Dart Drive. Every lot now gets a sewer lateral, so our road does not need to be dug up. There will be a few change orders. We televised the sanitary sewer and found an issue which will be fixed.

The guys are mowing. We started our roadside mowing. A drain line was installed next to the sanitary sewer line because it was getting some flow from Twin Glens.

Yen asked about the lead pipe issue. Courtney stated that we have reduced the number below 100. Glen at Bolton Point is evaluating them. TG Miller has deduced the numbers by quite a bit by pulling up plats through the county website and got information to rule out lead service lines.

Courtney stated that he hit a deer with the village pick up. It caused damage on the front end.

Greenwald stated that the Recreation Partnership budget for 2025 was passed. Because of the way payments are calculated for different municipalities, the Village payment will be reduced by \$75.

The Comprehensive Plan team is meeting on Monday evening. They are working on a survey to direct us in the future. There is a question asking if the resident wants to join different email groups. Communication is important. Greenwald sent an email regarding consolidation and reorganization of youth services. She got some push back, but some county legislators think there is a need to address this county wide.

Bullmer stated that Tompkins County is hiring a 4<sup>th</sup> person for youth services. The Youth Services Department of Tompkins County has been requested to consider budget cuts, so it is unclear where the additional money will come from. This is just one example of inefficiency in Youth Services in Tompkins County. JYC applications went out and they are expecting responses by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Deputy Mayor Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 12:54pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer