

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, July 15, 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.

Zoom: James McCauley

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

Roll Call: Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, Carolyn Greenwald, Kathleen Yen, Ronny Hardaway

Hardaway opened the public comment period. McCauley asked if the email regarding email issues was actually from him. Hardaway stated that it was. Hardaway has found that if a device logs in using the wrong password, then the IP Address gets blacklisted. Given this issue, Greenwald wondered if the boards should be using vlansing.org email addresses. Hardaway has set up email addresses for each Trustee, but no one was aware of or using them. Kathleen Yen would like a vlansing.org email address. Hardaway will put the information together and send it out this week.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from Thursday, July 1, 2024. There was no meeting on June 17th.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from July 1, 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 Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Proposed Local Law A (2024)-Solar Law

French has emailed a copy of the updated Solar Law to the Trustees.

Hardaway forwarded an email that he received from Mike Baker. Baker, Planning Board Chairman, was unable to attend tonight's meeting but emailed what was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting regarding the most recent copy of the proposed solar law. Specifically, Schleelein and Baker still have concerns about how the decommissioning plan portions of the local law have been modified beyond what we had initially discussed at the joint meeting. Other Planning Board members have shared their suggestions and concerns regarding decommissioning at previous meetings as well. The other changes that were made are a good compromise between the desires of the two boards and that is what they were hoping for regarding decommissioning. Baker understands that it is up to the Trustees to make the final determination on the language in the local law, however, in its current form neither Baker or Schleelein support it.

Greenwald stated that she spoke with Schleelein, and she told her that she would have done it differently and she was not offended. Greenwald likes full consensus. This is a slightly different approach. She feels the primary motivator is still there.

Yen stated that she listened to the April 15th joint meeting. Definitions, tree density and decommissioning were the primary issues. The footprint and buffers were all incorporated. The concern was the commercial ground mounted solar not having a decommission plan. It's common sense, it is balanced and reasonable. This was Yen's take away from that meeting. She feels that an expanded appendix may help to clarify.

Greenwald stated that the Code is a work in progress. We use the best language we know now. Our two main concerns are neighbors putting ground mounted solar to close to neighboring property and protecting neighbors. Tier 2 does require review by the Planning Board which will take care of potential issues.

Hardaway stated that this is a living document that can be amended or changed when new situations arise. This is taking care of our current concerns.

French stated that we can see how the applications come in and if there are any issues.

Dake stated that after a final law is agreed upon, it must be sent to Tompkins County and they have 30 days to do a 239 Review. With this in mind, a public hearing can be set for the August 19th meeting.

**Resolution #7083-To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law A (2024)-
Amendment to Village of Lansing Code/Zoning Law to Add a Section on Solar Energy
Systems for August 19, 2024, at 7:35pm**

Hardaway made a motion to set a public hearing. Greenwald seconded the motion.
A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Proposed Local Law C (2024)

Hardaway stated that the next item is to consider setting a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law C (2024)- Amendment to Village of Lansing Code-Chapter 80 Illicit Discharge, Activities and Connections to Separate Storm Sewer System Law.

Resolution #7084-To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law C (2024)- Amendment to Village of Lansing Code-Chapter 80 Illicit Discharge, Activities and Connections to Separate Storm Sewer System Law for August 19, 2024 at 7:40pm

Hardaway made a motion to set a public hearing. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Mayor’s Comments

Hardaway had nothing to report.

General Comments

Dake stated that the hotel reservations have been made for the staff attending the NYCOM Fall Training School September 16-19, 2024. Dake asked the Trustees if they wanted to cancel the September 16th meeting since three people would be away at the conference. They will do this at the Thursday meeting.

Ainslie stated that the Youth Partnership has received an additional \$65,759 from the State to distribute to their programs as follows:

FCS Open Doors: +\$18,418

Funds will be used to purchase more basic needed items such as food, clothing, personal hygiene items, and temporary hotel stays (since down to just one host home at this time).

IYB One-to-One BBBS: +\$6,379

Funds will be used to increase the hours of their part-time seasonal staff member who does small group wait list programming; in addition, they will hire a part-time staff member to increase their volunteer recruiting efforts.

IYB Outing Program: +\$1,450

Funds will be used to pay for part-time seasonal staff to assist with the Pathfinders program and to purchase program supplies to support group activities.

IYB Recreation Support Services: +\$9,787

Funds will be used to pay for part-time seasonal staff to support participants taking part in a variety of activities.

IYB Youth Employment Services: +\$5,824

Funds will enable them to hire an additional 2 teens to work a subsidized job since the wait list is long.

Learning Web Youth Exploration Program: +\$11,172

Funds will be used to: cover a portion of salary and fringe for Youth Exploration Coordinator, bookkeeping and payroll and IT services, purchase of group supplies and tabling materials to be used at events, and replacement of a computer/monitor.

Learning Web Youth Outreach Program: +\$12,729

Funds will be used to: bookkeeping and payroll and IT services, pay for youth driving lessons, staff mileage reimbursement, and costs associated with the Independent Living Survey (youth researcher stipends, refreshments, printing).

Ainslie also gave an update on the Planning Board. They are going ahead with the storage units at the Shops at Ithaca Mall.

Yen reported that the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) and Clean Energy Community (CEC) are meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 5pm. Hardaway will be sending out an agenda.

Greenwald stated that the Town of Lansing has given approval to go forward with applying for trail grants. The google forms have been created for the survey the Village plans to send out to collect information for the Comprehensive Plan update. Dake is the only one that has made any suggestions. Greenwald asked the Board to review it as though they were a business owner and again as a resident. After this we can make any changes we feel necessary before goes live.

Greenwald will not be here for the August 15th meeting.

Adjournment

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer