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Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, June 18, 2012, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Patricia O'Rourke, Lynn Leopold, Julie Baker, and John O'Neill; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow; Planning Board Member Phil Dankert.

Mayor Hartill called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. and opened the public comment period.

Ann Furry read the following letter:

On June 8th, 2012 the Lansing Star Online 'Opinions' page carried a truly astounding letter. In it, Ms. Yasamin Miller and Mr. Brian Goodell assert that during their recent unsuccessful run for positions on the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees, they 'encountered deception and intimidation among the techniques used by [the Community Party]. As a group and as individual citizens and residents of the Village, the Community Party and its members categorically deny these allegations.

Ms. Miller and Mr. Goodell display a profound misunderstanding of the Village of Lansing Community Party. In describing their own party as growing out of 'the people', they imply that the Community Party is somehow 'other' and estranged from the village as a whole. Just as the letter describes the Voice of the People party, the Community Party is a grassroots gathering of concerned citizens. There are no 'professional' party members, no cadre of enforcers threatening citizens into compliance as Miller and Goodell imply. The Community Party has no ideology or ulterior motive.

The Community Party has been in place since the very founding of the Village of Lansing. It was formed so that politically active citizens could come together to coordinate their support of those villagers who were willing to run for office and devote their talents and effort to building and maintaining an effective Village government. We are simply residents of our village concerned about the direction of our village. The goals of the Community Party reflect only a desire to maintain and improve the quality of life here in the Village of Lansing. The only criterion for Party membership is a willingness to work for our community.

It is not easy to find people who can take on the responsibilities of local office. While Community Party candidates have run unopposed for many years, it was because those few people who were willing to serve in office have recognized the advantages of coming together under a broad umbrella organization that unites villagers regardless of their national party affiliations. In the Community Party, village citizens find a cooperative atmosphere and a structure that is supportive of their sincere efforts to serve their community. As a result of this inclusive, practical, and cooperative approach to government, the Village of Lansing has become a model for municipalities in upstate New York. The Community Party has always believed that a high standard of ethical conduct is essential in all political campaigns and has always behaved in accordance with such a standard.

The Miller/Goodell letter describes what they see as 'very disturbing incidences'. As examples they complain that they were asked 'numerous probing questions' and were compelled to have 'a face-to-face meeting' with members of the Community Party. They complain purported VOP supporters were 'approached, sometimes multiple times, by the incumbents, face-to-face, with the goal of changing their minds'. So saying, they reveal an appalling lack of understanding of

our electoral process. They portray normal campaign activities as 'harassment' and are apparently against VOP adherents being free to hear both sides of the issues. It should be understood that a political campaign involves the open and public exchange of views, debates about policy issues, and personal interactions between the candidates and voters of all persuasions.

The letter concludes by proposing what they describe as 'Guidelines for Conduct for Political Campaigning in the Village of Lansing, NY'. They claim that they are needed 'To regain trust and respect amongst village residents, and ...to ensure that future candidates do not feel intimidated, harassed, or cheated...' Generally, these 'guidelines' are perfectly acceptable descriptions of the preferred behaviors that should always be found in any American election campaign. However, the demand for their adoption by the Village of Lansing government is less a call for cleaner politics than an attempt to formally validate unfounded claims of Community Party misbehavior. Despite their sweeping accusations and inflammatory vocabulary – intimidation, harassment, cheating – none of these outrageous charges have any reality in fact. No citizens were threatened with 'retaliation'. There was no intimidation of voters. There was no harassment, no cheating.

The Executive Committee of the Community Party asserts that our party and its members have always behaved with integrity, in an ethical, honest, and forthright manner. We support the free and open exchanges of views, face-to-face communications, and mutual respect between people with opposing viewpoints. We will continue to do so.

Anne stated that what she just read will run in the Opinion section of the Lansing Star on Friday and will be signed by Larry Bieri, Tob de Boer, John Dennis, Marian Hartill, Susanne Lorbeer, H. Michael Newman and Robert Schleelein who are the Executive Committee for the Community Party. She has also sent her own response letter as the former Mayor and Trustee of the Village of Lansing from 1975-1989.

Ann stated that Yasamin Miller made a number of inaccurate allegations relating to the recent election of Trustees to the Village of Lansing Board in her letter of June 8, 2012 that was posted on the Lansing Star's Opinions page. As a member of the Village of Lansing Community Party, and as a private individual, Anne wrote to correct further the inaccurate statements made in paragraph 5 of Ms. Miller's letter.

Paragraph 5 of "Guidelines of Conduct During a Political Campaign Process for the Village of Lansing, NY" submitted by Yasamin Miller and Brian Goodell (Voice of the People Party) to the Lansing Star read as follows:

On Saturday, April 21, there was a private event held for us (Voice of the People), hosted by Northwood Apartments, inviting their renters to meet us (not the incumbent candidates). Two Community Party members, Larry Bieri and Mary Furry, were amongst the very first people to arrive at this event (although neither of them lives in these apartments). They did not disclose to us they were Community Party members, but began to disrupt this event. They were argumentative and belligerent. They were not interested in meeting us or listening to us, rather to argue with us and point out (in public) why they disagreed with us. When asked why they were in attendance, they had no answer. Larry Bieri was there with a clipboard taking notes, with the obvious intent of reporting back to his party about who was in attendance, and what we were saying. In fact, Mary Furry went as far as to tell me "You must trust the Community Party to do the right thing." The notion that one party is right and that anyone opposing them is wrong is an absolutely offensive thing to say to anyone and has no place in our village. She went on to criticize me in front of other voters and explained to them why she couldn't vote for me – never disclosing that she was a Community Party member. Discrediting a challenger is par for the

course in a political process, but should be done honestly by disclosing ones party affiliation so that observers can make assessments in an unbiased, honest manner.

Anne stated that there was a sign advertising the event at the entrance to Northwood Apartments. The person who was installing the sign directed Anne to the meeting location so she inferred it was not a private gathering. A total of five people attended the event. When Anne met the two candidates from the Voice of the People Party, she introduced herself as Anne Furry, former Mayor of the Village of Lansing, which is contrary to Ms. Miller's letter, where she referred to Anne as Mary. Anne stated that she was there to meet the candidates and learn their views. After listening to the candidates' statements, she responded that it was her understanding that the Village Board of Trustees had not yet acted on what appeared to be the major issue at hand which related to the possible development of property adjacent to Dart Drive. Anne stated that she trusted the Board's thoroughness and judgment in this matter and was in no way critical of Ms. Miller or of Mr. Goodell. A statement Ms. Miller attributed to Anne was actually made by another attendee at the event and not by Anne. Having had substantial experience in a wide variety of Village and Board matters over many years, Anne said she can honestly say that the discussions at the event were not argumentative, belligerent or offensive in any way. Additionally, Anne stated she has always supported every effort by Village residents to express their opinions and to broaden the debate. Anne added she trusts the Board and she would be happy to provide more clarity if necessary.

Lowell Gardner of 10 Pembroke Lane wanted to comment on the use of Crossbows in the Village. Don stated that that item was on the agenda and he could comment during that time.

Lorraine Moran, chair for the Joint Youth Commission, stated that she was attending with Amy Hendrix and Gina Giambattista to participate in the Recreation/Youth Commission discussion later in the meeting. There were no further comments.

#### Motion-To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee Baker moved to close the public comment period. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill -Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye	Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye	

The next item on the agenda was a public hearing to Increase the Planned Sign Area (PSA) for the Shops at Ithaca Mall.

#### Motion-To Open the Public Hearing

Trustee Baker moved to open the public hearing. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill -Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
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Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Dubow explained that this is a request from the Mall and a recommendation from the Planning Board for an additional 500 sq. ft. of signage due to the addition of the BJ's Building. The Planning Board believes that this would not be out of character with the previous amendments to the Mall's Planned Sign Area, in which the most recent change occurred with the addition and reconstruction of the Regal Cinema space that is approximately 63,000 ft<sup>2</sup>. At that time the Planning Board and Board of Trustees decided to recommend and approve an additional 633ft<sup>2</sup> to the Mall's Planned Sign Area. The signage that is being requested at this time would be less per square foot of building space than what was approved for the Regal Cinema tenant. The developers have indicated that 500 sq. ft. is a bit of a reserve that they will be able to use to accommodate stores that go in and out. Lynn asked if they were using current signage allotted for the temporary BJ's Gas sign. The temporary sign is allowed for new tenants coming in.

The Board completed its review and consideration of the matter.

#### Motion-To Close the Public Hearing

Trustee O'Neill moved to close the public hearing. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill -Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Resolution #5883-To Increase the Planned Sign Area for the Shops at Ithaca Mall by 500 sq. ft.

Trustee Leopold moved to approve this resolution. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill -Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the election letter received from Yasamin Miller at the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Village has received two different versions of the letter, one that was presented to the Board at the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and another that was emailed thereafter to the Clerk/Treasurer to be included in the minutes. Since these were two different versions it was left out of the minutes of June 4<sup>th</sup> and will be discussed now. Yasamin Miller submitted a letter to the Board of Trustees and the Lansing Star on behalf of herself and fellow Voice of the People candidate Brian Goodell accusing Community Party members of misconduct and proposing that the Village adopt election guidelines, including four she and Goodell suggested.

Anne Furry stated that she feels that both letters are part of a political debate and not an action for the Board of Trustees to act on. Yasamin Miller feels that there is no distinction between the Community Party and the Board of Trustees.

Julie Baker did not know how to interpret the letters. There were no facts, just accusations. She questioned why Yasamin didn't want her talking with people that were their supporters. Yasamin claimed that Julie went to one house three times. Julie stated that she didn't go to anyone's house three times.

Brian Goodell had issues with the way the campaigns were run and doesn't see a reason for not setting guidelines to make sure that the next Village election is fair and all have an equal opportunity.

Julie thought that they were not supposed to even discuss elections in Board meetings.

Dubow stated that there are two things here. First is the allegation of improper conduct. Section 3-106 of the New York Election Law and the Fair Campaign Code included in the Rules and Regulations promulgated under that Section 3-106 of the New York Election Law provides for a State fair campaign code. There are procedures for notices to be made and a process by which the State can handle an alleged improper conduct issue. There already is a set of standards.

The second issue is whether the Village should supplement the State regulations. Dubow indicated that this would be quite unusual because the issues are referred to and addressed in the State provisions in terms of the campaign code and the procedural aspects of how the code is enforced. Dubow is not aware of any local municipality that has tried to set their own local provisions. It is a bit unclear as to if and how a complaint might be handled if it relates to local campaign guidelines that are established by a municipal board – i.e., whether such a matter could or would be handled by the State Board of Elections, or whether it would need to be handled locally. It might make the most sense to defer to the State's Fair Campaign Code and procedures related thereto, and not complicate the situation by adding a layer of local guidelines for which procedures and proceedings could be quite cumbersome.

Dubow stated that the Village Board does not get into the "he said, she said" elements of local campaign matters, and that the candidates and the Board members are distinguishable. In many local governments there are political parties that may or may not have partial or full control of the legislative board, but that does not mean that the Board is the arbiter of campaign disputes. Dubow doesn't feel it is appropriate for the Village Board to handle these types of campaign matters when there are independent State-wide provisions in place.

Dan Veanor asked if there could be a supplement to the State Guidelines. Dubow indicated that he is not aware of any other municipality that has done this. There is no inconsistency with State regulations. If the Village had its own guidelines, enforcement issues between the State and local government could arise. Yasamin stated that she is not talking about changing legislation. She doesn't want people to pretend they have no political affiliation. We should inform candidates that intimidation and harassment will not happen. She feels there needs to be guidelines. John O'Neill suggested that the Election Law be given to the public to read.

Julie Baker stated that she would be happy to sit down with Yasamin and Brian and try to understand what they mean in these accusations. Part of the reason she didn't understand their letter was because there really are no facts in there. Julie stated that she didn't know what they are talking about. Julie thought that the Board was not even supposed to discuss election matters in board meetings.

Lowell Gardner reiterated that this election has left a bad taste in some folks. He feels we should emphasize that we agree with the State and we feel it's been recognized.

Dubow stated that there are State guidelines. He does not think it would be beneficial to add different guidelines. Gardner asked if the Village acknowledges other State Laws. Dubow stated that there is State enabling legislation that allows a Village to adopt a local law in some circumstances, but even if permitted, this does not appear to be an appropriate or necessary exercise of such a procedure. Dubow stated that if we had our own guidelines there is no local enforcement. How would a violation be handled? This is a party versus party issue.

Brian Goodell would like to solve this locally and not go to the State. Brian stated that we believe in the law. He did not like how some candidates campaigned. Brian stated if he had an issue with someone he would go to them. It was stated that Brian and Yasamin did not send the letter to the Community Party, and therefore that statement is untrue. Goodell became very rude and Mayor Hartill asked for a civil discussion.

Lynn Leopold stated that last she knew we were all adults. She was never aware of any harassment or intimidation. The accusation that Community Party members removed VOTPP yard signs was discussed at the last noon meeting. At that time John Courtney stated that the day before the election there was a big snow storm and some signs were knocked down when plowing. Lynn questioned whether those were the signs that they were saying got removed. She indicated that hearsay does not sit well and we don't lower to those tactics. This all doesn't make sense to her. Intimidation is not the way the Community Party works. We also can not control what others say.

Julie Baker stated that slavery was abolished a long time ago. Anyone can decide to change political parties. People should be able to hear both sides and make a decision. People signed the VOP petition to have a choice. For this to be thrown back as being a spy is unreasonable.

Goodell stated that there were people that were afraid to sign their petitions. Goodell stated that he would meet with Julie, but he doesn't believe in John O'Neill, doesn't trust him and won't talk to him. Mayor Hartill again stated that this is not the way to conduct ourselves. Cat fights should be left outside.

Miller suggested four guidelines and suggested Community Party members could submit additional ones. She proposed that party members must disclose their party affiliation when interacting with the opposition or other registered voters. Deception will not be tolerated, removing/destroying/tampering with party member political signs is illegal, intimidation and harassment of Village residents will not be tolerated and party members should act in a

respectful manner when engaging with the opposition and whenever in a public event where village residents are in attendance.

Dubow reiterated that procedures and guidelines are already in place in State law. This is really a party versus party issue. It's not somebody who said that somebody violated an election law provision while the polling was going on. This is just somebody saying that they don't like the way somebody campaigned.

It was agreed that the State election statutory and regulatory material would be posted on the Village website so that everyone could read it before there was any further discussion. Two things were decided during this discussion. The election law is under New York State jurisdiction so should not be part of a village governmental discussion, and secondly that the letter should have been sent to the Community Party leadership rather than the Village Board.

The next item on the agenda was to continue to consider the use of crossbows in the Village deer hunt. In anticipation of this discussion on crossbow use in the Village, Lowell Gardner of 10 Pembroke Lane sent the following email to the Board which he asked to be part of the record.

Over the past couple of years I have raised objections to a few of you that I find the legal hunting activities near Pembroke Lane quite disquieting which is aggravated by trucks driving down the street looking for deer (wounded or not) and sometimes hunters on foot looking for blood trails. When I first moved to Pembroke I had no idea that I would experience more contact with hunting than when I lived in a rural area. Furthermore, this year, there have already been efforts by the Village to enlist participation in the hunting program by additional property owners nearby. I have also had the experience of seeing the results of illegal hunting- poaching of wild turkey and deer from motor vehicles that are collected at a later time when their activities would be less visible. I've been told that in such instances, a small caliber rifle such as a .22g is often used, usually escaping perception. I have personally witnessed two turkeys being removed by poachers from our woods as well as have had a deer presumably killed in my front yard by the road (I say presumably because that is where I found some of its fur and guts.) I am also aware of other instances.

I, therefore, would like to voice my opposition to the use of crossbows in the Village, not because of the crossbow per se but because of its implications to the above concerns. Presently in the Village, only vertical bows are legal, to be used from mid-October until the third week in December. I have noted in the past, somewhat relieved, that the intensity of hunting drops off around mid-November at the start of regular hunting season when some bow hunters look forward to using shotguns outside of the Village. Since crossbows are only legal during gun season, I anticipate that many hunters will choose to remain within the Village, continuing to hunt with a crossbow and forgo the shotgun alternative. In addition, I feel that statewide legalization of crossbow use for hunting could allow greater pretext for poachers to carry them in the first place and then, due to their relative quietness as compared to a rifle, encourage illegal shooting from vehicles. Both greater hunting presence and poaching have quality-of-life and safety issues associated with them.

I realize that Jay Boulanger has given a lot of consideration prior to making his recommendation that crossbows be allowed; I respect his thoughtfulness and opinion greatly. However, I believe that my day-to-day experience of exposure to hunting warrants consideration. In addition, there are many villagers that are still unaware of the Village's deer control efforts and when informed have additional concerns. (The reformulating of the Comprehensive Plan would be an opportune time to query folks on their attitudes about deer and hunting in the Village. Until that occurs it might be useful for residents to have an easily accessed reference on the website delineating the Village's current deer population control plan and the policies and local laws regulating such, as well as what avenues are available for residents to seek relief from hunters illegally trespassing on or hunting too close to their own land or dwellings.)

All of this, I think, should be evaluated in terms of what the Mayor stated at the last meeting, in which he pointed out that the hunting program to date seems to have made an impact on the deer population judging by the decreased number of dead deer found along roads. I would argue that stepping up the level of intensity of hunting by allowing the use of the crossbow (or extension of the hunting season beyond December which has also been suggested) may introduce unintended consequences that outweigh any additional benefit. Furthermore, I think it would be reasonable for the Board to consider postponing a final decision on the use of crossbows in the Village until residents, in particular, those living closest to the impacted areas, are duly notified (other than indirectly by legal notice in the paper or an agenda item on the website) and are given an opportunity to express their viewpoints.

Lowell stated that at some point back in 2007, when some of you were members of this Board, the idea of allowing hunting was introduced and there had to be a discussion about the weapons that would be permitted. The choices back then were the vertical bow and shotgun, and for whatever reasons that you discussed back then, the shotgun was subsequently not allowed. So I asked myself as I thought about the crossbow since your meeting two weeks ago, what were the logical reasons upon which you might have excluded the shotgun? Certainly, if legally and properly used, the lethality or safety of the shotgun vs. the bow was arguably not the reason although it could be perceived that way by an uninformed public. The only things I could come up with were that shotguns make a loud noise when they are discharged or to see one carried by an individual may cause a non-hunter Village resident to feel uncomfortable. Perhaps there were other reasons that were discussed as well, but indeed you were sensitive to the public's concerns probably on some intuitive basis whether or not your consideration was based upon perceived lethality or safety issues or actual noise or visual aesthetics. Lowell asked that when you discuss allowing the use of the crossbows in the Village to consider its implications in the same spirit.

Mayor Hartill stated that when this was first considered there was the concern of a cowboy approach or shotting from a car. That was the reason the law was created. The Board was very careful in crafting the bow law. One of the reasons we are considering the crossbow is they have the same range as a compound bow. A crossbow takes less strength to use which would allow older hunters that are not as physically able to participate. There is more control with the shot since it has a scope and it looks like a rifle. It looking like a rifle was a concern.

Lynn stated that she appreciated the sense of aesthetics. There use to be gun hunting in the Village but a law was passed to prohibit gun use. John O'Neill had objections to the use of crossbows because it made the season longer. Lynn clarified that since there is no gun season in the Village bow hunting goes on through shotgun season.

Lowell Gardner brought up the poaching issue. If anyone sees illegal hunting they should call the Sheriff. Mayor Hartill stated that there is no easy solution to this problem. Lowell stated that the Village is making good progress.

Lynn stated that the Cornell Deer Management Program (CDMP) has lost funding from Cornell. However, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) has renewed its financial commitment for CDMP for 5 years, which amounts to approximately 25% of the overall estimated costs. The currently available funding (supplemented from other sources) will allow maintaining personnel at half time, and will provide some services, but at a greatly reduced scale through 2012. A renewed process to find an alternative support model is being considered. Lynn suggested we consider contributing to the program since the Village benefits from it.

Mayor Hartill would like the Board to continue to think about this issue. It will be talked about again at a future meeting.

Amie Hendrix of the Tompkins County Youth Services gave an overview by using the service pyramid. She explained that youth development was more of a one on one relationship between youth and adult mentors.

Lorraine Moran explained that the Town of Ithaca, Village of Cayuga Heights and Village of Lansing were all members of the Youth Commission. This year 56 Village of Lansing youth were served. They target first time youth employment. The reason why the Village of Lansing joined initially was because most of the kids that live in the Village go to the Ithaca City School District.

Mayor Hartill was concerned, but is happy to see the breakdown of where our money was going. He stated that to renew a contract for five years was a long time and the Village would rather go on a year to year basis for the Recreation Partnership. The reason the contract was five years was ease of agreement. There is now an exit clause with 18 months to get out.

Phil Dankert stated that he, Patricia and Jodi met last week to go over numbers and concluded that if we were to withdraw and pay our residents directly for the additional cost of participating it would cost us an additional \$9,000. Don stated that it is about wanting to know what we are getting for our money.

Gina Giambattista of 41 Highgate Circle would like to volunteer to represent the Village on the Joint Youth Commission. Gina presented her application and resume to the Board. She stated that she would be a liaison and provide communication to the Board. She is a big advocate for pre-employment programs.

Resolution #5884- To Appoint Gina Giambattista as the Village of Lansing Representative on the Joint Youth Commission

Trustee O'Neill moved this resolution and Leopold seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill -Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

Mayor Hartill thanked Gina for volunteering.

The next item on the agenda was to consider the SEQR done by SCLIWC for the Burdick Hill Water Tank and the N. Triphammer Rd. Transmission Main Replacement Project. Dubow explained that the SEQR was completed and a negative declaration adopted by SCLIWC, but each municipality is going to act upon the confirmation that determination. Dubow stated that the

bonding Company is satisfied with SCLIWC SEQR, but the individual municipal actions would provide further evidence and support of the negative declaration.

Resolution #5885 -To Acknowledges, Accepts, Ratifies, Confirms, Affirms, Endorses and Agrees to the Completed Short Environmental Assessment Forms and Negative Declaration Determinations Made by the Commission Attached Hereto for the Purposes of Environmental Review Pursuant to the SEQR Regulations and the Laws and Regulations of the Commission for the Projects and Authorize the Mayor to Sign Such Documents

**WHEREAS**, the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission (the “Commission”), a commission created by intermunicipal agreement between the Towns of Dryden, Ithaca, and Lansing and the Villages of Cayuga Heights and Lansing (individually a “Member Municipality” and collectively the “Member Municipalities”), has prior hereto adopted the attached two resolutions providing for negative declaration determinations for the purposes of environmental review pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”) and the laws and regulations of the Commission for the following two projects (hereinafter referred to as the "Projects"):

- (i) construction of a new 900,000 gallon concrete water storage tank (the “New Tank”) 60 feet in diameter with a liquid height of 42 feet (with a total height of 50.2 feet, 46.2 feet of which will be above grade), such new tank to be constructed on the site of the Commission’s existing 37± year old 1,500,000 gallon welded steel water storage tank (the “Existing Tank”) just east of the intersection of North Triphammer and Burdick Hill Roads in the Town of Lansing; construction of a 20 inch ductile iron main running from the Commission’s existing transmission main; and construction of provisions for overflow of the New Tank in the form of a drainage system and discharges to a swale in the northeast corner of the site; and
- (ii) replacement of an existing section of the North Triphammer Road 18 inch ductile iron transmission main that is deteriorating with a new 18 inch ductile iron pipe with protection against corrosive environment; relocation of the route of the existing main to the west of the North Triphammer Road corridor since this corridor is now crowded with buried utilities and carries a high volume of traffic, the purpose being to reduce the number and severity of the direction changes for increased hydraulic efficiency and to enable the existing water main to remain in service while the new main is being constructed, thereby minimizing the disruption of water supply; and acquisition of the necessary easements from the property owners affected; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Village and as a Member Municipality of the Commission, have reviewed the SEQR Short Environmental Assessment Forms and negative declaration determinations made by the Commission attached hereto for the purposes of environmental review pursuant to the SEQR regulations and the laws and regulations of the Commission for the Projects;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Village of Lansing Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Village as a Member Municipality of the Commission, hereby acknowledges, accepts, ratifies, confirms, affirms, endorses and agrees to the completed Short Environmental Assessment Forms and negative declaration determinations made by the Commission attached hereto for the purposes of environmental review pursuant to the SEQR regulations and the laws and regulations of the Commission for the Projects; and
2. The Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and requests that the Mayor, Village Clerk/Treasurer and the attorney for the Village take such steps and execute such documents as may be necessary, desirable and/or appropriate to effectuate the intent of this resolution; and
3. Any and all actions heretofore or hereafter taken by the Mayor, Village Clerk/Treasurer and the attorney for the Village within the terms and in conformity with the intent and purpose of the this resolution hereby are in all respects ratified, confirmed and approved as the proper and authorized acts and deeds of the Village.

Trustee Leopold moved this resolution and O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill -Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye	Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye	

Dubow explained that the low bidder and successful contractor for the initial tank project had a time limit so we have been moving quickly on this.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from June 4, 2012.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from June 4, 2012

Trustee Leopold moved to approve the minutes. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill -Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye	Trustee Julie Baker-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye	

The next item was to authorize year end budget transfers.

Resolution #5886 -To Authorize Budget Transfers for 2011-12

2011-12 BUDGET TRANSFERS- GENERAL FUND

Be it RESOLVED to transfer

\$ 1,346.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to General Government Support, Clerk, Equipment, A1410.2

\$ 4,748.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to General Government Support, Law, Contractual, A1420.4

\$ 6,200.00 from Transportation, Street Maintenance, Contractual, A5110.4, to General Government Support, Central Garage, Contractual, A1640.4,

\$ .02 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to Public Safety, Code Enforcement Officer, Personal Service, A3620.11,

\$ .20 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to Transportation, Street Administration, Personal Services, A5010.1

\$ .02 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to Home & Community Services, Zoning, Personal Service, A8010.1

\$10,012.00 from Transportation, Street Maintenance, Contractual, A5110.4, to Home & Community Services, Planning, Legal Expense, A8020.41

\$ 1,440.00 from General Government Support, Engineer, Contractual, A1440.4 to Home & Community Services, Engineering Expense, A8020.43

\$ 8,308.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to Home & Community Services, Planning, Contractual, A8020.44

\$ 4,549.00 from Transportation, Street Maintenance, Contractual, A5110.4, to Home & Community Services, Storm Sewer MS4, A8140.4

Total Contingency used -\$14,402.24

2011-12 BUDGET TRANSFERS- WATER FUND

Be it RESOLVED to transfer

\$ 1,635.00 from Special Items, Contingent Account, F1990.4, to Home & Community Services, Transmission & Distribution, Contractual, F8340.4

Total Contingency used -\$1,635

No Budget Transfers necessary for Sewer Fund.

Trustee Leopold moved this resolution. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill –Aye  
Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye

During the Mayor's comments, Hartill stated that we are going forward with the Village sewer line project on the Shops of Ithaca Mall property which was approved by the Board on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The bid came in under budget, insurance issues have been resolved and the document is now ready to be executed. The project will start next week. The 2011 Water Main Project that has continued this year should also be finished up by the end of the week. The SCLIWC water main project has made good progress with respect to the necessary easements and will start once the

bid is awarded and the bond authorization process is completed. The Mayor also reported that there was further discussion between the Town of Lansing and the Village of Cayuga Heights on confusion with the calculating of the Cayuga Heights sewer charges. We have installed wifi in the Village Office but there is still an issue with our router.

Lynn stated that she and Lisa Schleelein planted all the flower boxes today. She attended a Water Resource Council meeting where Hydrilla was the main topic of discussion. The plan is to treat the inlet on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Funding is still an issue. They are still in need of funds for monitoring.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee O'Neill moved for adjournment. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee Julie Baker-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Lynn Leopold-Aye  
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Jodi Dake  
Clerk/Treasurer