

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, December 7, 2015, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Ronny Hardaway, Gerry Monaghan, Patricia O'Rourke, and John O'Neill; Planning Board members Mario Tomei and Deborah Dawson; Attorney David Dubow; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:32pm and opened the public comment period. Mario Tomei and Deborah Dawson from the Planning Board were present. Carol Klepack stated that she was there representing the Community Party. There were no other comments.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee O'Neill made a motion to close the public comment period. Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	

The next item on the agenda was the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan; however, it was not 7:35pm yet so the Board moved onto approve the November 12th and 16th minutes.

Motion-To Approve the Minutes from November 12, 2015

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Abstain
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	

Motion-To Approve the Minutes from November 16, 2015

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Abstain	

Planning Board Appointment

Maria Stycos will be moving out of the Village of Lansing in January. Therefore, December 14th will be her last Planning Board meeting before resigning. Mike Baker is currently the Planning Board Alternate and has agreed to become a Planning Board Member. Tomei is working on finding another Alternate candidate.

Resolution #6219 -To Appoint Mike Baker as Planning Board Member to Replace Maria Stycos as of December 15, 2015.

Trustee O'Neill moved to appoint Mike Baker. Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	

Tomei stated that Baker would like to see his road in Lansing Trails get dedicated to the Village soon so that the Village can plow it. Hartill stated that we are trying to get all the approvals so we can plow it. The way it is likely to evolve is there will be a security deposit to pay for the streetlights so that we can take over the road.

Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to open the public hearing on the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

Motion - To Open the Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan

Trustee Monaghan made a motion to open the public hearing. Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	

Hartill explained that the new Comprehensive Plan is mostly a reorganization and update of our current Plan. Dan Veanor stated that it looks like there wasn't much change to the document. Hartill stated that we updated statistics, and the Plan reflects the infrastructure improvements that have taken place in the last 10 years and shows that we are now subject to stormwater management. There are no overarching philosophical changes. The total time investment has been over 2 years. The Board and Planning Board manage many things, and this is one part of their respective responsibilities. The Planning Board is preoccupied with proposals that come in. The Plan document is advisory, not a Zoning Law change. During this process two different surveys were done. The telephone survey was difficult to get people. Hartill feels that the most useful information was the direct

contact we had with the business community. The Census gave us a lot of the information that was updated along with the input of our own knowledge of what has been done in the last few years. Hartill stated that it was useful for him to see what we've accomplished. Our infrastructure is in good shape. There will be a park on the north side of Route 13. The plan is to start the design this winter. We are still waiting on the final transfer of Northwood Road to the Village. The Village will revisit the Comprehensive Plan again in 10 years unless there is a need before that time. Everyone is happy with the Plan.

Mario Tomei stated that the fact that we updated the Plan satisfies the emotion that was demonstrated a few years ago where the Village was accused of using old information. During the updating process we found out that there wasn't a lot of change, but it shows that we went through and reviewed the information.

Dubow stated that the Draft Comprehensive Plan went to Tompkins County Planning and we accommodated their suggestions. There were 3 recommendations and a few other comments. There weren't really any negative comments. Comments mostly centered on stormwater, sustainability and global warming. Hartill added that as a scientist, Antarctica is cooling off because of the carbon dioxide. There is a significant danger in glaciers moving faster. The Village will be looking into solar for the garage next year. Hardaway then explained our response for global warming as was stated in the November 16th minutes. The important thing to note is that we have the tools in place to deal with the situation.

Dan Veanor stated that the Town of Lansing was in the process of updating their Emergency Preparedness Plan and asked if the Village had a similar plan. Dake stated that the Town is using the Village Emergency Plan as a reference.

Hartill stated that there were a couple of typos and minor grammatical errors that needed to be corrected that he would like to have fixed before the Plan is formally adopted. He also would like to add a sentence to the last bullet under Employment Trends on page 9 that says "The increase in the activities in the Business and Technology Park are counter to the trends suggested by this data." The Census claims that we are losing doctors and medical facilities and he would like to add a sentence that this is contrary to the evidence.

Motion - To Close the Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan

Trustee O'Neill made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Monaghan seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Dubow then walked the Board through the SEQR Review Process. The Board had previously been given copies of the document to review. Dubow handed out updates to

pages 2 and 3 with proposed changes by Moseley. Dubow stated that the rather extensive SEQR Type 1 Action/Full EAF (Parts 1, 2 and 3) documentation is required for the Comprehensive Plan update. Dubow explained that page 1 is informational and we only need to complete Sections C, F and G because the other sections do not relate to a Comprehensive Plan. No changes were suggested to Part I. Part II is to identify potential impacts. Again, there is no intention to answer these questions because they are not site specific so they don't apply. Page 1-10 were all answered "No". Dubow had added some proposed text to Section 3. He also added Jodi's summary of our process and time line which she had previously provided to him. Dubow stated that he has put this together but ultimately this is the Board's decision. The Board had no concerns.

After review and discussion, it was proposed that there be a Negative Declaration for the Comprehensive Plan SEQR review and a proposed resolution for the final approval and adoption of the updated Comprehensive Plan.

Resolution #6220-To Adopt the Full SEQR Type I Review Related to Comprehensive Plan Update with Minor Changes stated

WHEREAS:

- A. This matter involves consideration of the following proposed action: Adoption of Village of Lansing Comprehensive Plan Update: and
- B. The proposed action is a Type I Action for which the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees is an involved agency for the purposes of environmental review; and
- C. On December 7, 2015, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees. in performing the lead agency function fur its independent and uncoordinated environmental review in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law - the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"), (i) thoroughly reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form (the "Full EAF"), Part 1, and any and all other documents prepared and submitted with respect to this proposed action and its environmental review, (ii) thoroughly analyzed the potential relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, including the criteria identified in 6 NYCRR Section 617.7(c). and (iii) completed the Full EAF, Part 2;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Village of Lansing Board of Trustees, based upon (i) its thorough review of the Full EAF, Part 1, and any and all other documents prepared and submitted with respect to this proposed action and its environmental review. (ii) its thorough review of the potential relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, including the criteria identified in 6 NYCRR Section 617.7. and (iii) its completion of the Full EAF, Part 2, including the findings noted thereon (which findings are incorporated herein as if set forth at length), hereby makes a negative determination of environmental significance ("**NEGATIVE DECLARATION**") in accordance with SEQR for the above referenced proposed action, and determines that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required; and

2. The Responsible Officer of the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and directed to complete and sign as required the Full EAF, Part 3, confirming the foregoing **NEGATIVE DECLARATION**, which fully completed and signed Full EAF shall be attached to and made a part of this Resolution.

Trustee Hardaway moved to approve the SEQR. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	

This resolution authorized the Mayor to sign the documents.

Mario Tomei remembers telling Dubow that the update will take a year, and at that time Dubow said "no way, it will be longer!" I think it was long and tough, but the purpose is to decide where you want to go in the future. Mario personally thanked his Planning Board Members, Deborah Dawson and Lisa Schleelein, for all the work they did on the Plan, along with Jodi Dake and Marty Moseley.

Resolution #6221-To Approve of the Updated and Amended Village Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS:

- A. This matter involves consideration of the following proposed action: Adoption by the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees of the updated and amended Village of Lansing Comprehensive Plan; and

- B. The Village of Lansing Board of Trustees, Planning Board and other involved stakeholders have (i) performed a lengthy and thorough review of the Village's previously adopted Comprehensive Plan; (ii) prepared amendments thereto based upon updated and extensive information, input, and analysis; (iii) made multiple draft copies of the preliminarily revised and updated Comprehensive Plan available for review and comment; (iv) held a public hearing on such proposed amendments; (v) provided, if and as necessary, for further amendments based upon such public input and participation; whereupon, the final updated and amended Comprehensive Plan dated December 7, 2105 is being provided for final action by the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees; and
- C. The proposed Village of Lansing Comprehensive Plan, as amended and updated, has been referred as required by law to the Tompkins County Department of Planning for its review and comment, whereupon (i) by letter dated November 10, 2015, such Department identified three recommended modifications; (ii) such recommended modifications were subsequently reviewed, evaluated, adopted and thereafter included in the Comprehensive Plan by the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees; (iii) the Board of Trustees acknowledged three additional comments from such Department which were reviewed as required; and (iv) the Board of trustees determined that upon the foregoing actions the proposed Comprehensive Plan, as amended and updated, will not have any negative inter-community or county-wide impacts; and
- D. On December 7, 2015, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees held a public hearing regarding this proposed action, and thereafter discussed and reviewed (i) the updated and amended Comprehensive Plan as prepared by the Board of Trustees and all other parties involved; (ii) all other information and materials rightfully before the Board; and (iii) all issues raised during the public hearing and/or otherwise raised in the course of the board of Trustees deliberations; and
- E. On December 7, 2015, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees determined that the proposed action is a Type 1 Action for which the Board of Trustees is an involved agency, and thereupon, in performing the lead agency function for its independent and uncoordinated environmental review in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law- the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"), the Board (i) thoroughly reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form (the "Full EAF"), Part I, and any and all other documents prepared and submitted with respect to this proposed action and its environmental review; (ii) thoroughly analyzed the potential relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the

proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, including the criteria identified in 6 NYCRR Section 617; (iii) completed the Full EAF, Part 2; and (iv) made a negative determination of environmental significance ("Negative Declaration") in accordance with SEQR for the above referenced proposed action and determined that an Environmental Impact Statement would not be required; and

- F. On December 7, 2015, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees concluded its review of the Village Comprehensive Plan as amended, updated and recommended by the Village of Lansing Planning Board and all other involved parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Village of Lansing Board of Trustees, in accordance with Section 7-722 of the Village Law of the State of New York, hereby adopts the newly amended and updated Village Comprehensive Plan dated December 7, 2015, having determined that such Plan accurately reflects the identification of the goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards, devices and instruments for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the Village of Lansing.

Trustee Monaghan moved to adopt the Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	

Delinquent Village Taxes to Tompkins County

The Board had previously signed the relevy documentation but an official resolution authorizing Tompkins County to relevy the delinquent taxes on the Town and County bill is needed. The amount of unpaid Village Taxes that will be relevied is \$4,032.05.

Resolution #6222 -To Authorize Tompkins County to Relevy the Delinquent Village Taxes in the Amount of \$4,032.05 on the 2016 Town and County Tax Bill

Trustee Hardaway moved to relevy the taxes. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Deer

Hartill explained that there was a revised NYSDEC Nuisance Permit that the Board needed to grant the Mayor permission to sign.

Resolution #6223-To Authorize the Mayor to Sign the New NYSDEC
Permit to Take or Harass Nuisance or Destructive Wildlife

Trustee O'Neill moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the permit. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Meeting Date Change

Dake will be out of the office December 17th & 18th to watch her son wrestle in Las Vegas. She has asked the Board if they would like to move the meeting to Wednesday so she would be present for the noon staff meeting and be able to process all the bills before leaving. O'Rourke stated that moving it to the 16th would be good for her since she is not going to be here for the December 17th meeting, but can make it on 12/16/15.

Resolution#6224- To Reschedule the Noon Meeting on December 17,
2015 to Wednesday December 16, 2015.

Trustee O'Rourke moved to reschedule the noon meeting. Trustee Monaghan seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Mayor's Comments

Hartill stated that SCLIWC Board has moved forward with water billing changes that will start in 2017. Currently, the minimum consumption that each resident is charged for is 10,000 gallons. The SCLIWC Board has now agreed to lower that minimum to 5,000 gallons per quarter in 2017. Big users will see modest increases. Small users are currently subsidizing the big users by 15%. This year the cost of water was \$4.08/1,000 gallons. The new rate with this new minimum amount would be \$4.44 /1,000 gallons.

Hartill stated that the holiday party is December 15th. The Village is making steady progress on acquiring Graham Rd. West. Potholes are getting bigger. Dubow has

received electronic confirmation of Catherwood Road being transferred to the Village. Dubow will follow up on this to insure that formal documentation is provided. All of our construction areas are complete. We had to replace a hydraulic cylinder on our new international truck. Our equipment is ready to plow when the snow comes. We have contracted to receive for up to 11,000 tons of salt and are obligated to buy 9,000 tons.

General Comments

Monaghan attended the TCCOG meeting where they discussed having a minimum wage that is a living wage. \$14.31/hour was proposed. The City of Ithaca passed a resolution accepting this living wage. Hartill stated that we have no legislative authority to do this. TCCOG is being offered a seat on the TCAT Board. Monaghan has offered to be that person. We have 100's of TCAT riders here in the Village.

Monaghan sent a FOIL request to New York State to get accident data on Cayuga Heights Road. The data indicates that since 1987, there have been 80 accidents at the intersection of Cayuga Heights Road and Route 34.

Hartill stated that there is also an investigation being done on the new bridge on Cayuga Heights Road. The complaint is that you can't see traffic when you are on the north bound side and wanting to go south on Cayuga Heights Road. This is a State problem and a study is underway. Mario had the same complaint. The old bridge use to have holes which you could see through. Hartill feels the problem can be alleviated by installing a mirror. We've looked at this at least twice before. It is dangerous for sight distance.

Hartill has not heard anything regarding our request to the State to lower the speed limit on Route 34 in the Village to 45mph.

Hardaway stated that Tompkins County Youth Department will be holding a meeting here at the Village Office on December 17th for citizens to set metrics and discuss how to track success of our youth. Hardaway will email more information to the Trustees. We want to make sure we are tracking the right things.

Hardaway informed the Board that the Greenway Committee has assigned areas to each of its members to put together our current walkways. The Committee will meet again in January.

Mayor Hartill thanked everyone that has participated in the updating of the Comprehensive Plan. He also likes the picture on the front which is an aerial view of the Village taken by Jon Reis.

Motion-To Adjourn

Trustee O'Neill moved to adjourn. Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer