

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, June 15, 2017, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees John O'Neill and Gerry Monaghan; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; MEO.

Deputy Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:19 pm. Hardaway asked about renewing the Bellisario contract.

Courtney sent the following email to the Trustees:

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend tomorrow's meeting. I have contacted Bellisario and would agree to extension at the current price realizing the prevailing wage has increased a couple percent. With the amount of work this summer, the recent rain, I recommend to the board to extend one more year and rebid in the spring.

Best Regards, John

In an email sent to the Trustees on June 6<sup>th</sup> Mayor Hartill explained that a couple of months ago, John asked him about extending the Bellisario contract for help with the Department of Public Works. He stated that he dropped the ball and didn't bring it up with the Board to approve a resolution extending the contract. He stated that their bid was significantly lower than the others when we awarded the contract. He requested that the Board pass a resolution today to extend the contract for another year.

Hardaway asked how many bidders there were when the original bid went out. Dake stated that Bellisario was the only bid at that time. Hardaway confirmed that we did go through the proper bidding process and that Bellisario was the only bid we received and not the lowest. Hardaway added that Bellisario has done good work for us in the past and Courtney feels he needs their help since he is behind on work.

Resolution #6406 -To Renew the Village of Lansing Contract With Bellisario Excavating and Drainage Through May 31, 2018 For Hourly Equipment Rental with Operator and Laborer As First Approved with Resolution #6248

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

Deputy Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Hardaway wanted to next talk about the definition of household as proposed with Local Law 3. Hardaway stated that he sent an email to Lynn Leopold, BZA Chair, to see if Mayor Hartill had discussed this with her. Hartill had forwarded a copy of Proposed Local Law 3 to her.

Lynn reported the following in an email to Ronny:

I have forwarded the relevant info to the BZA members and is still getting feedback. This change seems driven by a couple of situations, up in Lansing Trails, with several people renting a house. I don't know what triggered the discussion--was it traffic, noise, pets, kids? Anyway, we are talking among ourselves. Roy Hogben and Pat Gillespie are in favor. Monica has reservations, mostly based on her own experience as a landlady and has a valid argument that in today's world, a group of people not related to each other have difficulty finding housing they can afford singly, so rent together. Trying to massage their relationship to each other as some kinds of "household" could be awkward. It's a little worrying that the BZA ends up bring the final arbiter of what constitutes a household. I assume either the trustees or PB would have weighed in first before it comes to us.

Hardaway thinks what we are trying to do is put the issue into the hands of a group of people instead of just the code officer. The BZA is a natural way to do this. The enforcement will still be through the code office. There will be further discussion on Proposed Local Law 3 at Monday's meeting.

The tub grinder is up at the new park today. That is where Chris Zavaski is. Hardaway plans to go there after the meeting. Landfill from Cayuga View has been going in to help level off the ground. There was a need to build up the area around the sports field and mitigating the water situation. Dondi of TG Miller Engineers discussed it with the Greenway Committee at their last meeting and this was the best situation. The Community Park playground equipment is installed. The DPW still has two pieces of equipment sitting up there. Monaghan feels it is an issue to have the equipment still there and the potential for kids to be playing around. People are using the new playground. Once the area is leveled, the fence around the Community Park will be mended. Benches still need to be installed. The Village will probably place one order for benches for all parks at the same time. O'Neill is concerned with the quote that Courtney gave at a previous meeting of \$2,000 per bench. He feels that is too expensive. O'Neill has looked online at Upbeat and they have benches for much less than that. Hardaway stated that when they decide on benches they will take maintenance, price and material into account. Before benches are purchased it will go through the Greenway Committee and they will do a presentation to the Board of Trustees. We will not buy benches before a discussion takes place. The next Greenway Committee meeting is next Wednesday.

Monaghan stated that the sidewalk on Uptown looks good. O'Neill questioned if asphalt would have been cheaper than concrete. This would be a question for Courtney.

Hardaway stated that the legal ad for playground equipment is being reconstructed. The process has been a learning curve for him.

Hardaway has been walking for Tompkins County Legislature people. People want something done with the lights in Shannon Park. Monaghan thinks we should get public feedback on that. Some want lights and others don't. People have also expressed a desire for speed bumps on Dart Drive. Even with speed signs, people are not slowing down. They are ready to formally complain. Hardaway has experienced the speeding. We need to seriously look at speed bumps and removable on in summer. O'Neill stated that about 10 years ago it was suggested to the Trustees that a traffic circle half way up Dart Drive would slow down traffic. It was also suggested that we look at speed tables. The DPW has concerns, which the Board would like to hear. Hardaway feels that if we get a formal request and we don't act, we could be liable.

O'Neil reported that he was not feeling well last month so he didn't go to the Town of Lansing meeting or the Youth Services meeting. The next Youth Services meeting is at the end of June.

Monaghan stated that the Shannon Park cleanup day was Saturday. 12 people showed up to help clean up the park. They removed 5 truckloads of debris. Bushes look great and the mulching is done. Monaghan helped Zavaski clean out the brush on Monday. Now that the area is cleaned out we can get in there to clear the dead trees. Monaghan is organizing a Shannon Park neighborhood advisory board. Volunteers can do a lot without spending a lot of money. GM has secured Dwarf chestnut bush that will go into Shannon Park. The cost is only \$15 per bush. The neighbors are excited.

Adam Robbs had surgery on Friday and expects to return to work on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Marty Moseley has been covering for him.

Dake stated that the 2017-18 tax bills have gone out and there have been quite a few people in to pay their tax bill. Since we still haven't hired a summer laborer, I had asked the DPW to clean up the gardens in front of the office so that when people come to pay their bills the office will look good. Chris weeded around the front of the office this morning and it looks so much better.

BPJS, our cleaning service, had an issue with the water being left on for two days in the cleaning closet and it flooded the Mayor's office. They have agreed to pay the overage on our water bill.

Eric Goetzmann came to the office so the Board took a 20 minute break from the meeting.

There has been a request from Isabella Corina of 32 Highgate Circle to have a streetlight installed on a utility pole next to the trail on Highgate Place. (NYSEG Pole L358)

Bill Troy has filed motion papers with the Appellate Division to seek a dismissal of the

pending appeal for lack of prosecution on the Bomax litigation. Troy expects the Court to grant a provisional order providing that the appeal must be perfected, which means that the Brief and Record must be served and filed, within 60 days of the granting of the Order. Troy told Peter Walsh, one of the attorneys for the petitioners in this matter, that he was making this motion. Walsh indicated to him that the petitioners had not yet formally determined if they are going forward with the appeal.

Hardaway asked what the \$472 to Tompkins County was for. Dake stated that it is for the 2017 election materials. Tompkins County Board of Election supplies the machines and ballots for the Village election. This year they waived a fee since they caused the Village to get an additional payroll expense for calling in an employee after hours to get into the building to deliver the election machines. Dake has contacted the Board of Elections to make sure that correct procedures are in place so this doesn't happen again in the future. The problem was the election board had a new employee who was unaware that they had a key to the office. It was also asked why we were paying the Town of Dryden \$500 to plow Sapsucker Woods Road. Dake explained that it was an agreement that we have with them that is paid every May.

Deputy Mayor Hardaway entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6407- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$301.40, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 14 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$112,928.64 , is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$18,061.36 , is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$535.62, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$7,875.98, is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Monaghan moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted and Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Deputy Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Gerry Monaghan

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Deputy Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Gerry Monaghan

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:48pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer