

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, March 19, 2018, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees John O'Neill and Gerry Monaghan; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney Bill Troy. Planning Board Chair, Mario Tomei, and Ed LaVigne, Town of Lansing Supervisor, there were 7 additional people in attendance at the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:30pm and opened the public comment period. There were no comments.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

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

Deputy Mayor Ronny Hardaway- Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Hardaway stated that he is the Village representative for the Joint Youth Commission (JYC). Kris Bennett was present to give a presentation on the (JYC). JYC serves the Towns of Caroline and Ithaca and the Villages of Lansing and Cayuga Heights and is a part of the County Municipal Youth Services System that was created in 1988 by the County Legislature to provide funds to local communities as an incentive to stimulate the planning, provision and coordination of local youth development services. Commission members are charged with needs assessment, program selection and program monitoring for youth in these communities. Youth employment and building life skills are the two main priorities of the JYC. These are youth programs other than recreation which primarily serves ages 10-17 yrs. The JYC was formed in 1991. There is currently one Village of Lansing vacancy on the JYC.

Dake stated that the Learning Web group, which is part of the JYC, came to the Village to help with maintaining our gardens the past two years. It's a great program.

There were 321 youth served in 2017 including 26 youth from the Village of Lansing. Young people need to learn life skills with positive adult role models. By being involved, youth get an experience of belonging and giving back.

Mario asked what percentage of young people are from this municipality. Kris stated that we don't have as many youths from the Village of Lansing and the fee structure is based on census information.

Hardaway asked if there were any suggested ways to reach transient people that are here for a short time. Troy suggested the Cornell Sun may be a good way to get free advertising. It was also suggested that posting be done in different languages.

Ed LaVigne, Town of Lansing Supervisor, stated that we could also reach out to Steve Colt who is the Town Recreation Director, or Andrea Benson, Town Board Member, who is their liaison to Youth Service. The Town of Lansing also has an email blast that the Village could utilize. All kids need a sense of belonging. Kids want to do programs with kids they go to school with, however, there is also the option of Village residents using the Town Recreation Programs.

The Board thanked Kris for her presentation. Hardaway stated that he would post the presentation on the Village website.

The next item on the agenda was to finalize the budget. Our proposed budget has been updated with the comments from last meeting. This proposed budget includes an increase in the tax rate from \$1.30 to \$1.40. A 3% salary increase has been incorporated for all employees. The total proposed appropriations are \$2,700,881 for the General Fund, \$1,105,900 for the Water Fund and \$4,068,510 for the Sewer Fund. The Sewer Budget includes the \$3.2 million Capital Project that connects a new sewer line from the Town of Lansing, through the Village to the Village of Cayuga Heights.

There were no recommended changes to the budget presented. Hardaway entertained a motion to set a public hearing for this amended budget.

Resolution#6462-To Set the 2018-19 Budget Public Hearing for Monday, April 2, 2017 at 7:40pm

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

Deputy Mayor Ronny Hardaway- Aye Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Dake will publish a notice in the newspaper regarding the Public Hearing. A copy of the proposed budget will be posted on our web page. Also, the Constitutional Tax Limit will be filed with New York State.

General Discussion

O'Neill stated that the youth options for our kids should be posted on our website. Hardaway will add some links on our website. Dake stated that there are three pages in the Spring Newsletter relating to youth activities.

Monaghan stated that he has been in touch with Ruth Hopkins regarding projects for Mall Economic Development Project. Cornell Design Connects is a group that will come up with new creative ideas. Monaghan will fill out the application. Monaghan feels we need to clean up the sections on Planned Development Area in our Codification. He feels the Village needs more of an overall design idea. Hardaway stated that the Greenway Committee will be doing some of this but that would be a connection.

Hardaway stated that he sent everyone observer notes. Hardaway received an email from Mayor Hartill. He will be back on March 23rd. There will be a memorial service for his wife, Marian, in Ithaca at the Cornell Country Club on April 15th at 2pm.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Deputy Mayor Ronny Hardaway- Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer