

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, June 4, 2018, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Ronny Hardaway, Gerry Monaghan, John O'Neill and Patricia O'Rourke; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney William Troy; Planning Board Members, Lisa Schleelein & Mario Tomei. There were two additional people in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The Mayor opened the public comment period. Robert Schleelein stated that he was attending as the community party citizen's observer. Dan Veanor asked if the Ramada had changed its name. Dake stated that there was a sign application filed to change their sign from the Ramada to Clarion. Lisa Schleelein asked if the hotel would be cutting down their dead trees.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

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

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

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from May 17th and 21st.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes of May 17, 2018

Trustee Hardaway moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Monaghan seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Motion- To Approve the Minutes of May 21, 2018

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

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

The next item on the Board of Trustees agenda was to approve the 2018-19 Tax Warrant. Mayor Hartill entertained the following motion:

Resolution #6494- To Approve the 2018-19 Tax Warrant

WARRANT TO TREASURER TO COLLECT TAXES

To: Jodi L. Dake
Treasurer of the Village of Lansing

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive and collect from the several names in the assessment roll, hereunto annexed, the several sums named in the last column thereof opposite their respective names, altogether a total of \$693,789.09, for the following purposes:

For the General Fund	666,809.29
For the Special Assessment-Sewer Collector Fund	10,912.76
For Delinquent Water Rents	10,140.72
For Delinquent Sewer Rents	5,926.32

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive as much thereof as may voluntarily be paid to you from June first to and including July second of this year, without additional charge, and after expiration of the time mentioned to proceed forthwith to collect the residue of the sums not so paid in as aforesaid, with five per centum charge for the first month and an additional one per centum charge for each month and fraction thereof thereafter, and you are to file the tax roll and warrant in your office on or before the 15th day of November 2018, at which time the taxes will be returned to the County tax roll.

Trustee O'Rourke moved to approve the tax warrant. 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
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	

Proposed Local Law 2 (2018)-Amendment to Village of Lansing Code- Sewer Rents

The Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH) increased their sewer rate on May 21, 2018 which raises their inside sewer rate to \$2.51 and their outside sewer rate, which is what the VOL is charged, from \$3.59 to \$3.72/1,000 gallons. All outside users pay one and a half times the \$2.51 inside rate that VCH residents pay. In the past when rates have increased the additional charge would start with the following billing cycle but the Mayor of VCH has informed us that it would begin with any billing they do after June 1st. For the Village of Lansing (VOL) this would mean that they increase the rate for the period of March 16- June 15th.

Hartill stated that we are in a dance with the Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH). They have recommended and passed an increase in our rents and it doesn't coincide with our billing. We cannot legally retroactively charge for services that were already provided. There will be a few thousand dollars that we will have to pay the VCH out of contingency. It is disappointing that we are in this situation and he isn't sure if the VCH can legally do this. In addition to the VCH charge, we also charge a 25% surcharge to maintain the system and the difference will come out of those funds.

The VCH has been on deferred maintenance for many years. There are several repairs that need to be done to the VCH sewer system. They now have a competent engineer that is doing the right thing but it is about 10 years too late. There will probably be more increases in the sewer rents. NYSDEC is on their case because they have gone over on their flow amounts. Previously, in order to get more sewer units we would need to fix three times the amount in I&I to get one additional sewer unit.

The Ithaca Plant has exceeded their flow many times also. NYSDEC has been very blunt in that there will be no more sewer treatment plants on Cayuga Lake. Our only path forward is to deal with I&I. Some older homes put their sump pump into the sanitary sewer illegally. Stormwater systems are also being monitored closely. We have many projects coming on line and we need to make sure that we are accommodating this. Hardaway asked if NYSDEC capacity was locked in. Hartill stated that package plants are a possible alternative. All of our septic systems are also aging. There will be enough sewer capacity for both the Village of Lansing projected build out and the already proposed Town of Lansing projects. There is an upper limit that can go into the system.

VCH wants to take over monitoring all the flow. The Village has four meters that we use to monitor flow: the main collection along the railroad, another up by the swim club on Uptown Road and two meters south of Route 13. The Mayor stated that Courtney sends him data once a month. By looking at the flow information you can tell when there was a rain event. Ten gallons a minute enter the system when you have a one inch hole in the sewer line. This represents 1 % of the flow into the plant. We may have to increase our sewer surcharge to accommodate any repairs. VCH is doing spot checks thru their system.

Motion- To Set A Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 2 (2018)-
Amendment to Village of Lansing Code- Sewer Rents for June 18, 2018
7:35pm

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

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

Proposed Greenway Plan

Hartill stated that many folks have worked on updating the Greenway Plan which is now complete. He urged everyone to review the plan one final time. Hardaway asked if there are any revisions to please send them to him. To give everyone time to review the Plan one more time it was suggested that the public hearing be set for July 2nd.

Motion- To Set A Public Hearing on the Proposed Greenway Plan July 2, 2018 at 7:35

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

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

Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

Hartill stated that several years ago Tompkins County, City of Ithaca and Town of Ithaca got together to set up a consortium for health insurance. At that time our rates were significantly less than theirs. Things have changed. They have recruited many other organizations and municipality. Currently, the same coverage would cost the Village approximately \$20,000 less than what we are now paying. It makes a good sense to join the Consortium now that they have over 5,000 members. Hartill would like to invite Don Barber, Executive Director of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium, to come to our Thursday meeting so the staff can have a chance to ask questions. The Board agreed that it makes sense to now join the Consortium. Dake had previously sent the Board a summary of her recent correspondence with Barber. Dake will contact Barber to confirm that he will still be able to attend.

Mayor's Comments

Hartill stated that he is starting to work on getting the right to walk across the railroad to Poison Ivy Point. The property was originally a farm and there was a clause where the cows could go across the tracks. Currently, Bolton Point has an agreement to allow them to go across the tracks and take chemicals to the facility by the lake. There are also pipes that are allowed to cross. The VOL has the road that goes down there but we cannot cross the railroad tracks.

Hartill thinks that this summer we should arrange an event to dedicate the parks. He agreed to donate up to \$500 for food for the event. He suggested we have one event to dedicate all the parks at once. Schleelein questioned whether the new park be ready. Hartill stated that the last step is to get top soil for the soccer field so they can plant grass. Schleelein stated that the Community Party talked about this and thought it would be nice to have a kick off with hot dogs and make it a festive event. Tomei asked if there are any plans to put anything in t the small park at the corner of Leif's and Craft that was named after Ned Hickey. Hardaway stated that we could do benches but due to the size nothing

beyond that could really be done. Tomei added that Lansing Trails Homeowners Association uses that area for their summer picnic. Hartill stated that the Village has funds in Park Reserve that would be appropriate to use. Hardaway stated that he wants to talk to Courtney to see what vendor to use. It was asked if the pavilion would be done in time for the dedication festivities. Hartill will ask Courtney if the pavilion can be done in time for event. Courtney has been focusing on the spot field. Hardaway stated that we could rent a tent if we need to.

Things are going reasonably well. We have completed the paving we want to get done this season. We had an issue with new roadside mower but it has been resolved. We sold our old roadside mower for \$3,780 and the John Deere Z-Trak mower for \$2,790.

General Comments

Monaghan asked if the Village can request that the Sheriff patrol the Shops at Ithaca Mall on a routine basis. Hartill explained that it is private property so it may be an issue. Hartill feels that the Mall is of the mind that anything that cost money is not done.

O'Neill stated that the old building is almost ready. It should be completed by the end of June. He would like to also include this in the dedication.

Troy stated that the FOIL Appeal by Garner was won by the Village. Their time to appeal has passed. Hartill stated that we spent approximately \$50,000 on all our legal court battles. Most of this was spent on the case of the Jonson's against the Bomax Development. Hartill remarked that if he was younger he would try to recover the Village's legal expenses from them as a statement. Troy stated that that is hard to do.

O'Rourke stated that at the last TCCOG meeting they discussed emergency services. Cornell University students did a study and the number of fire volunteers is going down. The problem is we cannot find volunteers to recruit and we have no money to pay. Also TCCOG is trying to talk to Spectrum to get stations back that we have lost.

Hardaway stated that the Town of Lansing Board meeting would be here Wednesday at 6:30pm. He felt the last Town meeting he attended was very informative.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Mayor Don Hartill – Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan – Aye
Trustee John O'Neill – Aye

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer