

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, March 18, 2019, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees John O'Neill, Gerry Monaghan and Patricia O'Rourke; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney William Troy; Supt. of Public Works John Courtney, Planning Board Member Mike Baker. There were seven additional people in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:33pm. The Mayor opened the public comment period. There were no comments.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

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

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

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from March 4th

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from March 4, 2019

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye	Trustee John O'Neil-Aye

Approve Abstracts

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6545- Approval of Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$76,222.80, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$5,523.14 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$4,245.66 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:

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

Set 2019 Village Elections

Mayor Hartill explained that many years ago the date for the election was moved from March to the fourth Tuesday in April because there were concerns with the weather. Therefore, every year we need to pass a resolution to set the date, time, location and compensation of the poll workers.

Resolution #6546- To Set the 2019 Village Elections for April 23, 2019 From 12-9pm at the Village Office and Set the Poll Workers Compensation at \$120 and the Poll Managers Compensation at \$130

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

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

Set Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 3(2019)

Hartill explained that each year we pass a resolution to override the Tax Levy Limit.

Resolution #6547- To Set a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 3(2019), to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C for April 1, 2019 at 7:35pm

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

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

Planning Board Chair Lisa Schleelein and Planning Board Member Carolyn Greenwald both would like to attend the NYS Planning Federation Conference in April. All Planning Board members are required to have four hours of training each year. This conference will provide each of them with 12 training hours. Additional training hours carry over to the next years.

Resolution #6548- To Approve Schleelein and Greenwald to Attend the NYS Planning Federation Conference at The Sagamore Resort on April 28-30th.

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

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

Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Budget Discussions

Mayor Hartill stated that he assumes that the Board members have all read through the materials that Jodi Dake prepared for them at the last meeting. Hartill stated that he has the historical perspective on his computer and Dake has a Budget Program as part of the accounting software. There was an oversight in the Water Fund where one project from this year gets shift to next year. This will result in an increase of Capital Projects, F8340.2, from \$555,000 **to \$695,700** The following are the three Water Capital Projects we expect to complete in 2019-20:

1. Dart Drive/Graham Road Water Main Replacement-Phase 1
Replace roughly 700 feet of 8-inch water main on Graham Road from Cayuga
Mall south, to the corner of Dart Drive. **Construction Budget \$105,000.**
2. Warren Road Water Main Replacement
Replace roughly 3,000 feet of 10-inch water main on Warren Road from Bomax
Drive to Dart Drive. **Construction Budget \$450,000.**
3. Catherwood Rd. Water Main Replacement (transfer from 2018-19)

Construction budget carried over from 18-19	\$124,500
Technical	\$ 16,200

Dake explained that the other issue with the Water Fund was the amount of money that would be appropriated from this year to next year's budget. When we first start the budget process we use a report that is generated by our accounting program, Analysis of Unreserved Fund Equity. After we do the first round of budget, Dake gathers information from the different departments as to what will actually get done and what revenues we still expect to receive. When doing this Dake found a large discrepancy in the Water Fund. In the first projection the 2018-19 transfer to Water Capital Reserve in the amount of \$372,845 was not included.

The effect of these two things will result in a budget that will be taking money out of the Water Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$183,599 instead of transferring money into the Water Capital Reserve Fund. These two adjustments would result in the total Water Budget being \$1,616,300 instead of \$1,800,362. Hartill stated that this is why we have two of us working on the budget.

Mayor Hartill stated that today we received an email from New York State Office of State Comptroller showing our Fiscal Stress Score. The scores range from 0-100 with a low score being good. Our fiscal stress score is 6.7 so we are doing well. Two years ago our fiscal stress score was 22.5. The main reason why it is going down is because we will be paying off our sewer bond this year. We tried to pay it off early but the early termination fees did not make it practical. We continue to have the practice of saving money to do major projects instead of borrowing.

Hartill explained that the proposed tax rate levy is increased from \$1.40 to \$1.50/1,000 of assessed value. If you look back 12 years ago that was our tax rate and we were building up our reserve for the long term maintenance of infrastructure. The Mayor asked if the Board had any questions

O'Neill would like to have a PA system included in the budget. Hartill stated that he finds PA's distracting and disruptive. He asked the audience if they can hear him He has a tendency to spoke softly but will try to speak louder. We can certainly think about it. We have tried to make acoustics the conference room better. The 1st meeting we had an issue with the air handler and we moved that to control that noise. That was a significant stride forward. Purchasing a PA system is a small amount of money so it isn't important to have it spelled out. He would like to think a little more about this. Veanor stated that he is an avocet for a PA system. Hartill feels it is just one more thing to maintain and make sure it works. We will take this into consideration.

Monaghan asked what sewer interest, G2128, was. Jodi explained that it is the amount of money the Village collects when a sewer customer doesn't pay their bill on time. The late penalty on our water and sewer bills is 15%.

Hartill stated that Hardaway had emailed the Board regarding the purchase of a Z-turn mower in the budget. He recalled that we just purchased a z-turn mower two years ago and didn't realize that we have two mowers.

The Village received a \$5,000 grant from Tompkins County for benches in our parks. Monaghan clarified that these benches are for all our parks not just the new Marian Hartill Park. Monaghan also asked about the park line item A7140.2 for \$114,100. Dake explained that it was to finish the retention ponds, infiltration trench and playing field at Marian Hartill Park. Hartill stated that grass was planted last year but it will be spars.

Hartill stated that there is still a question as to what level of improvements we need to do on Dart Drive. Given the data from our radar sign, Dake did an analysis on the speed of traffic. The average speed is actually more like 29mph. Hartill would like to see the actual distribution. We know there are some high speeds and he would like to see the actual distribution. This may take the urgency out of including it in this year's budget.

Mayor's Comments

Hartill stated that he is meeting with Courtney and TG Miller's on Wednesday to discuss the sewer expansion along Cayuga Heights Road and East Shore Drive. He would like to try and reconfigure the intersection at Cayuga Heights Road and East Shore Drive. Fortunately, we have never had any deadly accidents there. All the things we worry about in our normal roads it violates there. Doing this reconfiguration depends on the cooperation of one land owner. Hartill has always avoided eminent domain and would like to continue that practice.

Hartill stated that the bridge over Salmon Creek just past the Lansing High School is going to be replaced in 2020. Trucking will have to be diverted. The new bridge will be wider.

O'Neill asked how the meeting went on Friday regarding the new Drug & Alcohol Center located in the old Autodesk building. Hartill stated that he attended the Cornell University Community Leaders breakfast. At the meeting he explained to Martha Roberts that the current use as medical offices is permitted but the expansion to have beds requires a special permit which will be an uphill battle. Roberts agreed that they will all meet and have a conversation. She is aware that we are not exactly happy. Hartill's understanding is that it is currently only offices, no beds. It is for one day, no overnight stays. Use beyond that requires a special permit. They have counselors there and a physician but that is the extend of it. Hartill feels we weren't paying enough attention. O'Neill asked if he contacted the neighbors. Hartill feels that until it becomes a residence the neighbors have no concern. We will communicate with the neighbors once he meets with Martha Roberts which he hopes to do in the next couple of weeks.

On April 1st we will plan to set the budget public hearing for April 15th. The Mayor would like to have Hardaway present to comment at least at one meeting. Then after the public hearing we would approve the Budget.

Hartill stated that there has been a rezoning effort to change the zoning on two parcels. They are the old McDonald's that is now the Lama Law Office and an office just south of there. Hartill is still thinking about that and still needs to have a conversation and say yes or no. There are a number of issues such as parking. It smells like spot zoning and has some nervousness about that.

General Discussion

Monaghan stated that there is going to be new construction on north campus. Hartill stated that it is going to be a 2,000 bed facility. To build this facility they will be trucking in 20 million bricks that will be staged in the B&T Park. The real issue is truck traffic and how do we protect our roads. We already have problems with the bridge on N. Triphammer Road. There is no easy solution. It will also impact our sewer capacity. The Ithaca area plant is not far from capacity. The main that goes down to that plant doesn't have sufficient capacity. There is a fair amount of planning that needs to happen.

Monaghan stated that he recently spent a day in Elyria Ohio and they have several abandon malls. Monaghan feels we really need to do our homework regarding PDA's with the Shops at Ithaca Mall. There are serious building code issues. It is not up to standards. Hartill stated that there are some things that are inspiring at either end of the mall. Target, Best Buy and Dicks all seem to be doing well.

Motion-To Adjourn

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

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

Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer