

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, April 15, 2019, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees Ronny Hardaway, John O'Neill, Gerry Monaghan and Patricia O'Rourke; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney William Troy. There were 4 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. Carol Klepack stated that she was here as the community party observer. Marty Moseley asked if there was a time and date the Trustees will further discuss the proposed rezoning he had previously presented to them. Hartill stated that we can have that discussion at the next meeting on May 6th. Previously the concern was spot zoning. After some consideration the Mayor does not think it is and he feels it may be beneficial for the Village. Moseley asked if the Board needed any additional information from him. Hartill stated that nothing else is needed.

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:

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

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from April 1st

Motion- To Approve the Minutes from April 1, 2019

Trustee O'Rourke moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Hardaway 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
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye	

The next item on the agenda was the budget public hearing.

Motion- To Open the Budget Public Hearing

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

Hartill asked for any comments from the public on the budget. There were none. He went on to explain that we have increased the tax rate a little bit. He stated that he made a mistake of lowering it too much a few years back because he was worried about our reserve getting too high. We have a tight oversite of expenses and intend to keep it that way. We will continue to reconstruct one to one and a half miles of road each year. We will be installing another path for the Northwood Road water line. Due to some issues with getting easements, it will go right down the edge of the right of way. We are still deciding what we will be doing on Dart Drive. As part of the 2019-20 Budget we are buying equipment that includes a z turn mower, replacing the 2011 Chevy one ton dump and plow, replacing the 2016 pick-up and plow, replacing the Bobcat mini excavator and buying an enclosed trailer. The plow truck we ordered as part of the 2018-19 budget has not come in yet so we will most likely have to encumber that this budget year.

We have a good path forward to finish the Marian Hartill Park. We received a \$5,000 grant from Tompkins County Towns and Village Parks and Trails Grant Program for park benches. The benches will be for all the parks. The grant should be enough to purchase six benches. Hartill will also be donating a bench to the Village. The benches are for all the parks. Two or three will go in the Marian Hartill Park on Northwoods Road. Hartill stated that only a little bit of grass is coming up in the park that we planted in the fall. There has also been an interest in residents making plant donations. Monaghan is donating 8 bushes and Lynn Leopold would like to plant daffodils in the fall.

Motion- To Close the Budget Public Hearing

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

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

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

Hartill entertained a motion to adopt the 2019-20 Budget.

Resolution #6552- To Approve the 2019-20 Village of Lansing Budget

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

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

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

Consider Proposed Local Law 4(2019)

Hartill stated that our code officer has been looking at the number of trips he makes to new projects and he has suggested an increase in building fees. The Board was presented with a proposed local law to increase the cost of a building permit for one unit to \$800 and \$1,200 for two units. Previously it was based on square footage but this proposal is to charge a flat fee. The commercial rates will stay the same.

Motion- To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law 4 (2019)-
Amendment to Village of Lansing Code- Zoning Law- Fees for
Building/Land Use or Special Permits for May 6th at 7:35pm

Trustee O'Neill moved to set the public hearing. 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

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Hartill stated that we are making progress on getting the sewer extension to the Town underway. It has some easement issues. Hartill hasn't had a chance to talk to our engineers regarding reconfiguring the intersection of Cayuga Heights Road and East Shore Drive. The project will involve getting land and in the next couple of weeks he hopes to get this completed.

It is the time of year where we will be doing maintenance activities. Our Department of Public Works is back to working four 10 hour days for the summer. This means that the DPW staff will not be in on Fridays. Brush pick up is April 29th.

Sewer discussions are moving along. Our fellow providers are now concerned that I&I is an issue. Hartill has tried to get meter that uses laser system to measure sewer flow. He would like to get several meters that would be monitored by Bolton Point instead of Courtney going out and doing readings. The Village of Cayuga Heights has agreed to keep track of this data. We can monitor the flow of sewer and with rain events we can see where our issues of infiltration are. The meters will be in the sewer lines. The City is installing flumes to do there monitoring but the problem with that is stuff getting stuck in them.

O'Neill asked if the Mayor had heard any more about taking over Graham Road West. Hartill stated that he has tried a number of pathways to get these people to respond. O'Neill asked if Bill Troy would be able to contact them. Hartill stated that he would continue to try and make some progress. Hardaway asked if there was any way we could sight them for not repairing the road. Hartill stated that much like we can't tell a resident to repair their driveway, we can't tell them how to maintain their private road. The Mayor will try and talk to Gina at the mall.

The Mayor stated that we have another roadway issue with the entrance to Sevanna Park. He has approached that organization stating that we would be happy to take over the road and maintenance it but the answer again was no. The property behind the M&T Bank is landlocked. The Mayor would like to see a reconfiguration of the area with one exit at the light for M&T Bank, Sevanna Park and the vacant parcel behind M&T. Cornell owns that property and are looking to develop it with more senior housing. They want to use the bank driveway but that is not a good situation.

The Mayor stated that there is movement again with our other senior housing across the street. There is now an engineer involved and he sees progress. Goetzmann has reconfigured his proposal again so that it will be a minor change. Previously he came to the Planning Board with a change which they said would be a major change. The plan now is for the internal roadway to be a one way street with off street parking. Hartill thinks that it is likely we can agree that this would be a minor change.

Hardaway gave a brief report on the Air Services Board meeting he attended today. They have started major work on the airport building. Tompkins County Fire & Rescue helped with the major automobile accident on Route 13 last week. The airport board has always agreed to support anything like that in the community. Hardaway will continue to go and will bring back anything that may be of interest to the Village.

Hartill stated that this is Gerry Monahan's last meeting. Monaghan stated that it has been a wonderful experience. Currently he has way too much on my plate and is now stepping down. He would like to come back to be part of the Greenway Committee. Hardaway will let him know when the meetings are. Monaghan stated that he has secured ten bushes for the parks. It was agreed that they would be put in all the village parks. The Board was sad to see him go. Hartill stated that we will have to appoint someone for Monaghan's seat. One reason for the timing was so we would not have four candidates on the ballot this year. We have an interested candidate with business experience that is a resident in the Shannon Park neighborhood. Hartill would like to have Randy Smith present at our next meeting and appoint him at that time. Hartill personally thanked Monaghan for his inspiring artwork and community relationships, for paying a lot of attention to the diverse population in the Village and realizing that the apartment are a large part of our population. He hopes we can maintain the tradition. The whole Board thanked Gerry Monaghan for his service on the Board of Trustees and wished him well.

Motion-To Adjourn

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

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer