

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, May 16, 2019, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill, Trustees Ronny Hardaway, John O'Neill and Randy Smith; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Michael Scott; Working Supervisor, John Courtney.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:39pm.

Courtney stated that they are milling and paving. One lane is completed on Uptown Road and the other side will be done by the end of the day. Brook Way, Brook Drive, Beckett Way and Wedgewood Drive will also be done this year. Trees were planted on Beckett Way in the median.

The highway department has been working on the light pole bases and installing conduit for the new streetlights on Uptown Road. This project is 90% done. They had a contractor directional drill under the road twice. Eight streetlights have been installed and there is one more either to put in or use on another job. The streetlights are LED which only draw 1 amp of power. #4 wire was used for the 8 amp draw and it is being powered from the Burleigh Drive sewer meter electric. Courtney doesn't expect to see much difference in the sewer electric bill. He feels it will be almost unnoticeable.

Hatfield and Zavaski have been mowing and hauling stones. This last month has been busy with a large number of water breaks. The breaks were on Dart Drive, Graham Road and two on Catherwood Road. The biggest problem is corrosion. The guys are trying to finish water breaks from this spring. The guys have been working in the rain every day except for Monday & Tuesday.

Smith asked Courtney how he knows what they need to work on. Courtney stated that they plan a week ahead of time but emergencies come up so they have to prioritize. Courtney stated that Dake fields some complaints that are received at the office.

There was an issue yesterday with the driveway pipe going into East Pointe Apartments on Bomax. Courtney stated that it has been a nightmare for him up there with dirt on the road and inspections. Steve at Bolton has agreed to do the water testing at the apartments. Courtney feels that job is unorganized with only a couple of guys running about 50 different crews. When you voice your concerns they are good for about 3-4 days then the problem reoccurs. The check dams and pipe do not have enough depth which will lead to future problems. Courtney feels it is the size of the project and the season they are doing it. They go rain or shine and there are so many people coming in and out at the project. DGI is the contractor.

Hardaway asked if there was anything we can do as a Village to impose additional fees. It

seems to be a waste of Village resources when you have to go there multiple times and do their checklist for them. Dake pointed out that the building permit fee for this job was over \$70,000.

Courtney stated that we still have not found a seasonal worker. We are looking for someone to work from May to November from 6am-4pm. The seasonal worker would be working by themselves. It was suggested that we look into an employment service. Courtney stated that no one can find any help. Courtney feels we need to think about hiring another full time employee in the highway department. The seasonal laborer position will be reposted on the Tompkins County website until we find someone.

TCAT emailed Courtney about bus shelters and he wondered who is supposed to fund this. Hartill had a conversation and his understanding was that TCAT was going to do the work. TCAT changed route direction on Uptown and Courtney feels it is all messed up. All bus shelters are now on the opposite side of the road from where the riders get on the bus. Hardaway stated that Deborah Dawson works with TCAT so he will let her know. There are a large number of people who get on the bus at Warren Road. Courtney thinks that TCAT should think about safety not economics.

Courtney left the meeting at 1:15pm.

Smith asked if the area as you go into Shannon Park is a village park. There is a small park in Shannon Park that the Village maintains. Hardaway stated that we will be ordering new benches soon for our parks and there will be one that goes in Shannon Park. Hartill stated that the Village has several of these parks that are set aside when subdivisions are approved.

Hartill stated that we have 18 miles of road in the Village. We bring in companies to mill and pave about two miles of road each year. If the highway department had another person they would be out doing road maintenance. The Village has two mowers plus a roadside mower. The Village does water breaks and will be installing a new water main on Northwood Road so we have a secondary service for Dart Drive.

Hartill stated that there are challenges with the gas moratorium and a green moratorium that will have to be addressed. The problem with today's technology is you just cannot generate the power needed with green energy alone. Builders insulating homes better would be better to lower the amount of energy used.

O'Neill handed out a report that Sigler presented at the last Town of Lansing meeting. Cayuga Power Plant is closing and will become a data center.

Dake stated that the tax bills have arrived. They will be put in envelopes instead of tabbed. Tompkins County no longer uses Challenge to fold the tax bills. Dake asked if the Board had anything they would like included in the envelope. Hardaway stated that he read the email with the options from Dake and likes the idea of adding only the summary page. Smith stated that he read this document and learned a lot about the

Village that he didn't know. He would like to see the all three pages included. It was decided that a summary page informing the resident about the tax bill, our website and that we are looking for a seasonal laborer would be added along with a two page document on "What Every Resident Should Know". This way if the resident only wanted to read the first page, the most important information was there.

Dake stated that the Board also needs to come up with a Sexual Harassment Policy training. Dake has spoken with Planning Board member Jim McCauley who is a labor lawyer and he stated that this became a mandate back in October 2018 and we have until October 2019 to implement. Dake stated that the Trustees also need to get back to updating the Employee Manual. Back in 2017 when the Trustees returned from NYCOM we started updating but nothing has been done since that time.

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6582- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$50,873.26, is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$19,829.59 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$416,702.10 is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Hardaway 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 Ronny Hardaway –Aye	Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Hardaway stated that he previously emailed the Board notes from the last Planning Board meeting. He also shared the Joint Youth Commission handouts.

O'Neill left the meeting at 1:45pm.

Hardaway went on to report that a 14 year old resident tried to apply for summer employment through Youth Services at the Ithaca High School and was told he was not eligible. The father contacted Hardaway to voice his concern since the Village is a member and Village residents should be eligible. His son was told that all positions go to Town and City of Ithaca children only. When Hardaway contacted the Joint Youth

Commission they were also upset with this because it is not true. The 14 year old was told to apply. He has the right because we participate in that program.

Scott reported that there are two new residential homes going in on Millcroft Way, Nick Bellisario Jr. and David Huckle. There are now three lots left in the Millcroft Subdivision. East Pointe Apartments off of Bomax now have two buildings with Temporary Certificates of Occupancy and are looking for a third. No heavy construction vehicles are allowed on East Pointe Drive in front of those buildings.

Scott stated that in Lansing Trails II streetlights have to go in before more than three Certificates of Occupancy are done. This is all in the works with their attorney. Scott has issued permits for another 6-plex across the street from the 6-plex IJ Construction is currently working on.

Scott has a meeting Monday with Nick Bellisario who is building a house on Dart Drive. There have been a couple of complaints regarding him working off hours. Now it also seems that they have cut off the outlet of the pond on that same property to raise the elevation of it. Brent Cross wants to find out his end goal so we know what is going on. We need to have a game plan. There is an abandoned village road to Park Outdoors billboards on Route 13. Bellisario want his driveway to go down that abandoned road and curve into the house. Troy informed Scott that we can have an easement or completely abandon road. Hardaway stated that he would like to see the Village turn the abandon road over to Bellisario.

Hardaway was also concerned with the pond on Bellisario's property because it looks like the pond is ready to breach onto our road. Scott stated that the pond is fed from the west and it does get some of the storm water. Scott will get Brent Cross's opinion on this.

Scott stated that he heard the Pizza Hut on N. Triphammer Road is selling to a hotel builder. It also looks like Planet Fitness will be moving from the Shops at Ithaca Mall to the space in Cayuga Mall next to Big Lots. Tompkins Trust Company wants to do an add on to increase their parking. Homewood Suites is repaving their parking lot. Something is going into Bon Ton but it is very hush-hush.

Scott stated that the special permit for Nissan did get approved by the Planning Board with conditions. One of the conditions is the sidewalk installation.

Scott stated that there have been a lot of problems with working hours. Scott cannot find where it specifically states when you can work in the Codification but it is listed in the plan reviews as being allowed from 7am to 7pm. Scott suggested that allowable working hours also be in the Codification. Scott will be attending the 4th of six code training classes next week.

Hartill stated that he will not be here for Monday's meeting.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Hardaway moved for adjournment Trustee Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway –Aye

Trustee John O’Neill-Aye

Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer