

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, April 3, 2017, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Ronny Hardaway, Gerry Monaghan and Patricia O'Rourke; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow; Planning Board Member, Lisa Schleelein.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:34pm and opened the public comment period. Dake reported that Tina Fenn of 51 Oakcrest Road called the office today to warn us that she found a dead raccoon in her yard that has tested positive for rabies. Hartill added that a couple of years ago, he had a rabid bat.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

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

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

The Mayor entertained a motion to open the Budget Public hearing.

Motion- To Open the Public Hearing for the 2017-18 Proposed Budget

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

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

Hartill stated that the proposed tax increase is from \$1.10 to \$1.30/\$1,000 of assessed value. This is an 18% increase. Several years ago it was lowered by a lot. As it turned out, we lowered it too much to sustain. For the last few years we have been spending down our capital reserve funds because they were getting too large, which attracts the attention of the auditors. You have to have projects lined up to spend that on. Monaghan questioned why we were putting money into the sewer capital reserve fund. It was explained that we are doing design work that will be expensive, and then we will be doing projects next year. We are planning to do a joint project with the Village of Cayuga Heights which will get us out of a bind in the Highgate Circle area. When you plan for projects as the Village has always tried to do, you don't have to borrow money.

Dake explained that when we did the North Triphammer Road Project many years ago, it took longer than expected to get everything approved and we got more funding than we expected. Hartill stated that we combined two projects, North Triphammer and South Triphammer Improvements, and then were able to get Federal funding for the combined project. At first, a representative from TG Miller Engineers had agreements to get all of the right-of-ways need to complete the project without Village expense. However, one property owner said no so we had to do appraisals and had to pay for the land. This caused a year's delay and cost the Village over a quarter of a million dollars. Another delay was caused by NYSEG not moving their light poles.

Hartill explained that in this budget there is a significant amount of roadwork and machinery. After this year, we will be in a position to start an equilibrium program. The proposed appropriations are as follows:

Water Fund - \$1,273,535
Sewer Fund - \$ 958,897
General Fund-\$2,820,033

This brings the total budget to \$5,052,465. The Water and Sewer Funds are basically just pass-through funds. A 40% surcharge is added to the water billing and a 25% surcharge is added to the sewer bills to pay for the expenses the Village encounters for maintaining the Village infrastructure. The water surcharge is increasing in July from 25% to 40%.

There were no members from the public, so the Board closed the Public Hearing.

Motion- To Close the Public Hearing

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye

Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

The next item on the agenda was further discussion of the PDA and the newly proposed additional Commercial Area. Mayor Hartill and Planning Board Chair Tomei have exchanged emails and have generally come to a conclusion regarding the additional small commercial portion. It will still be characterized as a minor change to the PDA with conditions. The conditions will have to do with the kind of commercial enterprise that can go there. The intent is that this path will be acceptable to all parties. The next step is for the Planning Board to recommend and decide on these conditions at their next meeting on April 10th. Once that is done, the Board of Trustees can then very likely set a Public Hearing at the April 17th Trustee meeting for the first meeting in May. With this timeline, construction of the intended senior housing is still possible for this building season. Hartill will attend the April 10th Planning Board meeting. Veanor asked why we are waiting. Hartill explained that there is a process which we must go through and which will take several meetings. Hardaway asked if the Planning Board will be able to discuss

this at the April 10th meeting. Hartill stated that they will be picking out and recommending what uses in the new Commercial Area would be appropriate. Size and shape of the new Commercial Area have already been proposed. Schleelein's issue was with shielding the commercial portion from Oakcrest Road. Hartill stated that setback requirements will be larger than the setback of the senior housing units, and that will all have to have Planning Board recommendations and Board of Trustees approval. Mario stated that we would like to see the residential portion not be interrupted at all on Oakcrest. Hartill feels that the commercial access will only be from Hickory Hollow Road. Plantings are also a concern. Hartill stated that the current view now is garbage cans. Schleelein thinks it would be nice to have an attractive area. Hartill doesn't want parking facing Oakcrest Road. Eric Goetzmann will meet with Tomei to talk about next Monday's Planning Board meeting. Eric said it will be nice to sit back and discuss all this at that meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from March 6th.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes of March 6, 2017

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

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

Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to approve the 2017-18 Village of Lansing Budget. Nick had arrived after the public hearing was closed, but Hartill asked if he had any questions or comments. He did not.

Resolution #6365- To Adopt the Proposed Budget as the 2017-18 Budget

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

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

Mayor Hartill stated that he spent the last week in Emerald Isle. On his way home today, he was in an accident in the Harrisburg area. Fortunately, no one was hurt. He is about to start trying to naturalize the natural gas issue. It is costing us economically and is grossly unfair to the Lansing's property owners and residents. Cayuga Lake water is getting high. Otherwise, the Village is in good shape.

Monaghan stated that he attended the Planning Board meeting last week. They discussed parking at the senior living on Cinema Drive. The Planning Board agreed to modifications to the parking requirements as a minor change. They will be replacing 18

spots with 14 spots on another of Thaler's properties. The parking is being moved from the side of CFCU to behind the project property.

Monaghan met with Jon Reis today. Reis feels it is a great opportunity to get his photos into the Village archives. Hartill thinks it sounds like a great project. The Mayor would also be willing to do pages of his memories to be part of the archives.

O'Rourke stated that Courtney called all of Trustees last Thursday to see if anyone had a key to the front door of the office. Courtney received a call from the Sherriff on Thursday because the front door of the office was left open. O'Rourke had a key and came over to lock the door. She also stated that the Sheriff's Office indicated to Courtney that they had no contacts to call the Village. Dake stated that she was out of town last week, but there was a list of contacts left on the front door. Dake thinks that the emergency contact for the 911 center is Courtney since he would be the one to call with all infrastructure issues.

Dake stated that the Shops at Ithaca Mall were billed incorrectly for water last quarter which created a penalty on their account. Dake asked the Board to waive the penalties since it was our fault.

Resolution #6366-To Waive the Penalties of \$500.02 on Account M4684

Trustee Hardaway moved this resolution. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

O'Rourke reported that Gertrude Hawk is closing at the Shops at Ithaca Mall. All chocolate is currently 50% off.

Motion to Adjourn

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

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| Mayor Don Hartill – Aye | Trustee Ronny Hardaway – Aye |
| Trustee Gerry Monaghan – Aye | Trustee Patricia O'Rourke – Aye |

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer