

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, May 15, 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, Mario Tomei. There were an additional 10 people in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:32pm. The Mayor opened the public comment period. There were no comments from the public.

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

The next item on the Board of Trustees agenda was to approve the 2017-18 Tax Warrant. Mayor Hartill entertained the following motion:

Resolution #6402- To Approve the 2017-18 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 \$665,910.82, for the following purposes:

For the General Fund	602,127.99
For the Special Assessment-Sewer Collector Fund	11,797.72
For Delinquent Water Rents	30,924.85
For Delinquent Sewer Rents	21,060.48

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive as much thereof as may voluntarily be paid to you from June first to and including July third 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 2017, at which time the taxes will be returned to the County tax roll.

Trustee Hardaway moved to approve the tax warrant. 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 to approve the minutes from March 16th. Since the Board decided not to hire Courtney's son, there was a statement added to the minutes to show that the Board would pay him by voucher for the one time emergency call in for help during the last big snow storm.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes of March 16, 2017

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

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

Rick Steinacher has requested that his water/sewer penalty be waived. He had an issue with the bank not making scheduled payments. He is usually on time with his payments so I told him I would bring a request to the Board to waive the penalty.

Resolution #6403- To Waive the Penalties on Account N3726 In The Amount of \$14.83

Trustee Monaghan moved to waive the penalties. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Laurie Konwinski, the Deputy Director/Coordinator of the Justice & Peace Ministry, was here to tell the Board about Catholic Charities. The organization is based on catholic values which are human values. However, they serve everyone no matter what the faith. They are located at 324 West Buffalo St. in Ithaca. They also have an office in Tioga County. Catholic Charities is open Tuesday-Friday for walk in services. This year they will be celebrating their 20th anniversary and they are reaching out to municipalities so

they know what they do. Laurie asked the Board to reach out to them if they hear of issues that they could help with. They are a social service provider.

Some of the direct services they provide:

- Help with housing for low income.
- Help with back rent who are in danger of being evicted.
- Help people get into housing by providing security deposits
- Over the past years, they have served single homeless women by starting transitional housing in downtown Ithaca. They have a four-bedroom house that will provide a place for them to stay for a few weeks or months. It's a safe and secure place to live. They saw this as a service that wasn't being met. They served ten women in the last year.
- Help individuals find work and get their life together.
- Help with transportation issues. They provide gas cards or bus tokens so people can get to their job interviews. They provide semester long bus passes to students to get to TC3 for classes.
- Help with utility shut offs.
- Free clothing closet which is run by volunteers.
- SNAP gets food on the table.
- We do referrals. If we can't help then we have connections with other organizations that can.
- Offer family program that helps parents with children with challenges.
- Immigration program. There is tremendous support from our community for this.
- Justice and peace program where they speak out on public and corporate policies.

Catholic Charities focuses on respecting and welcoming everyone. Laurie stated that if you see issues in your community that aren't addressed, let them know. They will be having an open house at their office at 324 West Buffalo Street on July 18th from 2:00 - 4:30pm. She invited everyone to attend. Since January, 103 people from Lansing have been helped. Most were provided free clothing, and one house deposit was provided.

Hardaway stated that there is a local draft housing study program on Wednesday. He asked if they are keeping up on those needs for affordable housing. Yes, they were involved with the homeless count.

Monaghan stated that he has been working with a group that provides furniture for those in need. Mayor Hartill thanked Laurie for the work they do.

Mayor's Comments

We are keeping a close eye on our infrastructure. We are in active negotiations with the Village of Cayuga Heights to better understand their sewer situation. Mayor Hartill stated that right after this meeting he was going to the Village of Cayuga Heights meet with the Board of Trustees regarding the pending sewer matters.

There has been no progress on acquiring Graham Road West. Mario asked what happens next. The process is currently in the hands of the Mall related parties and they need to convey the required property to the Village. The Village has been prepared to complete its reciprocal conveyance as soon as the Mall advises that it is prepared to complete the necessary paperwork. Dubow stated that the acquisition of the property is agreed to but the issue is with their lenders of the other parties that is slowing the process down. Hartill stated that the Mall did finally fill some potholes in their parking areas and roads.

Senior housing along Oakcrest is making good progress.

General Comments

Hardaway stated that at last Thursday's staff meeting, John O'Neill stated that he didn't think we needed to include the Spin Cups in the playground RFQ. Hardaway and Monica Moll did a little research and Hardaway emailed the Board a brief discussion of why the Spin Cups were included in the proposed playground on Northwood Road. Hardaway would like to vote on whether to include the Spin Cups in the equipment RFQ's. The consensus was that the spin cups are safer than a merry-go-round and are a good alternative to a large merry-go-round. Hardaway stated that we could maybe look into adding a merry-go-round at a later day if we see a need.

Resolution #6404- To Include the Spin Cups in the Equipment RFQ's for Northwood Park and Authorize Hardaway to Send Out the RFQ's

Trustee Monaghan moved to include the spin cups. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

The Board thanked Ronny and Monica for all their work on the project.

Monaghan stated that the Friends of Shannon Park have scheduled a cleanup day for June 10th. He hopes that John Courtney will have a trailer there to load all the debris they clean out onto. Monaghan stated that he had a nice exchange with Eric Goetzmann regarding some miscellaneous matters and the possibility of getting better security adjacent to the Mall property, and Goetzmann has agreed to have his security staff to extend their efforts near the Shannon Park path.

O'Rourke stated that she has checked on the spelling of Belwood Lane and the street sign is spelled correctly with only 1 "L". O'Rourke will get back to the resident that questioned this. Dake confirmed that the tax records show the sign is correct.

Monaghan stated that Richard Steinacker is interested in serving on the BZA, but is away for 3 months in the winter, Monaghan asked if this was a concern. Dubow stated that this might be done as he will be an alternate member which is only for a year. We can try it

and if it is an issue we can always appoint someone new the next year. Generally, the BZA meets in the spring and summer when construction is going on. Monaghan will ask Steinacker again.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Mayor Don Hartill – Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan – Aye

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Jodi Dake
Clerk/Treasurer