

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, June 5, 2017, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Ronny Hardaway, John O'Neil, Gerry Monaghan and Patricia O'Rourke; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow; Planning Board Member, Mario Tomei. There were an additional 7 people in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:31pm. The Mayor opened the public comment period. Lisa Schleelein stated that at the last meeting there was a discussion on sewer units. She asked if there were any further developments. Hartill stated that we are doing a better job of monitoring our I&I. We got readings yesterday from the recent rain events and there weren't many significant increases even with the rain. Since we paid for the Kline Road Sewer Bypass, we will be taken care of.

Fran Benedict of 1 Janivar Drive asked the Board to drive up Craft Road and look at the area after the credit union and insurance. On the insurance side it is a jungle. The grass needs to be cut. Fran asked if the Village does roadside mowing or if it is the property owners responsibility. It would be great if it was cut down and then the entrance to Lansing Trails would look beautiful. They did trim some trees there but there still needs to be roadside mowing. CFCU told their employees that they can't smoke on property so now they go across the street and leave their butts on the ground. Fran asked if the Village would come in and clear the roadside. Mayor Hartill stated that the Village has a 50-foot wide right-of-way so we may have another 12 feet of access past the edge of the road. The Mayor will talk to Courtney to see what can be done. There were no further comments from the public.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

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

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

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>. Three separate resolutions are needed.

Motion- To Approve the Minutes of March 20<sup>th</sup>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
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	

Motion- To Approve the Minutes of April 13<sup>th</sup> and May 15, 2017

Trustee Monaghan 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
Trustee John O'Neill-Abstain	

Motion- To Approve the Minutes of April 17, 2017

Trustee Hardaway moved to approve the minutes. 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-Abstain
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	

Hartill stated that there has been a delay in getting a seasonal person but the plan is to interview on Wednesday. The interview team will be Dake, Courtney, Hartill and a Trustee. The next meeting isn't until June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor won't be here for that meeting or the next Monday meeting. He would like authorization to hire this person.

Resolution#6405-To Authorize Mayor Hartill to Hire a Part Time Summer Laborer For An Hourly Rate of \$15

Trustee Monaghan moved this resolution. 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
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	

The next item on the agenda was to consider changing the definition of "household". Hartill stated that there is a single family home that has more people living there than you would expect for a single family. We have been trying to understand how we can address

this problem. Moseley, Robbs and Dubow have come up with a local law to dovetail what has happened in the Town of Ithaca. There is a set of criteria then the BZA will decide if the criteria have been satisfied. It gives us a clear definition and takes it out of the political arena.

Dubow explained that as a follow-up to previous discussions over a number of years regarding the definition of a family and/or household, Marty and the Planning Board recently discussed this and determined that a more comprehensive definition of the term "household" would be useful. Based upon the Village's identified needs and the definitions gathered from other zoning laws, Marty prepared proposed documentation for consideration. Dubow stated that the original language was as follows:

*Household* -- An individual, or two (2) or more persons of recognized family relationship, occupying a dwelling unit on a nontransient (monthly or longer) basis. Two (2) additional unrelated individuals may be included as part of a household.

This is common language from way back when. In the last 10-15 years there has needed to be more of a description because the definition of family has changed over the years. It is being expanded to explain how best to do this. It is a couple of pages long with the intention to clarify and have a way to resolve issues. With this change, the BZA would make that determination. There is a lot of new language. Moseley worked on this along with the Planning Board. Now it is being presented to the Trustees. It's pretty straight forward, fair and equitable and worthwhile for enforcement.

Veanor asked if one could say go away you can't live here. The code provisions are as such that the provisions prevail. Theoretically, the owner of the property is the one to release a tenant. We don't have a problem but we are being proactive. Hardaway questioned what would happen when they come to the BZA to say they have relatives, how would they prove it? Dubow encouraged the Board to have the BZA review this before the public hearing. This is only intended for single family homes. There has to first be a formal complaint. A single family house which has been converted for other purposes addresses these concerns. It's the nature of the use not the number of people living there. Veanor questioned if a "traditional family" is too vague. After some discussion it was stated that we may have to modify this again. We'll have to see how it works. This may be a work in progress. Schleelein stated that when this was discussed at a Planning Board meeting the concern was enforcement. The code officer would enforce this. O'Neill stated that a complaint will trigger an investigation.

Hardaway stated that the Planning Board has talked about this. Schleelein feels the enforcement is vague. Ultimately, it could go to court enforcement. If it is not addressed it goes up thru the channels. There is a section in Code that has fines. Hardaway questioned whether we should discuss this with the Board of Zoning Appeals before we set a public hearing. There are 1-2 locations that have been identified by property owners as having an issue with multiple people and families living in a single family home. It has been a problem over an extended amount of time. Mayor Hartill will communicate with

the BZA in the next couple of days and then at next Monday's meeting we can set the public hearing.

Mayor Hartill stated that the governor has a mandate that the County Manager must chair a series of meetings to see how we can have share services. The problem is we are already doing shared services and not getting credit for it. This is a mandate we have to satisfy. They are trying to get something together by August. Tonight there was a presentation by BOCES to do all accounting for all the schools. They are talking about doing personnel. It doesn't make any sense. Hartill is finding it very frustrating. It is not a positive experience. The State is trying to manage from the top.

The Mayor is also spending time trying to understand our sewer system. We are going to install a lot of flow meters. The Village of Cayuga Heights will keep track of these meters so Courtney doesn't have to go out and read them. Courtney has discovered a problem with the material around the manhole cover by Pizza Hut and it has been addressed. There are problems with the line from N. Triphammer Road to the other side of Rt. 13. We are making good progress in understanding the system better. Sewer flow meters are for overall system monitoring not per household. Normal flow is 600,000 gallons a day and during the last rain event it was almost 2 million a day. The capacity of the VCH Sewer Plant is a little over 6 million gallons a day. The Village of Lansing is the biggest flow contributor. Part of the sewage is diverted by Kline Rd Bypass to the Ithaca Treatment plant.

Monaghan stated that the new sidewalk on Uptown Road looks beautiful. Hartill stated that we still need a lot of grading in that area. Hardaway stated that the new playground is up. On Saturday there were kids playing there. We are looking forward to having a mirror image of Dankert Park on the north side of Route 13.

Monaghan stated that the Friends of Shannon are having a work party at 9am on Saturday. He and Courtney came up with an action plan. Courtney wants to clean out the woods with big equipment. Monaghan would like to explore the idea of having Rose of Sharon instead of tree on the boulevard entering the neighborhood. Monaghan will talk with Courtney about this also. There will be 9-12 people helping with the cleanup.

Monaghan again voiced his concerned with the trail from Shannon Park to the Shops at Ithaca Mall. Hartill will work with Courtney on this with lights at the top of the fence. This may be an issue because the Blanchard's do not want tall lights because they sit out on their deck. We can work something out. It was suggested we have a hearing to hear what people want. It is Village property.

Hardaway attended the Cayuga Solar presentation. Cayuga Power Plant is trying to do all the right things. He is impressed with the roll out and how the Town of Lansing worked with them to get it going. The Lansing Star also has a good article on this.

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Hardaway moved to adjourn. Trustee O'Rourke 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 8:24 pm.

Jodi Dake  
Clerk/Treasurer