

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, November 6, 2017, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Ronny Hardaway, John O'Neil, Patricia O'Rourke and Gerry Monaghan; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow. Deborah Dawson, Planning Board member, 15 additional public were also in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:30pm and opened the public comment period. He welcomed all the students that were attending for a class requirement. It's nice to see young kids engaged at this level.

Wayne Knoblauch was present to suggest some changes and additions for our Village Zoning Law to improve the safety and enjoyment of property in the medium density residential areas. There were two issues he brought to the Boards attention which had to do with multiple vehicles on a property and the blowing of leaves grass clippings or similar waste onto village streets. He thinks it is a significant safety issue with mowing lawn and blowing debris into the road because drivers sometimes cross over into oncoming traffic to avoid the debris. He submitted in writing a couple of suggestions on ways to deal with the issues. Mayor Hartill stated that we will do the best we can with this. It will be given to the Code & Zoning Officer to also get his thoughts. There was no other public comment.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Recreation Partnership Agreement

The Trustees were previously emailed a copy of the Recreation Partnership Agreement to be reviewed and adopted by each member municipality. This agreement was created by the Recreation Partnership Board and then reviewed by the attorneys from Town of Dryden, Town of Ithaca, County, and City of Ithaca. This agreement needs to be signed by all participating municipalities by December of 2017.

Janice Johnson stated that she was present to answer any questions the Board may have. Janice gave a brief summary of changes to this five year agreement. The major changes

include getting rid of the treasurer position and a paid coordinator position. At one point they thought they would contract for a lot of different people but all registration is now done through the Ithaca Youth Bureau which is much easier. The update is to show reality instead of what was perceived. Along with Tompkins County there are 10 municipalities involved.

Hardaway stated that his experience is that the partnership has done a great job and it is money well spent. There is an annual review and all reports are good. Hartill and the rest of the Board agreed.

O'Neill handed out a spreadsheet showing the revised annual payments for each municipality. The 2018 Village of Lansing's payment was lowered by \$445 to \$16,459 because of the recalculation of registration numbers. Since smaller municipalities fees are based on a formula, there are some municipalities that are paying slightly less and others that are paying slightly more. The Ithaca Youth Bureau will fundraise to come up with the \$977 difference this year because it was their error in calculations. Dubow stated that it looks like everyone has agreed to move these duties to the County.

Resolution #6434-To Approve the Recreation Partnership Agreement and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Five Year Agreement

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

Janice stated that she will be around at a later date to get the Mayors signature. She needs to have all municipalities sign on one sheet. Hartill thanked Janice for coming.

Unpaid Taxes to Tompkins County

Hartill explained that every year the Village taxes that are unpaid get turned over to Tompkins County for collection. They are relieved on the Town & County Tax bill, and the County reimburses the Village in the spring. There are 13 unpaid bills totaling \$4,637.92 plus 8% penalties of \$371.02.

Resolution #6435-To Forward the Delinquent Village Taxes in the Amount of \$5,008.94 to Tompkins County

Trustee O'Rourke 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 Board approved the returned Village taxes that will be sent to Tompkins County and the Board members signed the Certificate of Trustees.

Set Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law E (2017) to Change the Sewer Rent Rate

Hartill stated that we have gone back and forth with the Village of Cayuga Heights regarding sewer rates. We are changing the way we are billing for water and the sewer rate couples with this. The Village of Cayuga Heights has passed a law to increase the sewer rate that they charge their customers. With the decrease in the water minimum from 10,000 gallons to 5,000 gallons they found it necessary to increase the Village of Cayuga Heights sewer rate from \$3.33/1,000 gallons to \$3.59/1,000 gallons of water used. The change in water rate from \$4.44 to \$4.96/1,000 gallons of consumption has also increased the Village of Lansing Sewer rate from \$1.11 to \$1.24/1,000 gallons of water. Our rate is 25% surcharge for sewer and 40% surcharge for water.

Resolution #6436 -To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law E (2017) Amendment to Village of Lansing Code-Sewer Rents for November 20, 2017 at 7:35pm

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

Transcribing Planning Board Minutes

Hartill stated that it has been a challenge to get minutes out. One of his concerns is with videos which can be subjective. He prefers to have a person instead of a video. In the past Lisa Schleelein has been doing the transcription of minutes for the Planning Board and has requested that we find someone else to do it. Hartill has recommended that we hire a contract person to attend the meetings and transcribe the minutes for \$60 per meeting. This is the same amount we were paying Lisa. Brianna Sullivan who is Adam Robbs wife's daughter has agreed to transcribe the minutes for the Planning Board.

Resolution #6437-To Pay Brianna Sullivan \$60 per meeting to Transcribe the Planning Board Minutes

Trustee O'Neill moved this resolution. Trustee Monaghan 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	

Household Definition

Hartill has tasked Adam Robbs, Code & Zoning Officer, to do a little more on this. Much of the language proposed originally is what the City has. Adams main concern is enforcement. It would be simple to just pass something but enforcement would be an issue. The current proposal calls for the BZA to deal with any issues. But the Mayor is having a problem with this. He and Adam will work hard to wrap this up by Nov 20. Adam will be asked to draft his feelings on this issue. At the Thursday noon meeting we can discuss this further with Adam.

Mayor's Comments

Hartill stated that he has been meeting with the Town of Lansing and developers regarding extending the sewer to the Town of Lansing. We are making good progress on a joint sewer project. They are discussing the idea of having a gravity sewer line down East Shore Drive then a pump force main to Cedar Lane along with a Cayuga Heights Road sewer main and small forced main in the low spot at Oakcrest Road. A second forced main would be in the same ditch. We would also need to change our current zoning to adjust the sewer lot size to increase from the current 30,000 square foot minimum lot size to a minimum lot size of 45,000 square feet. The Mayor will come to the Planning Board with that proposal before they get too much farther into the process. The plan is to move forward in the fall of 2018. The current picture is to share in the pumping. The gravity force is part of that. The other small forced main would be ours. There will be no requirement for Village of Lansing residents to hook in. Hooking into the sewer will be an option for the residents along East Shore Drive and the entire length of Cayuga Heights Road. There was complication with the original thought of going up N. Triphammer Road. There are water lines on both sides of the road and it is all shale which would make it very difficult. The Mayor sees advantages to both the Town and the Village. We will share in the pump station costs.

On Triphammer Road the Village of Cayuga Heights is installing a new water main just past the Village of Lansing line. They had issues with the soils in that area from Kendal towards the Community Corners intersection. The line has been filled and will be testing over the next couple of weeks. The Village of Cayuga Heights also dug into our sewer line when they were installing the water line.

At the August 7, 2017 meeting we passed a resolution for a new rate structure for water. The new minimum consumption will be lowered from a 10,000 gallon minimum consumption to 5,000 gallons. In the past those that used less than 10,000 gallons were actually subsidized the larger users. Most single residential users will actually see a small decrease in their water bill.

Hartill reminded everyone to vote tomorrow. All politics are local politics. Monaghan asked Hardaway who paid for the signs that informed Village residents that they could vote for the Town Board. Hardaway stated that it wasn't the Village.

General Discussion

Hardaway asked if there were any new developments with the proposed Planned Development Area (PDA) for the Shops at Ithaca Mall. Hartill stated that the mall representatives are in the process of doing their due diligence. The Planning Board will look at this at their meeting next Monday and make a recommendation to the Trustees.

Back in July there was a rain event that flooded the mall. We have received a Notice of Claim that we are at fault with our storm water. This year every month we have had more rain than in the past. We are address I&I throughout the sewer system.

O'Neill stated that even though the PDA has not been approved, the mall is already advertising for the sale of portions of the mall. They claim it takes a long time to peddle that kind of real estate.

O'Rourke asked about the proposed senior housing on Oakcrest Road. Hartill stated that the final design is flopping around a bit. They have started sight work. It has been a long process. One of the issues is not having natural gas. That means you have to use propane. It is a continuing issue. It is frustrating that the rest of Tompkins County is not under the same natural gas moratorium.

Monaghan stated that the brush and trees on Cayuga Heights Road have been cleared both north and south making it very easy to see when you are pulling out from Beckett Way to Cayuga Heights. Road. There were some resident concerns with the intersection but this has solved the problem. They are happy with what was done.

Another issue residents in Shannon Park had was with water during rain events. Monaghan feels there is very little damage. The water flows through except for one house. Monaghan thinks we need to look at our ditches.

Hardaway stated that he spoke with Courtney and R.E. Wilson is here to install the playground equipment. It is disconcerting that our equipment up there is being used as a playground. Mayor Hartill added that we won't be able to do as much work as we wanted to on Northwood Road.

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee O'Rourke moved to adjourn. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer