

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, February 5, 2018, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Ronny Hardaway, John O'Neill, Patricia O'Rourke and Gerry Monaghan; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney Bill Troy; Planning Board member, Jim McCauley, and 3 additional public were also in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:33pm and opened the public comment period. Robert Schleelein stated that he was in attendance as the citizen observer. McCauley stated that he was the Planning Board liaison. Veanor from the Lansing Star was also present.

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:

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

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from the last Trustee meeting.

Motion-To Approve the Minutes of January 11, 2018

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 John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-aye	

The owner of 165 Graham Road has requested that we waive her water/sewer penalty for January. She had a leak that was fixed in November. The bill was three times the normal amount because of the leak. The water penalty is \$48.08 and the sewer penalty is \$33.48. (Totaling \$81.56) She would like to pay the amount she would usually pay for a quarter and be able to pay the rest by April.

Resolution#6453-To Waive the January Penalties in the Amount of \$81.56 on Account N1963

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Abstain  
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye  
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

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

The next item on the agenda was to discuss how the Village will go about naming parks. Hartill stated that we have at least one park that needs a name. There have been a number of names proposed. One proposal is to have it appear on an informal ballot on Election Day. We could have the information on the web site and have an article in the Spring Newsletter.

Hardaway agreed with the idea of putting something up on a ballot. The Board will think about whether they would prefer to have proposed names listed or just a place to write in a suggested name.

Dake called the Tompkins County Election Board to see if it would be ok to do this during the election and they feel as long as it doesn't interfere with the election and someone from our Village hands them out it would be fine. This would also cut down on the expense of mailing surveys. We could post a copy online ahead of time so people could look at it. We could also get input from staff and previous Board members that no longer live in the Village.

To get the word out, it was agreed that an announcement will be made 2-3 weeks before the election. Hardaway and Dake will write an article for the next newsletter and also post it on the webpage. The Spring Newsletter usually goes out right after the budget public hearing is set.

Hartill stated that the budget season is coming before us. He feels we need to increase our tax rate again to get it back up to where it was in 2008. He feels that the Village cut the tax rate too much back then. Hartill thinks that the increase should be around 10 cents per \$1,000. We are eating into the Capital Reserve and we need to monitor that rather carefully. The usual road maintenance will be part of the budget. Oakcrest Road has a spring in the middle of the road. Potholes are full but winter has taken a toll on our roadways. There are no big construction plans for this year, just general maintenance. With 18 miles of road, we need to maintain about a mile and a half of road each year. Budget requests will be received from each department. The Mayor will overlook the whole process. He would like volunteers to meet with the employees. Water & sewer are basically pass through funds. We need to make sure that we have enough of a surcharge to cover the ongoing maintenance. In the past, Hartill has looked at requests to see what

is reasonable and then go forward with the first draft budget. The Board would then take a look at that.

On the income side, our sales tax has increased; however, gross utility tax is eroding. CHIPS should be about the same as past years. We will make sure we have adequate funding to maintain our systems.

The following is the proposed schedule for Budget Meetings:

February 15th- Noon meeting start budget discussion with staff

By March 1st-Everyone would need to have preliminary numbers to Hartill and Dake so the information can be entered into the Budget Program

March 5th- Start budget discussions at meeting

March 15th- Budget discussion with staff

March 19th- Finalize Proposed Budget and set Public Hearing for April 2nd.

The 2018-19 Village of Lansing Budget needs to be adopted by April 15th but since that falls on a Sunday we can have the Public Hearing on April 16th if need be.

#### Mayor's Comments

Hartill stated that he and Herrick are getting an accurate survey before we can do anything with the sewer extension to the Town. The Village may also be able to fix the intersection of East Shore Drive and Cayuga Heights Road along with this project. We may need to acquire some land to do this. We have capital reserve money to use for this project. A few details still need to be worked out. Dave Herrick, TG Miller Engineering, has been effective in convincing other municipalities to look at their I&I. NYSDEC is also monitoring it closely. There were some impressive flows that occurred with the rain events this past summer. The daily flow is approximately 400,000 gallons a day and with the rain events it would increase to 10,000,000. This is a large effect.

Hardaway stated that Deborah Dawson attended a conference and they are modeling the 74% increase in the big rain events that we had. Hartill stated that we are managing storm water; this is flow in our sewer system.

Hartill stated that we did have a plan to have a sewer bypass between Shannon Park and Route 13 but that got waylaid. This is one of the areas we have to worry about. We need to look at the infrastructure we have installed. An example is located at the raised corner by Pizza Hut. Manholes need to be built up. We have an aging system. Any new construction will have modern systems. Another problem we have is that people have attached sump pumps to our sewer which is a problem.

Brent Cross has insured him that the Village of Cayuga Heights has the sewer capacity. We are in a stable situation. Hartill hopes that we can have a serious discussion about this at the next Monday meeting.

The Mayor clarified that the routing for the new sewer line would go along East Shore Drive and then up Cayuga Heights Road. It will consist of a gravity system to a pump station to a forced main. There are still some design issues that are being worked out.

Kline Road bypass was paid for by the Village of Lansing to bypass flow from the Village of Cayuga Heights Sewer Plant to the Ithaca Sewer Plant. There is currently no sewer on Cayuga Heights Road. Residents have septic systems.

Hardaway asked what the size and cost of individual pumps would be if there was a forced main. Hartill estimates that they cost somewhere between \$6-8000 for individual pumps at each house. A gravity system would be more feasible.

In parallel, the Mayor would like to see our zoning change to increase the size of sewer lots from 30,000 sq. ft. to 45,000 sq. ft. This would be done to avoid large developments and would limit the amount of material that will need to be processed. These two reasons have a fair amount of merit from the Mayors point of view.

Hardaway asked if we would need a public hearing to do this project. Hartill stated that we would have to have a public hearing.

#### General Discussion

Monaghan stated that he has been walking N. Triphammer Road and he feels we do a better job of keeping our sidewalks clear than our neighboring municipality. Our highway guys were out clearing snow at 6am this morning.

Hardaway has heard a complaint from a resident regarding the ice on the Route 13 bridge sidewalk. Hartill stated that it is a State bridge and we cannot do any design changes to elevate that issue.

O'Neill attended the last Town of Lansing meeting and previously emailed his report to the Trustees.

Hardaway stated that the Greenway Committee is in the final stages with the Greenway Plan. He met with Duke who had a lot of really good suggestions.

O'Rourke has been asked to be a member of the Emergency Rescue Oversight Committee as a TCCOG representative. She asked if she would need a resolution if she decides to join. The Village Board of Trustees would need to pass a resolution to appoint her to a committee.

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Hardaway 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 8:04 pm.

Jodi Dake

Clerk/Treasurer