

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, April 16, 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, Mike Baker. Three additional people were also in attendance. (Deborah Dawson, Dan Veanor, Edward LaVigne)

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:30pm and opened the public comment period. Dawson stated that she was here as the Tompkins County Legislator for the Village. One of the issues facing the County right now is the sale of "sparkling devices". Dawson believes that only county's and some cities are allowed to opt out.

New York State law refers to sparkling devices as "ground based or handheld devices that produce a shower of colored sparks and or a colored flame, audible crackling or whistling noise and smoke". Other types of fireworks are still illegal in New York. Currently, sparkler devices are legal only in counties and cities that have not enacted a local law pursuant to section 405.00 of the Penal Law of NY. If the county allows the sale of these sparkling devices they can only be sold from June 1st through July 5th and then from December 26th through January 2nd. If anyone would like more information on this they can go online to New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services.

The second issue Dawson brought up was in regards to the County getting a grant to expand the airport terminal. They are looking into a geothermal system. This would free up natural gas and the County could get money for that from NYSEG. NYSEG has extended the deadline to submit proposals under the RFP. Hartill stated that the problem with geothermal is the extreme upfront costs. Dawson stated that Cornell University is also looking at a pilot project to serve Cornell's needs in the Business and Technology Park located by the airport. Hartill stated that geothermal works because about 15,000 feet down there are warm rocks, however, the technology they use is fracking. Everyone was aware of the County's position on fracking.

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 Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

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

The next item on the agenda was to consider the ballot for naming our Village parks. Hartill thinks the ballot that Hardaway put together looks good. We have three parks that we have an opportunity to name. This is a way to name these parks. The way it will work is at the election there will be a separate area to fill out a ballot. People can either fill the ballot out then or take it with them and return it to the Village within a week. Everyone can vote once. If there is a tie the Board will decide on the park name. This will also be posted on our website.

Veanor asked who was running for office this year. Monaghan and O'Neill are running for reelection. They are uncontested unless there is a write in campaign.

Baker stated that someone asked about the park located in Lansing Trails II. Baker wondered if the park was named would it make any difference if a road goes through? Hartill stated that the owners would have a lot of trouble changing their Plat. They will have to put that road in if they build out that area.

Hartill added that we won the Article 78 case of Village of Lansing verses The Heights of Lansing, LLC. There is still one more pending. Having the 1st Article out of the way, there is nothing stopping the Bomax project from moving forward. The Village could go after them for our legal fees. Some say the Mayor is crazy for not going after it because that is the only way to stop it. The Mayor doesn't like to make waves.

Hardaway had previously emailed the Trustees a copy of a sample ballot to be used to vote for Village of Lansing park names. On the front was pictures showing the location of the three parks and a box next to each for you to choose a name for each of the three parks or write in another choice. On the back were the biographies for each nominee. Hartill entertain a motion to accept the ballot.

Motion-To Accept the Proposed Ballot to Name Village Parks

Trustee Monaghan moved to accept the ballot. Trustee O'Rourke 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

Mayor Hartill stated that we are making progress with our sewer survey. The Budget has been submitted and approved. Dake has emailed the final 2018-19 Budget to the Trustees. The Village of Cayuga Heights will be raising their sewer rates so there will be a slight adjustment in our budget next year. At Thursday's lunch meeting Courtney reported that we are buying a better quality of blacktop for a better price. Hartill stated that the current standards with tar are really not good standards. The practice is to use

millings as a base and then a topcoat. The Mayor will be interested to see how things are in a few years. Rochester just paved Route 390 and there are already large patches.

Rose Markov has sent a letter requesting that she be able to pay her remaining water bill in two installments (\$271.87 on April 20th and May 15th). Dake explained that the Board previously waive her penalties back in January when she received a very large water bill due to a leak. At that time the Board waived her penalties if her bill was paid by April. She did not pay her bill and is requesting a second extension and a forgiveness of her penalty.

Resolution #6466 -To Waive the Penalties on Account N1963 in the Amount of \$81.56 as Long as Two Installments of \$271.87 are Received by May 15, 2018.

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

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

O'Neill asked if we needed to vote on allowing fireworks in the Village. O'Neill would like to not allow fireworks. O'Rourke reiterated that it is illegal to have fireworks in New York and clarified that we are talking about sparkling devices. Tompkins County is letting it go for a year to see if we have problems. Dawson stated that their thinking is why should we give the sales tax from the sale of sparkling devices to Pennsylvania. The Board decided that they would go along with the County's test run since it was unclear if a village can actually opt out or if it had to be done at the county level.

Motion-To Adjourn

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer