

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, May 21, 2018, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees John O'Neill, Patricia O'Rourke and Gerry Monaghan; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Attorney David Dubow. Two additional people were also in attendance. (Dan Veanor, Lansing Star and Carla Marceau, Community Party)

Deputy Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:31pm and opened the public comment period. Carla Marceau stated that she was representing the Community Party.

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:

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

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from May 7, 2018. Hardaway stated that he hopes everyone read the minutes of our organizational meeting because Dake did such a great job.

Motion-To Approve the Minutes of May 7, 2018

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

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

Hardaway stated that tonight we will talk about Proposed Local Law 2(2018) -Sewer Rents which is a proposal to update our Codification to increase our sewer rate. Originally we were going to set a public hearing to increase the sewer rate since the Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH) is increase how much they are charging us for sewer. We will wait on this because there is discussion between the VCH and the Village of Lansing (VOL) as to when it will actually go into effect.

Dake explained that the VCH is having a public hearing this evening to raise their inside sewer rate to \$2.51 and their outside sewer rate, which is what the VOL is charged, from

\$3.59 to \$3.72/1,000 gallons. All outside users pay one and a half times the inside rate that VCH residents pay. The problem we are facing with the VCH is when this new rate would actually go into effect. In the past it would have gone into effect starting with the next full billing period, however, when Dake contacted the VCH Mayor she stated that it would be going into effect with the first bill after June 1st. For the VOL this would be July 1st. The July 1st Billing has a billing period from April 16-June 15th. Dake sent an email to the VCH Mayor to explain how the current situation was interpreted and expressed her concerns with changing the way we had previously changed rates. Dake feels it all needs to be very clear and legal.

Dubow stated that historically it has been done this way forever and now the VCH is changing this, which makes things complicated. Dubow thinks that maybe they are not understanding that you can't bill and charge a higher rate for previous usage. Hopefully, the VCH will get more informed. He doesn't think they are doing it just to get the money.

We will look at setting a Public Hearing for Local Law 2 (2018) to increase the sewer rate at our June 4th meeting after we see exactly what the Village of Cayuga Heights passed.

Budget Transfers

There are budget transfers that are necessary for overspent budget lines. In the General Fund, general legal was overspent due to the two law suits with Garner and the Jonson's, both of which the Village won. Work on the new park is quite a bit over budget. Storm sewer was over but that was mainly due to stormwater engineering so a transfer is being done from engineering. In the sewer fund we lowered the amount that is being transferred to the Sewer Capital Reserve (\$211,680) since the amount we had to pay to the Village of Cayuga Heights was more due to more customer usage. After speaking with Courtney, there may be more transfers that are needed along with encumbrances for work that they didn't complete. Dake hopes to have these final transfers and encumbrances to the Board at the June 18th meeting.

Since Hardaway is involved with the Greenway Committee, he spoke with Courtney to find out why there was such a large over expenditure on Northwood Park. Courtney informed him that it was due to additional landscape boulders being placed in front of the parking area. With the proximity of the new playground to the parking area they felt there needed to be a barrier to keep cars from driving into the park. There was also an added expense of having the wood carpet installed by R.E. Wilson. Courtney also claimed that the \$23,000 for the parking blacktop was done this budget year but was scheduled to come out of the 2018-19 Budget. (The parking black top was actually in the 2017-18 for \$23,000 along with benches that weren't purchased. We budgeted \$12,000 for benches again in the 2018-19 Budget) Dake stated that she could print off the ledger so the Board could see where the money was actually spent. The Board felt that that was not necessary.

Dan Veanor stated that he went to take pictures of the new park and there were kids playing there. He feels it is a nice park.

Resolution#6493–To Approve the Following Budget Transfers:

General

- \$15,000 from General Government Support, Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4 to General Government Support, Law, Contractual, A1420.4
- \$ 1,735 from General Government Support, Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4 to General Government Support, Special Items, Unallocated Insurance, A1910.4
- \$ 7,652 from Transportation, Permanent Improvements, Capital Outlay A5112.2 to Transportation, Snow Removal Contractual, A5142.4
- \$23,500 from Transportation, Permanent Improvements, Capital Outlay A5112.2 to Culture and Recreation, Playgrounds/Rec Centers-Equipment, A7140.2
- \$ 4,800 from General Government Support, Engineer, Contractual, A1440.4 to Home & Community Services, Storm Sewer, A8140.4
- \$ 175 from Employee Benefits, Health Insurance, A9060.8 to Employee Benefits, Life Insurance, A9045.8
- \$350.00 from Employee Benefits, Health Insurance, A9060.8 to Employee Benefits Disability Insurance, A9055.8
- \$ 95.00 from Employee Benefits, Health Insurance, A9060.8 to Employee Benefits, Long Term Disability, A9055.83

Water

- \$1,000 from Home & Community Services, Source of Supply, Power & Pumping, Purchases, F8320.44 to Home & Community Services, Transmission & Distribution, Contractual, F8340.4

Sewer

- \$97,172 from Interfund Transfers, Transfers to Capital Funds, G9950.9 to Home & Community Services, Other Sanitation, Intergovernmental Charges, G8189.4

Trustee O'Rourke moved this resolution be adopted and Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

O'Neill stated that in June the old conference room will be ready. Hardaway stated that he understands that some work is done. The wall was installed by the Town of Lansing. We still need to paint and get carpet and furniture. O'Neill thinks it should be done by the end of June.

Monaghan stated that Limbwalker Tree Service took down the trees that were located in the boulevard as you drive into Shannon Park. They will grind the stubs down and install six oak columnar trees.

Dubow stated that litigation was great. The Village won all of the appeals.

Dake stated that today there was a complaint about the noise coming from the Bomax construction. Adam followed up on the complaint and found that the noise was not coming from the area where the new apartments are going in on Bomax but was coming from the Jonson's project.

McDonalds is getting a facelift. The drive thru is still open during construction.

Dubow asked if there has been any discussion of having Lime Bike in the VOL. Lime Bike is a new dockless bike share program that was just launched in Ithaca. There was one bike spotted at the entrance of Shannon Park. Dubow stated that there are a lot of legal issues associated with this. Hardaway stated that Ithaca is the first trial area but they may want to expand here.

Hardaway stated that he is redesigning the website. He has sent a link to the Board and asked everyone to please review the current site. We need to launch the new website before August. The final draft of the Greenway Plan is also ready for all to review. It can be found on the Village website. The Greenway Plan is 33 pages long with most of it being maps. We can discuss this at the next meeting after everyone has had a chance to review it.

Motion-To Adjourn

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

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

Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer