

## Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, January 7, 2019, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Ronny Hardaway, Gerry Monaghan and John O'Neill; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney William Troy; Planning Board Member Monica Moll. There were 4 additional people in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:34pm. The Mayor opened the public comment period. Dawson stated that the Tompkins County Legislature Transportation Committee is putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a study on Route 13 starting at Warren Road in the Village of Lansing and going to Dryden. The State is on board with this. Dryden will be providing a resolution of support. Dawson asked if the Village of Lansing would provide a letter of support. Dawson will provide a sample letter to the Village. She also thought it would be nice to have someone serve on the committee that is forming a RFP. There have been so many accidents in that area that it is warranted. Warren and Brown Road intersections are dangerous and there have been many accidents at these intersections.

Monica Moll stated that she is here as the Planning Board liaison but she also has an issue with pedestrian safety on Dart Drive. Speeding traffic in the last 5-7 years on Dart Drive has made it unsafe to walk on the shoulders. Several people have come to the Planning Board meetings to complain and many have called the sheriff to get them to patrol the area more frequently. Moll also went thru her neighborhood with a petition which she presented to the Board. It was unanimous that everyone is concerned with the safety on Dart Drive. Fifty Dart Drive residents signed the petition listing six reasons why it is dangerous to live on Dart Drive under the current conditions maintained by Village government. They are requesting that the Village of Lansing install effective traffic calming measures on Dart Drive, as well as a raised sidewalk on one side of the street.

Hartill stated that the Village plans to have a crosswalk installed on the road by the park entrance which should help slow traffic down traffic. Mayor Hartill will talk to Courtney, Supt. of Public Works, to see if separated sidewalks could be an option. When we previously reconfigured Dart Drive he stated that it would be easier to maintain a road shoulder as a place for pedestrians rather than having separate sidewalks. Currently, we are talking about getting a much faster sidewalk tractor. We now have enough sidewalks that it takes longer to clear the sidewalks then it does the roads. Moll stated that the Planning Board is discussing sidewalk plans and they want to draft a sidewalk plan for the Village. Hartill is not sure if we currently have enough right of way to install a separated sidewalk. Moll stated that she is starting a neighborhood list serve and would volunteer to be the liaison with the neighborhood. Hartill will be meeting with Courtney in the next couple of days so they will discuss this issue. Moll would love speed humps.

She feels Dart Drive is becoming a shortcut. Hardaway stated that he is also concerned with people using cell phones while driving on the road. It is becoming quite an issue.

Carla Marceau stated that she was the observer for the Community Party.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

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

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

Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye  
Trustee Ronny Hardaway

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from December 13, 2018. The Board didn't think they could approve the minutes because Hardaway stated he wasn't there. (It actually turns out that everyone was present at that Thursday meeting. It was the 17<sup>th</sup> that Hardaway wasn't in attendance.)

The next item on the agenda was the Public Hearing for Local Law 4(2018)-Sewer Rate Increase. The Village of Cayuga Heights has increased the sewer rate from \$3.72 to \$4.14/1,000 gallons starting January 1, 2019. This is an 11.5% increase. Local Law 1(2019) was presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion- To Open the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 1 (2019)

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

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

Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye  
Trustee Ronny Hardaway

Hartill stated that the Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH) has engaged in deferred maintenance for quite some time and finally decided to address the issue after they had two episodes where they exceeded capacity. NYSDEC told VCH they had to fix the issue. VCH got funding and a bond has been issued to replace the headworks and some of the other components of the plant. There is still some capacity left. A very serious Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) study will be done with flow meters. Some of the I&I is from people's sump pumps and gutter drains that are going into the sewer system instead of the stormwater systems. It is very difficult to find and rectify these situations. When new construction permits are issued this could be a way to look at this. Everyone is in the same boat.

Motion- To Close the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 1 (2019)

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee John O’Neill-Aye

Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye  
Trustee Ronny Hardaway

Resolution #6531-To Adopt Local Law 1 (2019) to Amend the Codification to Increase the Sewer Rate

Trustee Monaghan moved to set a public hearing for Local Law 1 (2019). Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye  
Trustee John O’Neill-Aye

Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye  
Trustee Ronny Hardaway

LOCAL LAW 1 (2019)  
AMENDMENT TO VILLAGE OF LANSING CODE – SEWER RENTS

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing as follows:

SECTION I. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

As a follow-up to the prior adoption by the Board of Trustees of Local Law 2 of 2018 which relating to the amendment of Section 111-21 (entitled “Rents for property owners connected to the Village of Lansing water system”) and Section 111-22 (entitled “Rents for property owners not connected to the Village of Lansing water system”) of Article II (entitled “Sewer Rents”) of Chapter 111 (entitled “Sewers”) of the Village of Lansing Code, and which provided for the imposition and collection of sewer rents for the use of the Village of Lansing sewer system and the Village of Cayuga Heights sewer system, it is the purpose and intent of this Proposed Local Law 1 of 2019 to provide for further amendments intended to increase the current sewer rents payable to the Village of Lansing for the use of the Village of Cayuga Heights sewer system based upon the concurrent and like increase by the Village of Cayuga Heights Local Law I (2018) which increased the sewer rate from \$3.72 to \$4.14/1,000 gallons used for treatment of waste water originating from properties located outside of the Village of Cayuga Heights; and an increase in the water rate resulting in an increase in Village of Lansing charge; and more specifically, to amend accordingly (i) subsection A of Section 111-21 [entitled “Rents for property owners connected with Village of Lansing water system”] of Article II [entitled “Sewer Rents”] of Chapter 111 [entitled “Sewers”] of the Village of Lansing Code, and (ii) subsection A of Section 111-22 [entitled “Rents for property owners not connected with Village of Lansing water system”] of Article II [entitled “Sewer Rents”] of Chapter 111 [entitled “Sewers”] of the Village of Lansing Code.

SECTION II. AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF LANSING CODE.

- A. Subsection A of Section 111-21 [entitled “Rents for property owners connected with Village of Lansing water system”] of Article II [entitled “Sewer Rents”]

of Chapter 111 [entitled “Sewers”] of the Village of Lansing Code is hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

**A. Each owner of property that is provided with water service by connecting to the Village of Lansing Water System shall be charged for, and shall be obligated to pay, a total annual sewer rent amount comprised of the following:**

- (1) A quarterly sewer rent charge for use of the Village of Lansing sewer system, such charge to be equal to one dollar and twenty-nine cents (\$1.29) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water, or portion thereof, used by such property owner, with a minimum charge of six dollars and forty-five cents (\$6.45) for each quarterly billing (as provided in subsection “B” below); and**
- (2) A quarterly sewer rent charge for use of the Village of Cayuga Heights sewer system, such charge to be equal to four dollars and fourteen cents (\$4.14) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water, or portion thereof, used by such property owner, with a minimum charge of twenty dollars and seventy cents (\$20.70) for each quarterly billing (as provided in subsection “B” below).**

**The amount charged for use of the Village of Lansing sewer system shall be individually calculated, and thereafter collected by the Village of Lansing for all quarterly billings commencing with the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission/Bolton Point quarterly billing after January 1, 2019. The amount charged for use of the Village of Cayuga Heights sewer system shall be individually calculated, and thereafter collected by the Village of Lansing (or such other party designated by the Village of Cayuga Heights), for all quarterly billings commencing with the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission/Bolton Point quarterly billing after January 1, 2019. Each such amount shall thereafter continue until otherwise modified from time to time by further local law adopted by the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees.**

**B. Subsection A of Section 111-22 [entitled “Rents for property owners not connected with Village of Lansing water system”] of Article II [entitled**

“Sewer Rents”] of Chapter 111 [entitled “Sewers”] of the Village of Lansing Code is hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

- A. Each owner of property that is not provided with water service by connecting to the Village of Lansing Water System shall be charged for, and shall be obligated to pay, a total annual sewer rent amount comprised of the following:**
- (1) A quarterly sewer rent charge for use of the Village of Lansing sewer system, such charge to be equal to one dollar and twenty-nine cents (\$1.29) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water, or portion thereof, used by such property owner, with a minimum charge of six dollars and forty-five cents (\$6.45) for each quarterly billing (as provided in subsection “B” below); and**
  - (2) A quarterly sewer rent charge for use of the Village of Cayuga Heights sewer system, such charge to be equal to four dollars and fourteen cents (\$4.14) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water, or portion thereof, used by such property owner, with a minimum charge of twenty dollars and seventy cents (\$20.70) for each quarterly billing (as provided in subsection “C” below).**

**The amount charged for use of the Village of Lansing sewer system shall be individually calculated, and thereafter collected by the Village of Lansing for all quarterly billings commencing with the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission/Bolton Point quarterly billing after January 1, 2019. The amount charged for use of the Village of Cayuga Heights sewer system shall be individually calculated, and thereafter collected by the Village of Lansing (or such other party designated by the Village of Cayuga Heights) for all quarterly billings commencing with the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission/Bolton Point quarterly billing after January 1, 2019. Each such amount shall thereafter continue until such amount is otherwise modified from time to time by further local law adopted by the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees.**

SECTION III. SUPERSEDING EFFECT.

All local laws, resolutions, rules, regulations and other enactments of the Village of Lansing in conflict with the provisions of this local law are hereby superseded to the extent necessary to give this local law full force and effect.

SECTION IV. VALIDITY.

The invalidity of any provision of this local law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this local law that can be given effect without such invalid provision.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall be effective upon its filing in the office of the Secretary of State.

Marty Mosley of Municipal Relations Consulting, LLC had previously requested a zoning change for properties located at 2343 and 2329 N. Triphammer Road. Moseley stated that he spoke to the property owners at 2329 N. Triphammer Road as previously requested by the Board. He spoke with them about assessed values and they are now supportive of Moseley's request. They have no oppositions to it. Mayor Hartill stated that his only concern is spot zoning. Troy stated that it is an issue. Mayor Hartill asked the village attorney to give the Village a written recommendation on this.

Mayors Comments

Mayor Hartill stated that everything is going good. Courtney had expressed to him that he is nervous that we won't be able to use all of our salt. Hartill will be in California January 15<sup>th</sup> –February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Hartill stated that Dave Herrick wants to meet to discuss some small modifications to the Route 34 sewer extension project. We need a final design to go out to bid before other projects flood the markets. The total Village cost is around \$3 million with \$1million coming from the Town developers. Our portion is \$2 million. Hardaway asked when the contract needed to be awarded. Hartill stated that it needs to go out in the spring. The project has been held up by the State. Hartill communicated with the head of the region at the last Transportation Committee meeting. She was in communication with the woman who deals with the speed limits.

General Discussion

O'Neill does not feel it is appropriate to have the Community Party meeting here in the Village Office. He thinks it would be more appropriate to hold their caucus in the Community Room. Today Robert Schleelein emailed the Village requesting to reserve the Village Office for the Nominating Caucus of the Community Party. The Board agreed that it would be more appropriate to have the Community Party rent out the Community Hall. Dake will email Schleelein to let him know the Boards decision.

O'Neill expressed his concern with the Village purchasing a parcel with Bolton Point. Hartill stated that the present thinking is that the Village would purchase the parcel then subdivide it into three parcels. One parcel would then be purchased by Bolton Point so they could improve the pump station area on the lake. Another parcel would be created that would be a building lot which the Village would sell. The last lot would include the hillside and lake frontage which the Village would maintain. Poison Ivy Point is on the lake to the left of this lot and this area would be a way to preserve this area as a forever wild park. There is no guarantee that that railroad will keep running. This could then become a very valuable piece of property. People could go there but it would not be developed. This purchase is to help soften the blow for Bolton Point. Hartill would like the Trustees to think about this.

Currently, Bolton Point is paying \$1000 a year to the railroad to be able to cross the tracks to access their current building on the lake. Hartill expects we would have to pay a similar amount to go to our parcels on the other side of the railroad tracks.

Dawson stated that the slope is so steep that no one would be able to build anything there. She would like to see the Village maximize their return. If we keep the slope and water front it is preserving the view shed. That increases the value of that building lot.

Hardaway asked if there would need to be any maintenance on that road that goes down to the lake. Hartill stated that the only maintenance is maintaining the road. Bolton Point does the plowing. Hartill stated that this is an opportunity but it is more being a good citizen. Part of the issue is that the current owners wouldn't let Bolton Point subdivide off a section of the property. If the Village owns the property we can subdivide it. The property has been on the market for 4-5 years. Hartill plans to start talks with the owner when he returns in February.

Hardaway reported on the Consortium meeting he attended. He feels they have great representation and they seem to be well staffed. He is impressed with the focus they have on maintaining costs and providing benefits. There are 50 people on the Consortium Board. He attended the Planning and Benefits Committee meeting last week. This Committee following what is going on with claims. Hardaway stated that he sent an email to the Trustees today with his take away from the meeting. They think that there will be an increase in premium of 2.5% next year. This is probably about half of what others are increasing. Hartill stated that it sounds like they are making good progress. When the Consortium was first formed it started out a little shaking. Now it seems to be expanding in members and doing well. Hardaway stated that they are looking to replace Don Barber with a new director. Barber will stay on as a consultant since he has so much institutional knowledge. The search starts in the next month.

There were no additional comments from the Board.

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 Gerry Monaghan-Aye  
Trustee Ronny Hardaway

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer