

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, May 20, 2019, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees, John O’Neill, Patricia O’Rourke, Randy Smith; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Attorney Bill Troy; Planning Board Member, Monica Moll. Town Supervisor, Ed LaVigne. One additional member of the public was present.

Deputy Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:30pm and opened the public comment period. With no one wishing to speak, Deputy Mayor Hardaway entertained a motion to close the public comment period.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

O’Neill made a motion to close the public comment period. O’Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye	Trustee John O’Neill-Aye
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye	Trustee Patricia O’Rourke-Aye

The next item on the agenda was the approval of minutes.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from May 6, 2019

Smith made a motion to approve the May 6, 2019 minutes. O’Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye	Trustee John O’Neill-Aye
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye	Trustee Patricia O’Rourke-Abstain

**Intermunicipal Wastewater Transportation and Treatment Agreement**

The Board was previously emailed a copy of the final draft of the 2019 Sewer IMA for approval. The Town of Lansing’s attorney, Guy Krogh, had provided the Village with the final draft of the Intermunicipal Wastewater Transportation and Treatment Agreement for approval and signature. Krogh has incorporated into the proposed agreement all of the revisions that Randy Marcus, Village of Cayuga Heights Attorney, had proposed, including all revisions that Brent Cross, Village of Cayuga Heights Engineer, suggested. Krogh also made a few very minor additional language changes for clarity.

Hardaway asked if anyone had any comments or concerns with the document.

Troy had a concern with paragraph 13. Technically, it is supposed to be known by anyone that comes in and buys property in the Village but what if this agreement is not communicated to them by the seller. Troy voiced his concern to both Attorneys Randy Marcus and Guy Krogh. They did not think it would be a big problem. There is not going to be an amendment to this agreement but the solution is for each municipality to amend their sewer law in each of their Codes to reference this agreement. Including paragraph 13 in our Codification would solve the problem. Troy feels that there is a slim chance that this would ever be an issue but to ensure there is not a problem, adding language to the Village of Lansing Code is an easy fix. Troy will come up with a proposed law.

Ed LaVigne, Lansing Town Supervisor, stated that he wanted to make sure his partnering municipalities are comfortable with the agreement. This is a transition to go from measuring by the sewer extension flow and not by dwelling units. LaVigne feels this is just a phase, one of many steps going forward. In a couple of years LaVigne hopes to change the way sewer is being calculated. This would be done with flow meters.

Hardaway asked for some clarification on a couple of items in the agreement. The document is good for 40 years with a review every 5 years and maybe sooner. If the municipalities do nothing then it just renews automatically.

It was asked if a public hearing was needed. Troy stated that a public hearing is not needed because we were not updating a law. This is only an agreement. When we update the Codification to reference Paragraph 13 we will need to have a public hearing since the Village needs to pass a law to revise the Codification.

RESOLUTION#6583-To Approve the 2019 Sewer IMA-Intermunicipal Wastewater Transportation and Treatment Agreement and Authorize Mayor Hartill to Sign the Document and Designate the Supt. of Public Works the Operator of the Village of Lansing Sewer Collection System

Smith made a motion to authorize this resolution. O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye  
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

The next item on the Board of Trustees agenda was to approve the 2019-20 Tax Warrant. The one new thing this year is that Jay Franklin from Tompkins County Assessment has implemented the charge for people that purchase a property where the previous owner had been granted an exemption, such as veterans or senior exemptions, which they aren't qualified to receive. He started this back in 2017 but this is the first tax roll of the Village that has been affected. Our 2019-20 taxes are based on the previous year's assessment. Hardaway entertained the following motion:

Resolution #6584- To Approve the 2019-20 Tax Warrant

WARRANT TO TREASURER TO COLLECT TAXES

To: Jodi L. Dake  
Treasurer of the Village of Lansing

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive and collect from the several names in the assessment roll, hereunto annexed, the several sums named in the last column thereof opposite their respective names, altogether a total of \$793,248.48, for the following purposes:

For the General Fund	719,260.75
For the Special Assessment-Sewer Collector Fund	7,745.10
For Delinquent Water Rents	39,880.58
For Delinquent Sewer Rents	26,231.03
For V Lansing 520	131.02

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive as much thereof as may voluntarily be paid to you from June first to and including July second of this year, without additional charge, and after expiration of the time mentioned to proceed forthwith to collect the residue of the sums not so paid in as aforesaid, with five per centum charge for the first month and an additional one per centum charge for each month and fraction thereof thereafter, and you are to file the tax roll and warrant in your office on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019, at which time the taxes will be returned to the County tax roll.

Trustee O'Neill moved to approve the tax warrant. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

**General Discussion**

Dake stated that she received an email requesting that the sewer charge be waived for 2450 N. Triphammer Road. They had an issue where the basement of this vacant house flooded due to pipes that froze. They will pay the water portion of the bill but are requesting to have the sewer portion waived since it didn't go into the sewer. The Village of Cayuga Heights is also considering waiving their fee at their meeting this evening.

RESOLUTION #6585-To Waive the Sewer Charge on Account N2011 in the Amount of \$100.88.

O'Rourke made a motion to authorize this resolution. O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye  
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Smith stated that he read the email which Dake sent out earlier about including a letter in with the tax bills that will be mailed June 1<sup>st</sup>. Smith felt that there is a lot of information that he was not aware of in the article "What Every Village Resident Should Know". Smith thinks it is a lot of great information. Hardaway would like to have one page sent and have the page give a link to our website for people to find the article. Hardaway feels shorter is better. O'Neill and O'Rourke thought the public would be more apt to read it if they had the paper in front of them. It was decided to include all three pages. The first page will have information about the tax bill, an announcement that we are looking for a seasonal laborer and information about the website. The second two pages will have the rest of the article on "What Every Resident Needs to Know". Dake feels that this is a great opportunity to communicate with Village residents. Hopefully, this will make more residents aware of our website and sign up to receive Village information.

Smith asked Ed LaVigne if the Town of Lansing mailed out letters with their tax bills. LaVigne stated that the Town does not. They do however send out newsletters twice a year.

Moll asked about getting tax bills electronically instead of mailing them. Dake and Troy were unsure if tax bills could be sent electronically or if by law they had to be mailed.

Hardaway reminded everyone to vote in school elections tomorrow.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye  
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Jodi Dake  
Clerk/Treasurer