

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, July 1, 2019, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Ronny Hardaway, John O'Neill, Patricia O'Rourke, Randy Smith; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Attorney Bill Troy; Planning Board Member, Lisa Schleelein; Lansing Star Editor, Dan Veanor; Community Party Observer, Audrey Kahin.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:31pm and opened the public comment period. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Hartill entertained a motion to close the public comment period.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	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 from June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from June 3, 2019

Hardaway made a motion to approve the June 3, 2019 minutes. O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from June 13, 2019

O'Rourke made a motion to approve the June 3, 2019 minutes. Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye	Trustee Randy Smith-Abstain
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye	

**Budget Transfers**

Dake had previously presented the Board with a list of budget transfers that are needed for budget year 2018-19. After consulting with Courtney the following encumbrances also need to be placed. Hartill explained that this is the way we close out the year.

Resolution #6596-Approving the Following Budget Transfers and Encumbrances:

**2018-19 BUDGET TRANSFERS- GENERAL FUND**

Be it RESOLVED to transfer

- \$ 133.00 from General Government Support, Special Items, Contingent Account, A1990.4, to General Government Support, Central Garage, Contractual, A1640.4
- \$3,512.00 from General Government Support, Special Items, Unallocated Insurance, A1910.4, to Public Safety, Code Enforcement Officer, Personal Services, A3620.11 (When Adam left we had to pay his PTBA time.)
- \$ 642.00 from Public Safety, Code Enforcement Officer, Contractual, A3620.4 to Public Safety, Code Enforcement Officer, Equipment, A3620.2
- \$1,975.00 from Transportation, Street Maintenance, Summer Laborer, A5110.14 to Transportation, Street Maintenance, Personal Services, A5110.12 (Chris Zavaski's overtime)
- \$ 107.00 from Transportation, Street Maintenance, Summer Laborer, A5110.14 to Transportation, Street Maintenance, Personal Services, A5110.13 (Nolan Hatfield's overtime)
- \$58,265.00 from Home & Community Services, Storm Sewers, A8140.4 to Transportation, Street Maintenance, Contractual, A5110.4
- \$31,123.00 from Home & Community Services, Storm Sewers, A8140.4 to Transportation, Snow Removal, Contractual, A5142.4

\*\*Use A8140.4 Storm Sewers \$153K because we didn't do Highgate Circle Storm which was budgeted for \$100,000 or \$20,000 for storm retention mapping or \$35,000 miscellaneous storm placement

- \$ 3,512.00 from General Government Support, Clerk, PT Clerk Personnel Services A1410.11, to Home & Community, Zoning, Personal Services, A8010.1 (When Adam left we had to pay his PTBA time.)
- \$ 1,390.00 from Home & Community, Planning, Legal Expenses, A8020.41 to Home & Community, Planning, Engineer, A8020.43
- \$ 51.00 from Employee Benefits, Hospital & Medical Insurance, A9060.8 to Employee Benefits, Life Insurance, A9045.8
- \$ 175.00 from Employee Benefits, Hospital & Medical Insurance, A9060.8 to Employee Benefits, Disability Insurance, A9055.8
- \$ 7.00 from Employee Benefits, Hospital & Medical Insurance, A9060.8 to Employee Benefits, Long Term Disability, A9055.83

**2018-19 BUDGET TRANSFERS- WATER FUND**

- \$ 95.00 from General Government Support, Special Items, Contingent Account, F1990.4 to Home & Community Services, Source of Supply, Power & Pumping, Electric, F8320.41
- \$16,950.00 from Home & Community Services, Transmission & Distribution, Equipment, F8340.2 to Home & Community Services, Transmission & Distribution, Contractual, F8340.4

**2018-19 BUDGET TRANSFERS- SEWER FUND**

- \$10,000.00 from General Government Support , Special Items, Contingent Account, G1990.4 to General Government Support, Engineering, Contractual, G1440.4
- \$23,400.00 from Home & Community Services, Sanitary Sewers-Contractual I&I, G8120.4 to General Government Support, Engineering, Contractual, G1440.4
- \$48,035.00 from Home & Community Services, Sanitary Sewers-Contractual I&I, G8120.4 to Home & Community Services, Other Sanitation, Intergovernmental Charges, G8189.4

**ENCUMBRANCES**

- \$90,200- F8340.2-Northwood water main replacement construction and technical
- \$143,000-A5110.2-Street Maintenance Equipment-Stadium International Truck
- \$91,539-A5142.2-Snow Removal Equipment Stadium International Truck  
Total cost of Truck-\$234,539
- \$15,000-A5410.21-Sidewalks-Dart to Northwood Park Ballfield, finish blacktop trails up
- \$7,200- A5112.2 Concrete on Beckett Way

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

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

The next item on the agenda was to consider the request to change the conditions of the Final Plat Approval for Lansing Trails II Subdivision as last amended by the Village of Lansing on September 11, 2007. Hartill stated that this has been a long process. At one point it was contested that IJ Construction would not be turning this over to the Village. There was a contested election because of that piece of property. We are now at the point where they are ready to give the necessary easements.

Troy explained Larry Fabbroni is the engineer for the Jonson's. Fabbroni sent a proposed series of changes to the Village. Troy stated that he met with Mike Scott today and went through the proposed changes.

1. The outer reach of the property is up against the Bomax property which is basically where the sewer is. They don't want to do that walkway. They want to move the walkways and put in walkways on the other side. What this does is hook up to trails that already exist.
2. Next they are requesting that they be able to extend the streetlights in stages as the road goes in. Currently, they are not able to obtain Certificates of Occupancy unless all street lighting is installed. They are also requesting that the deadline for extension of lighting for Nor Way the full length from Bomax to Janivar Drive be extended until November 2022.
3. Propose a name change for a small section of road that doesn't have a name.
4. In return, they will drop all claims to the sewer line right of way between units P13-D and P14-F and dedicate them to the Village.

Troy stated that this seems reasonable and if the Board would like he will create a proposal.

Schleelein stated that they met with Larry Fabbroni when they first came up with this proposal and the sidewalk placement seemed very logical. The lighting came about because of the gas moratorium. The electrical connections for the street lighting would have gone in as they installed the gas but they can't do gas. Schleelein feels it would be very logical to add the street lighting as they go along. The Planning Board thought it was pretty reasonable. Also the trail connections make sense.

Troy stated that Mike Scott can take the Trustees out to see the area they are talking about.

Hardaway was concerned because in prior developments the staging of the street lights was done poorly. They had problems connecting the stages of lighting. He stated that Courtney seems to think it was ok but Hardaway would like to confirm that it will be done properly. That road is fairly dark which is dangerous. Lighting is needed to make the whole street safe. O'Neill agreed with Hardaway in that there are three parks and he feels the lights need to be redone because they are not uniform.

Hardaway stated that there were problems with Lansing Trails I. The Village needs to make sure the stages have enough light to make the roads safe. Schleelein stated that we need an approved lighting plan. Mike Baker had previously brought up the safety issue and would like the street lights to go all the way down. The Board asked Schleelein if she would have Baker write his concerns and email them to Dake so she could then share them with Troy and the Board of Trustees.

Hardaway feels the extension of the sidewalk would be perfect. He thinks we should talk to Courtney and at least put in junction boxes and then posts when they build.

O'Neill stated that he disagreed with naming the short stretch of road between Janivar Drive and Nor Way as Ivar's Way. Janivar Drive is already named after Janet and Ivar. Hartill suggested waiting until we have a resolution put together. Troy will draft up a resolution for next Mondays meeting.

IJ Construction has sold four townhouses so that is why this is coming up again. They cannot get a Certificate of Occupancy until this is worked out. Previously at a meeting Troy told Lisa Bonniwell, Janet Jonson's daughter, to make sure their lawyer called him and Troy never heard anything for months. Now it is a pressing issue.

### **Mayor's Comments**

Hartill stated that he hasn't heard anything back from the Public Service Commission regarding their visit with them a couple of weeks ago. Hartill is not optimistic about having the gas moratorium lifted. Hartill pointed out that the current grid is vintage. It was designed in the 1940-50's. Now his understanding is the load is, at times, 90% of its capacity which is a problem. We have had several electric outages recently in Lansing. Right now every new resident has to revamped wiring to support 40-50 units. If we do a retrofit in the Village with air source heat pumps we would be in the same boat. Not getting the benefit from the cycle they use. Hartill is very much in favor of moving forward but we need to do it in a sensible way.

We are making progress with Graham Road West thanks to Dake. She received an email regarding a finance issue and got name of a person that could actually make a decision. The road we would take over from the Shops at Ithaca Mall would extend all the way down to BJ's second entrance. Our engineer is now getting all the survey information so we can take over the road and sidewalk. All in all we are making good progress. The sidewalk that runs along the YMCA would cross over at a three way stops and continue up the south side of Graham Road West in front of the pediatrician's office up to N. Triphammer Road.

Randy Scott has been looking into what we can do to look at saving a little energy. We have thought about solar panels on the south side of the garage roof.

Hartill stated that regarding the sewer line that will be installed from the Town of Lansing up East Shore Drive to Cayuga Heights Road, we are waiting for easements. Hartill stated that it was found that in 1908 that Cayuga Heights Road was dedicated and the residents along that road do not own to the center line like East Shore Drive. Hartill would also like to normalize the intersection of Cayuga Heights Road and East Shore Drive. To do this we would have to purchase less than an acre land from Seacord. There is a pond there that complicates this.

Schleelein asked the Mayor when he would be attending a Planning Board meeting to talk to the Planning Board about changing lot lines. Hartill stated that it would be the end of July or August.

Dake stated that she received a call today from the General Manager of Homewood Suites requesting that their late fees for last quarter be waived. He claimed that their mail has been getting delivered to the neighbors and he has contacted the post office regarding the issue. Back in July 2017 was the last time they were late. The Board was hesitant to wave the late penalty given their past history and reasoning. However, the Board agreed to refund half of the late penalty for April and requested that Dake write a stern email to let them know that as a kind gesture we are refunding half of the late penalty and that this is the last time their late fee will be waived.

Resolution #6597 -To Waive the Late fees on Account M1662 in the Amount of \$228.40 for Water Penalties and \$162.33 for Sewer Penalties

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye

Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye

Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Dake stated that she would be on vacation next week and would not be here for the Thursday meeting. She requested that the approval of vouchers be postponed until Monday. They agreed that the vouchers could be approved on Monday. Hartill asked if the Board wanted to cancel Thursday's noon meeting. Hardaway suggested that the Thursday meeting would be a good time for Scott to talk to the Board about Lansing Trails II Changes. Hardaway agreed to do the minutes for that meeting.

O'Rourke asked if the Village would be taking over the road that runs in front of Target. That would remain a road owned and maintained by the Mall. O'Rourke pointed out that that road is also in bad shape.

Randy Smith asked who takes care of the power in the Lansing Trails Development. The Village pays for electric to power the streetlights. We also maintain the sidewalks that have been dedicated to us. Hartill added that we have a new John Deer tractor that can plow the sidewalks.

Smith asked what has been learned from the Lansing Trails Subdivision that can be applied to the upcoming Beer project. Hartill stated that installing sidewalks is the responsibility of the developer. The Village does not install the electric infrastructure. NYSEG supplies power. The developers do all infrastructures. Beer will be responsible to maintain all of the infrastructure in their new development unless they dedicate it to the Village. Then to accept the infrastructure it has to be up to Village standards.. Hartill went on to explain that the Village is responsible for the pipes that carry water to the properties and the sewer lines but property owners are responsible for the lines from the road to their building. The roads we are responsible for maintaining once the developer turns them over to the Village. There are a few private roads in the Village. East Pointe apartments will have to maintain the road in their complex off of Bomax. Roads have to

be built to Village specifications if the developer wants to turn the road over to the Village.

Schleelein stated that now with street lighting we are using less light and asking for light to not trespass to other properties.

Hardaway asked how the streetlights are metered. Hartill stated that the Village pays per streetlight. On N. Triphammer Road we changed to LED which saves us about \$100 a month on electricity costs plus saves on maintenance because the balusters were continually failing. Hartill stated that we are also careful about the color of light the streetlights produce. We want the streetlights to be more of a natural as compared to blue light.

O'Neill was happy to hear the plans for Graham Road West.

O'Neill would like to have the building's exterior windows cleaned. Dake stated that she cleaned the exterior windows of her office and the grime was back in a matter of days. Our cleaning service doesn't do exterior windows so we would need to find someone else to clean the windows. Hartill stated that we have a lot of dust in this area.

Smith stated that Cayuga Operating Company representatives gave a public presentation on the Empire State Data Hub and solar projects at the Lansing Town Hall on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The public submitted questions which they answered and the public also had an opportunity to ask additional questions. This new enterprise would require turning the existing power plant site in Lansing into a 100 megawatt data center. Smith feels that if this ever comes to fruition, it will be a long project that is at least 3-4 years out. The problem is getting power allocation given all the other stuff that is going on in the area with electric & gas. Dan Veanor stated that a video of that meeting is available on the Lansing Star website.

#### Motion to Adjourn

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

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

Trustee Ronny Hardaway- Aye  
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Jodi Dake  
Clerk/Treasurer