

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, August 13, 2020, via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill, Trustees Ronny Hardaway, Patricia O'Rourke and Randy Smith; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Michael Scott; Working Supervisor, John Courtney; MEO, Nolan Hatfield and Chris Zavaski; Simon Moll, BZA Member.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Smith stated that he noticed that the highway department is installing the Shannon Park sign. Smith thinks that he is the only Trustee that has not gone to visit Lansing Meadows but intends to meet with Eric at 9am on Monday. Smith has retired and no longer has his computer, which is where he kept his YMCA and Village of Lansing information. He has not gotten that information back from Incodema yet. Smith has taken over the lighting section of the CSC Taskforce. He has been charged with reviewing the rules and regulations that were created back in 1999 to see what needs updating.

Smith stated that we are still working with Maguire on their lighting issue. Courtney went to visit Maguire about their sewer and they do not want to do a 50% reduction in lighting at night.

O'Rourke stated that she did the tour of Lansing Meadows.

Hardaway reported that there was a car burglary on Dart Drive in the last few days. It is the second one in a short period of time. Hardaway asked the Trustees to consider installing streetlights on Dart Drive to increase the safety on his street at night which is very dark. He would like to see the Village do this part of the Dart Drive improvements and not postpone it. He feels it will help with safety on the street and might also deter some car burglaries. Courtney added that the plan was to use the existing NYSEG poles. To get streetlights Courtney will have to go online with NYSEG, get a resolution to authorize it and a little bit of paperwork. The plan is to have NYSEG supply the light fixtures, maintenance and energy on the existing poles.

Hardaway asked if we had heard back from Verizon on the 5G request in the Village right-of-way. Neither Hartill or Hardaway had heard back on the requests. Dake suggested that Hardaway send him an email before the next meeting. Hardaway will send Greg an email.

Hardaway asked if we had any more responses on sewer extension. Hartill stated that we have received one more signed easement.

Hardaway reported that the Greenway Committee is going to meet on August 26th. They meet at least annually to review the Greenway Plan to see if it needs any revisions and this

is a kick off to that. They will also be discussing a tree ordinance that Simon has provided a first draft of. After the Committee reviews they will send it to the Trustees, Planning Board and staff for their review.

The Climate Smart Communities Committee is meeting August 20, 2020 to talk about status for pledge element tasks that they are currently working on. The Greenhouse Gas Inventory (GHG) document is in process. The CCE has made pretty good progress with that document. Hardaway still needs to complete his 2013-14 NYSEG utility research that he started. Hardaway stated that we need the commuting patterns of our staff and requested that each employee report. Smith feels that that information is none of anyone's business. It is their personal vehicles. Hardaway stated that they are trying to see how far the employees live away and how much fossil fuel they use. Smith feels this is ridiculous and if it was him, he would encourage the employees not to participate. Hardaway stated that that is fine, and we can state that on the survey. Simon Moll stated that this is targeted to larger government offices where they are looking at the carpooling option which does not really fit for us. Moll feels we should report as part of a pledge element even though nothing will come of it. Hardaway will send the survey out and if employees do not respond he will just say that with five employees we felt that the results would not be that valuable.

All Trustees have received copies of all the vouchers and Abstracts that need to be approved today.

Resolution #6656- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$127,785.36 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$3,487.36 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$6,060.79 is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee O'Rourke moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Courtney reported that they have been putting in signs and benches, mowing and preparing for the Catherwood Drive water project. They plan to start the Catherwood Road project next Wednesday or Thursday. He would like to pull one of the information boards from one of the parks for that project. Hartill agreed and told Courtney to decide which park he will take it from. They paved the trails at Northwood Road and the park parking lot.

Courtney had a meeting with the pipe supplier on the replacement pipe at Graham Road by Dart Drive.

Courtney stated that for the sewer expansion to the Town we are not just waiting on the easements, we are waiting for the plans to be completed as well. The conceptual plans are done and now TG Miller is working on the details, adding typography and all the specs. Once this is completed we will have to get the attorneys to review and get their opinion back to TG Miller.

Simon Moll wanted to know where the Village was with the Dart sidewalk improvement project. Speeding is still a concern on Dart Drive. Hartill stated that the problem is that about 20% of our funding comes from sales tax, tax revenue and state support funding which is being cut due to COVID-19. Courtney is unsure if we will be getting any CHIPS funding this year.

The Mayor left to go to another Zoom meeting at 12:30.

Courtney asked Hardaway if there were any plans for the park at the end of Craft Road. Ronny would like to get feedback from the residence in that area. He would like to see trees planted there and some landscaping. That park does not seem to be used much. Courtney asked if there was any objection to removing the underbrush in Shannon Park. They did not object to the removal of the honey suckle and boxthorn that is just behind the sign to allow them to square up the area.

Scott asked Courtney how difficult it would be to put a streetlight up on St. Joseph. He had a resident inquire. Courtney believes he has already explained it to Olga. The issue is putting up a streetlight where 5 of 9 residents do not want it. If the whole neighborhood wants a streetlight then the Board of Trustees could do a resolution to get a streetlight.

Scott also asked Courtney if he had done the estimate for the sidewalk at Lansing Meadows. Courtney said he revised the first estimate he sent after doing some utilities research. The new estimate includes a contingency factor and is around \$122,000. He will email it to Scott again. Scott stated that this will be coming to the Trustees regarding setting up an escrow for a sidewalk as part of a Special Permit.

Scott reported that there has been an increase in permits over the last month. There is a new house going up on the last open lot on Jon Stone Circle. Someone is also going to build a house on the last lot on Millcroft Way. House construction at 12 Esty Drive and Blackchin will be starting this month.

University Park Apartments are moving along. They are trying to do them in three phases. This is the area that was destroyed by a fire. They are rebuilding that with an extra four units.

Scott stated that IJ Construction is building a fourplex on Nor Way. IJ has sold three of the six units they just built. Courtney stated that previously he was concerned with the

elevation and close proximity to the road. Scott has been keeping a close eye on that and has spoken with Doug Dire and Fabroni senior.

Commercial activity has also picked up Integrated is doing renovations to 10, 30 and 53 Brown Road. They are changing some of that over to COVID-19 testing labs. They are moving quickly. Scott is up there a couple of times a day. Tompkins Trust Company is looking for a special permit to build on to the front of their building on N. Triphammer Road. Scott will let Courtney look over those plans.

Scott stated that most of the Trustees had done a walkthrough of Lansing Meadows with Eric Goetzman and Jim Bold.

The Shops at Ithaca Mall has come to the Planning Board to subdivide the mall. The Planning Board is really looking into the infrastructure of this building to protect the Village. Each new parcel would need their own water meter. The concern is the mall currently owns all the infrastructure on that property and it is in poor condition. The Village does not want to take over that problem. The meter currently ties into our new water main on Catherwood Road. The Planning Board needs reassurance that the infrastructure is in decent shape before agreeing to allow a subdivision. Hardaway wondered if we could set up some sort of escrow to protect the Village if the infrastructure failed and the mall owners walked away. Scott will ask Attorney Troy.

Smith asked if the Village owns the sewer that runs under the mall. Courtney stated that we do not, they are private sewer lines that the mall owns. Courtney added that they have a big sewer breakage right now under Sicilian Delight. Courtney found out that they were fixing it and he has pictures to document it. He believes there are a lot of failures under the mall. The problem is that all the businesses are using a common sewer lateral. Courtney stated that Drain Brain will not jet the main truck because the bottom is missing out of the pipe. To remedy this, they will have to reline everything, which is what they are doing. It adds life but it is not as good as new. Smith pointed out if they are doing that then they are shrinking the pipe. Courtney stated that it is only by a half of an inch. O'Rourke asked if the Planning Board was looking at all this. Scott assured her that they were.

Smith feels we need to protect our constituency. What goes on at the Mall affects Shannon Park areas. Whenever it rains hard, all that stuff comes down the parking lot. There is supposed to be some kind of drainage down there but over the years it has filled up. It is overgrown. Now when there is a heavy rain, it floods over into Shannon Park. Smith feels all this needs to be addressed somehow.

Scott spoke with Brent Cross regarding the fuel station next to the airport. Even though the fueling station is in our jurisdiction, the County does all the inspections. Scott would like something in writing that releases the Village from any liability. Courtney stated that he is also concerned because our water main goes through that property. They reduced the cover on the water main to expose it which makes it more susceptible to freezing. Scott agreed that this is all information that the Village needs to know. Hardaway wondered if the FAA might also be responsible for that inspection since it is a fuel farm next to the airport. Scotts

main concern is that the inspections are getting done properly. Hardaway thinks that Bill Troy should be able to help us with some sort of clause. Hardaway has been attending the Air Services Board so he will ask Mike Hall. Courtney will get Hardaway a map of where the water line is. Courtney stated that Bolton Point was the one that brought the water line issue to his attention because they were up there doing some kind of inspection or locating of water lines. Scott stated that he had spoken with Mike Hall this morning.

Simon Moll stated that he and some local families hired Soccer Shots out of Binghamton to do a private clinic for kids at Hartill Park. Soccer Shots liked the location and the condition of the park and plan to use the Hartill Park as one of their future destinations.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee O'Rourke moved for adjournment Trustee Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:04pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer