

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, November 12, 2020, via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill, Trustees Ronny Hardaway, Simon Moll, Patricia O'Rourke and Randy Smith; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Michael Scott; Working Supervisor, John Courtney; Attorney Bill Troy.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 11:10pm.

Courtney stated that they spread salt last week on the bridges and upper Village because the roads were icy. He has done a lot of zoom meetings this month. Courtney is working with TG Miller to get flow meters that can be installed in our sewer lines. They will use the same software as the Ithaca Area Sewer Plant uses. It will use a flume, basically a Greyline logger. Dondi, TG Miller Engineer, has been working closely with the City of Ithaca and Brent Cross, Village of Cayuga Heights Engineer. Since a flow meter is a specialty item, it is hard to get multiple bids. Courtney thinks it will be nice to get the data flowing again rather than having to pick it up by laptop. Hartill stated that it is important to take the 10 minutes and do the interval monitoring. It gives us a handle on where our I&I is coming from. Hartill is looking into getting a portable Teledyne unit, which is a laser, that you can just put in a manhole, but the price has increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The Town of Lansing will also be installing a flow meter to capture the Horizon Drive area flow into the Village.

Courtney has also been working on the Lansing Meadows PDA review. The frustration continues to be that when Goetzmann comes to the Village he only gives us little bits of information and not disclosing the whole project.

Smith questioned the lack of activity on the Lansing Meadows site for the last couple of weeks, even with the gorgeous weather we have had. Courtney feels there is no excuse for not working. There needed to be a lot of work done to accept the water line, whether it is private or it is public. On the upper eastern end of the project towards the commercial lot there are big giant piles that are in the path of the water main that need to be cut down, taken out, whatever. Courtney does not know what the motive is behind no work, but he is concerned. Scott stated that he agrees with Courtney. As far as the interior goes, they have had their framing inspections and they have been working on the electrical and plumbing. They have not called for an inspection on either one of those. Eric did mention that he wanted to get the power into the buildings so they can sheetrock, but they are still a long way away from that. They also have temporary power there, so Scott does not know why it is not moving along as far as the interior goes.

Moll asked if they had escrowed money for the sidewalk. That amount has been set by the Trustees but Goetzmann has not paid it yet.

Courtney explained a situation where they had an issue with the sewer traps at Lansing Meadows that cause conflicts with the water services. It is very difficult for the Village to reveal anything accurately when the plans are constantly being changed.

Courtney stated that the St. Joseph/Votapka area residents got a petition together to get streetlights in their area. Courtney is dealing with NYSEG regarding getting cobra heads mounted to the poles that are there.

Scott asked Hartill if he wanted to write a letter to Lisa Bonniwell regarding the trees they planted on Nor Way. Scott feels that Bonniwell has gone over and above what the Village agreed to pay for. Hartill will write a letter to Bonniwell. The original letter from Hartill stated that once the land is dedicated to the Village, the Village will plant 10 certain size trees. Bonniwell went ahead and planted trees and they are dying.

Courtney stated that he spoke with David Fernandez, Cayuga Landscaping, and he was impressed with how good our trees look along N. Triphammer Rd. There are a few dead trees but we will be replacing them in the spring along with planting trees

Troy asked when the Lansing Meadows building permit was up. Scott stated that it was going to be up this past July but because of Covid-19, all building permits were extended 120 days. Goetzmann will have to renew his building permits at that time. As part of the special permit, Goetzmann will need to come back to address a couple of conditions concerning not being done by a certain date. Scott told Goetzmann this in September and advised him not to wait until the last minute to come in and discuss this with the Planning Board. Scott has not heard from Goetzmann and there is not another Planning Board meeting until December 14th. Technically, Scott could put a stop work order on the project because they are violating the special permit that allowed them to get the building permit.

Courtney gave an update on the progress of the Mall subdividing. Courtney stated he and Scott had a meeting with Bolton Point and it was agreed that under the ECCR agreement, The Shops at Ithaca Mall could keep the meter to feed multiple parcels when they subdivide. The Mall is getting the Village more videos and inspection reports on their sewer. The Village is also working to protect our western residents on the storm sewer. Smith stated that Scott presented a map to the mall representatives at the last Planning Board meeting which showed all the sewer lines on their property and they were very receptive to correcting all the stormwater issues. Hartill stated that at the Bolton Point meeting it was pointed out that the mall is leaking 800 gallons an hour under the mall from the water main. Courtney stated that there is also extra flow in the sewer lines. The mall plans to set up a Declaration of Easements Covenants Conditions and Restrictions (ECCR) which is very similar to an Homeowners Association (HOA). Troy suggested that the ECCR be run by Bolton Point also.

Courtney stated that the sewer invoice for Lansing Meadows should be for water. (Sewer voucher #16) Since the checks have already been cut, Dake will do a General Journal entry to move the money from Water Fund to the Sewer fund to cover that. The Village will need to keep track of these expenses for water engineering because if this area is subdivided then

that will come out of Lansing Meadows Escrow Account that Goetzmann will be required to set up for a subdivision to cover engineering and legal expenses associated with the subdivision.

Resolution #6688- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$111,906.17 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$195,369.25 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 6 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$67,001.64 is hereby approved for payment.

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye
Trustee Simon Moll-Aye

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

Hartill stated that the university has a Town and Gown affair every fall and the Mayor has put John O'Neill forward for recognition of his 20 years of service for the Village. The event will be via zoom on November 21st. Hartill reported that Bolton Point has two positive COVID-19 cases and asked everyone to be very careful.

Moll reported on the meeting that he and Dake had with Community Solar. He had previously emailed a summary to the Trustees and wondered how the Village wanted to proceed. The Village will do a soft opening and then in the Spring put something in the Village Newsletter.

Dake stated that our accountants were in the office Monday and Tuesday to work on the annual accounting audit. This year they are doing a full audit, not a review.

Unpaid Taxes to Tompkins County

Eighteen taxpayers have not paid their taxes totaling \$6,530.82 plus 8% penalties of \$522.47. Hartill explained that every year the Village taxes that are unpaid get turned over to Tompkins County for collection. They are relieved on the Town & County Tax Bill, and the County reimburses the Village in the spring.

Resolution #6689-To Forward the Delinquent Village Taxes in the Amount of \$7,053.29 to Tompkins County

Trustee Smith moved this resolution. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the

motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye	Trustee Simon Moll-Aye
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye	

All Trustees were asked to stop in and sign the Certificate of Trustees to Relevy.

Dake stated that the Trustees have a full agenda for Monday which she will be sending out later today once she receives a couple of resolutions back from Troy.

Scott stated that The Council came to the Planning Board. Scott has drafted a letter to them describing his categorization that he will first send to their attorney to review. The next step for them is to either go to the Board of Zoning Appeals to challenge my decision for the categorization or try to get a use variance. Scott is characterizing this as a hospital according to the Village Codification definition.

Scott stated that he had not done anything with the Hazard Mitigation at this point.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Smith moved for adjournment Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Randy Smith-Aye
Trustee Simon Moll-Aye	

The meeting adjourned at 1:04pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer