

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, February 11, 2021, 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, MEO's, Nolan Hatfield and Chris Zavaski

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:08pm.

O'Rourke asked about the purchase of a new truck. Courtney stated that the one-ton dump truck with plow was encumbered and finally came in. Courtney stated that he will also need to surplus the other truck so that he can take it to auction.

Resolution #6707- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$100,697.43 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$38,023.12 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$15,893.85 is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee O'Rourke moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted, and Trustee Moll 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 praised the highway department for the great job they did plowing snow during the last snowstorm. He feels we do much better than neighboring municipalities. Courtney attributed that to having good equipment to work with. Courtney stated that we have a full salt barn again. The Village received a delivery of 280 tons of salt on Friday. Smith asked how much salt was used for a run with 1" of snow. Courtney stated that it takes between 12 and 15 ton. Hartill reminded the Board that we plow 18 miles of road.

Courtney has been working on getting the Warren Road Waterline Project together. Courtney stated that the new engineer at Tompkins County is making it very difficult which could result in costing the Village a significant amount more. This water line feeds all the businesses of Warren Road and is vital to our infrastructure.

There are still 4 easements needed for the sewer expansion that goes down East Shore Drive to the Town of Lansing, however, Courtney thinks that the NYSDOT will allow us to go in their right-of-way so that we do not need those easements. Courtney would like to see this project go out to bid in March.

Courtney stated that he will be working on the Budget on Monday.

Courtney had sent Moll the TG Miller quote for Dart Drive. Moll asked about doing the Dart Drive Sidewalk Project in house. There is always potential to do it in phases. Courtney feels that the Village can save a significant amount of money if it is done inhouse. \$575,000 is currently in the budget which is the estimate that TG Miller gave if the project went out to bid verses \$250,000, what Courtney thinks it can be done for inhouse. Moll asked if this would be something that the Village would have time to do because he did not want to tie them up. Moll was concern with all these sidewalks being planned and how it would affect the guys with maintenance. Courtney stated that they now have the equipment they need to make the job easier. Courtney stated that any time there is potential for developers to install sidewalks and the Boards want it, he is all for that.

Hardaway asked if the waterline would go in and then the Dart Drive sidewalk could potentially go in in phases. Courtney explained that the water line was only going in on Graham Road and up a little ways on Dart Drive. However, there are 13 sewer issues up Dart Drive. He also wants to make the culvert wide enough to accept the sidewalk. Courtney plans to do that in the spring once the Village gets approval from the Army Corp of Engineers and NYSDEC. Courtney wants to make sure the water and sewer are functioning correctly before he deals with the sidewalk. We have already purchased the 700 feet of sewer pipe that will go from Big Lots area to the corner. It will go underneath that big culvert.

Courtney stated that there are three projects that he is looking at. Graham Road West will be a full reconstruction to the intersecting loop road. We will also get an easement to allow the plow to turn around. Scott is working on getting all the subdivisions with the Shops at Ithaca Mall. Courtney will be getting plans to Scott for Graham Road West and Pyramid Drive.

Courtney will be moving forward with the sewer expansion project. The Board had no issues with that. Courtney will send the updated plans to the Board. There will be laterals for residents to connect to.

Scott stated that the mall was proceeding towards their Final Plat. They have a few issues that they are trying to iron out. At the last Planning Board meeting, mall representatives, Mike Gavin and Ken Farrell, came in with a summary of all the suggested and agreed upon improvements to the storm water on that property and an agenda of the times when it will be taken care of.

Lansing Meadows is working on their first building. Scott went and did their insulation

inspection today. The escrow account for East Pointe streetlighting has been established.

Dake asked if the Board wanted to set a public hearing for proposed Local Law C which would add the “special care facility” to CMT District. At the last meeting the Trustees requested that this be done at the same time as Local Law B. The proposed law was previously emailed to all Trustees and attorney to review.

Motion-To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law C (2021)-
Amendment to Village of Lansing Code/Zoning Law to Include
“Special Care Facilities” as a Use Permitted with a Special Permit
in the Commercial Medium Traffic District for March 1, 2021 at
7:50pm

Trustee Moll moved to set a public hearing 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-No response
Trustee Simon Moll-Aye	

The final accounting audit is being finalized. The accountant should have it to us in the next week. Dake has been busy with budget. She has been meeting with people, training and helping others with the budget.

O’Rourke stated that she has contacted Anne Furry, Lynn Leopold and Gerry Monaghan and they are all happy to contribute to working on the recognition of people that have contributed to the Village. O’Rourke will be contacting Ashley Blank at St. Catherine’s to ask for information on their glass panels. Hardaway’s only concern with the glass panels was how we would keep them clean. O’Rourke will ask Ashley Blank what she thinks. O’Rourke feels this glass panel idea would allow us to recognize more people rather than having individual plaques. Hartill thinks the glass plaques would look very nice.

Hardaway stated that he was talking to Brian Quadrozzi, Fire Inspector, and his computer was very slow and outdated. Dake suggested that we let him use the computer that the Clerk Part-Time used to use. Hartill thought that was a very good path forward since it is fairly new and not being used.

Smith asked why the Village needs more sidewalks. He understands having them on Triphammer Road but wondered why we need more sidewalks to maintain. If the Village is going to put a sidewalk in on Dart Drive, then why don’t we also do Cayuga Heights Road that has big sharp angles and people running there all the time? Smith asked if we were also going to do them in Shannon Park. Smith stated that he is not in this camp yet. He can not figure out why this makes sense.

Hardaway stated that from the Greenway Committee, we are basically taking people off the roads and streets and putting pedestrians in a safer environment. We eventually want

to make all of our Village walkable so people can get to services or businesses by walking or biking. Hardaway stated that Carolyn Greenwald and Monica Moll are working on a sidewalk policy or an amendment to our Village Codification. It would still be up to the Board of Trustees to make ultimate decisions. Smith thinks that it seems to be anti-green to him, adding more nonporous surfaces.

O'Rourke stated that at the Planning Board meeting, Schleelein asked her to look at the plans once Greenwald got it together. O'Rourke stated that she would be happy to look at it. O'Rourke walks a lot, but she also is not sure we need to have sidewalks everywhere.

Smith understands getting to the malls, that makes sense. Moll thinks it is giving an alternate method of transportation. He thinks we can decrease traffic and a sidewalk provides walkability and bike ability. Moll stated that on Dart Drive there are a lot of kids on their street that go to the park. He feels it is unsafe to walk on the road shoulder. People travel fast on Dart Drive. Moll feels adding a sidewalk will give people a safe way to walk if they choose. Moll thinks having sidewalks will help slow traffic down.

Hartill stated that one thing you want to be careful about, especially on Dart Drive, the sidewalk is going to make it look like a wide road and people are going to go faster. You have to be somewhat careful about the visual prospects.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Simon Moll-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Randy Smith-No response

The meeting adjourned at 1:06pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer