

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, March 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 12:06pm. Hartill stated that the Budget information has been collected from everyone and is being presented today.

Dake has sent everyone the updated budget information and asked if anyone had any questions or proposed changes to the Preliminary Budget. The 2021-22 Preliminary Budget will be discussed in detail at Monday's meeting. The hope is to have the Budget Public Hearing on April 5th which means there needs to be a final Proposed Budget on Monday.

Dake stated that Hardaway's request for a small pavilion in Ned Hickey Park was added along with 2 additional park benches, one at Shannon Park and one at Ned Hickey Park, and money for fertilizing and reseeding the playing field at Hartill Park. Courtney stated that there is already a bench in Shannon Park. Hardaway stated that they had requested another bench through the Greenway Committee. Smith stated that he had heard interest in a pavilion going in Shannon Park. Hardaway stated that the feedback the Greenway Committee received was that they would like to leave that area open for kids to play. It could be something that is considered in the future. Courtney feels that in the future we may need to add a pull off area for cars at Ned Hickey Park.

Dake asked if anyone had any questions about the Pandemic Operation Plan. Dake created the plan using Bolton Points Plan as a framework. It has been reviewed by Troy. The Plan will be on Monday night's agenda. Hardaway thinks the plan looks really good.

Dake would like to have everyone's newsletter articles by March 24th. We hope to be able to set a public hearing for the Budget at Monday's meeting. This information will be included in the newsletter along with election information. Smith would like to include an article on the pathway to Shannon Park. Scott and Courtney will get information to Smith.

Dake asked if the Board would like to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6714- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$46,845.18 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$10,769.31 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$11,222.81 is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Hardaway 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 Simon Moll-Aye

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

Scott stated that the mall subdivision was approved with quite a few conditions. On March 30th the Beers will be back to give the Planning Board a review. It has been two years since their preliminary plat approval. The Beers also have a preliminary final plat for the Planning Board to look at. Scott reported that we did receive the 239 back from the County and they have no recommendations. The Planning Board has also sent the Trustees their recommendation for the zoning change on Uptown Road.

Scott would like to have a discussion with Brent Cross about what a “sewer unit” actually is. Dake stated that she could get him the formula used for determining commercial units. Hartill stated that it basically comes down to how effective we are at controlling I&I throughout the whole system, which is the Ithaca Area Plant, the Cayuga Heights Plant and all the infrastructure associated with that. A half inch diameter hole in a sewer line is ~10 gallons a minute. We are adding meters that go into a database so that we can monitor much better than we have in the past.

Courtney stated that the guys have been getting the equipment ready for summer. A car hit the streetlight contactor in front of the office, and we are working with the insurance company to get that replaced. A few streetlights are out on N. Triphammer because of this but they should be back up within a month. There was a Friday night water main break that took until 1am to fix.

Simon previously emailed the Trustees a resolution to launch a community solar campaign. NYSERDA is offering \$5,000 grants for launching a Community Solar campaign. If we are able to connect 10 Village customers (residential, business, municipal) to community solar, we are eligible for the \$5,000 grant. The distribution of the grant is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Simon has shared this document with the CSC taskforce, NY Solar Farms and Terry Carroll from the Cornell Cooperative Extension and they have all approved of it. Terry has suggested that the Trustees pass a resolution of support of the Community Solar campaign. This will also earn the Village points toward additional grants as part of the Clean Energy Communities program and earns the Village points for the Climate Smart Communities program. Therefore, through this one action, we will be earning points across multiple programs, putting us on track for further grant monies.

Dake suggested a change to the proposed resolution. The proposed resolution stated that solar generated electricity is “more cost effective than conventional generated electricity” which is untrue. It actually costs you more to sign up for solar. She suggested this statement be removed. The Board agreed.

Resolution#6715-To Launch a Community Solar Campaign

WHEREAS, generation of conventional electricity is reliant upon the combustion of fossil fuels, the resultant gases of which have been scientifically proven to contribute to pollution and climate change and

WHEREAS, solar generated electricity is renewable, environmentally friendly, and readily available from local providers without the need for individual consumers to install their own solar panels and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing is actively engaged in a program to establish itself as a registered NYSERDA Climate Smart Community through the adoption of energy efficient best practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees hereby votes to adopt this resolution authorizing the Climate Smart Communities Coordinator or a designee, acting on behalf of the Village of Lansing, to submit to NYSERDA, the intent of the Village to launch a Community Solar Campaign, connecting Village residents and businesses to local solar generated electricity, with NY Solar Farms providing the said electricity, as the chosen vendor.

Trustee Hardaway moved this resolution. Trustee Moll 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	

Courtney asked if he could have a motion on the diesel generator.

Resolution #6716 -To Allow Bolton Point to Use a Portion of Land Located on the Village of Lansing’s Property by the Pump Building to Install Their Diesel Generator

Trustee Moll moved this resolution. 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

Courtney stated that the one-ton truck went to auction. The auction closed on Tuesday the truck was sold for \$19,700. Our target was \$20,000.

Motion- To Go into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Issues

Trustee Hardaway moved to go into executive session. Trustee Smith 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 Trustees went into executive session at 1pm.

Motion- To Come Out of Executive Session

Trustee O'Rourke moved to come out of executive session. 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 Trustees came out of executive session at 1:12pm.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee O'Rourke moved for adjournment. Trustee Moll 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 meeting adjourned at 1:12pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer