

## Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, May 13, 2021, via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Carolyn Greenwald, Simon Moll and Patricia O'Rourke; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Michael Scott; Working Supervisor, John Courtney; MEO's, Nolan Hatfield and Chris Zavaski

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:05pm.

Courtney stated that the Town of Lansing did our brush pick up. Greenwald questioned why the Village does not pick up bags of leaves like the Town of Lansing does. Courtney was shocked that the Town picks up bags because he feels they are a pain and you get a lot of garbage with them. Greenwald suggested we do accept bags if the Town is willing to pick them up. Courtney will talk to the Town and look into accepting bags.

We are having Graham Road milled next Wednesday and paved on Thursday. We are also doing a little bit of Bomax Drive. We have received approval from NYSDEC on the culvert replacement on Graham Road.

The next scheduled project is Graham Road waterline. The waterline project will probably start around May 24<sup>th</sup>. The DPW will give notice to the residence when they are getting ready to start. He also hopes to be able to start scheduling Graham Road West. There was a zoom meeting today with Ken Farrell and Mike Gavin from Shops at Ithaca Mall.

Courtney is also working on the Beer Property subdivision review. He is trying to make some significant changes to the intersection locations, crosswalks, trails and width of right of way.

This summer the Village will be contracting out the Warren Road Water Reconstruction Project and Cayuga Heights Sewer Expansion. Prices of pipes are going up significantly due to Covid 19.

Dake asked when Courtney expects Warren Road to go out to Bid. Courtney stated that they have grouped the Brown Road project with that project, and it will probably be another month before it goes out to bid. Dake stated that it is part of the 2020-21 Budget so the money could be encumbered if we have a contract. The Village does have extra reserve money if a planned project goes over budget due to increase in material costs. We can do a referendum to take money from the reserve if we are short.

Scott stated that this year he does not have as many plan reviews as he has had in previous years. It has a lot to do with the cost of materials. There are still some improvement projects, but he has not seen much as far as new construction.

Hardaway asked if there was any push back from the mall on extending the pipe and turning the corner. Courtney feels that the only pushback had to do with money. They do not want to take the rocks out from under the mall if they can do a bypass. Courtney suggested that we use another form of collateral such as the Village waits to convey the piece of property that they need for the hotel until they finish the work. When this was suggested to Mike Gavin there was not much resistance to this option because it frees up money for the mall.

The Board was not sure how to proceed but knew they did not want to run into problems like they did with Eric Goetzmann. Greenwald was leaning towards having a Letter of Credit. Scott stated that he spoke with Ken Farrell and he would rather have our engineers design that area and the mall owners would pay for that. Hardaway asked Courtney to come up with a cost by our next meeting. Courtney will try to come up with a rough number. Courtney stated that the letter of credit came up because the mall did not want to clean the rock out of the pipe that goes under the mall. Courtney feels they need to remove the rock to allow additional flows as originally intended. Hardaway feels that the land is the best leverage we have with them. Scott reminded the Board that we already have a Stormwater Maintenance Agreement that protects us if something happens. The Board decided to wait to decide at Monday's meeting since Attorney Bill Troy would be present to advise them. Greenwald stated that she also likes the option of enforcing the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement. Greenwald asked Scott to send her a copy of the agreement.

Scott stated that Courtney and Brent Cross looked at the Beer cluster subdivision and gave him a list of items to address. Scott will be meeting with the Beer's and their engineer, Tom Coldwell.

Scott gave an update on the Nissan trees. Nissan representatives claim that planting the trees was not part of the original deal. Scott has gone back and reviewed the zoom minutes and found that John Schneider said that the trees were in fact paid for along with installation. John Schneider is still claiming that his words were taken out of context. They are claiming that they paid for the storage of the trees and not the planting of them. Hardaway would like to see a copy of it.

Scott stated that New York State has decided to change a few things on the 1203, which is the minimum standards of administration enforcement. The biggest change is decreasing the number for requiring an operation permit from 100 to 50. This creates a lot more work for operating permits. This proposed change is still in negotiations. If passed it would create more work and significantly impact every municipality.

Moll and O'Rourke wondered what was going on with the trash situation at 134 Graham Road, Michael Pichel's apartments. Scott stated that they have gotten their letter and they have 30 days. Casella has cleaned up around the dumpster. Scott still needs to meet with the manager to go over exactly what needs to be done. In the past the Board had discussed whether they want to create a local law with some type of penalty for repeat offenders. This has been going on for years at this property. The frequency of pick up needs to be increased. Moll stated that he has had problems in the past with Casella. The City has a trash fine system. Moll will send a copy of the City of Ithaca's Exterior Property Maintenance

Ordinance (EPMO) to Scott. Hardaway stated that we could start crafting something.

Hardaway entertained a motion to pay the bills.

Resolution #6748- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$141,839.03 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$211,507.07 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$136,292.65 is hereby approved for payment, AND

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Trust & Agency Fund, in the amount of \$33,709.62 is hereby approved for payment.

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trust Simon Moll-Aye

Courtney has requested that the Board to approve the continuation of Bellisario's Contract for Rental of Equipment, Operators and Laborers. Per our original agreement dated 6/17/19, the contract can be extended up to three additional years with a 3% increase each year.

Resolution #6749-Renewal of Contract for Rental of Equipment, Operators and Laborers from June 1, 2021-May 31, 2022

Whereas, the Village has a contract for Rental of Equipment, Operators and Laborers with Pro-Lawn, Inc. DBA Bellisario of 41 Oak Brook Drive, Ithaca, NY dated 6/13/2019 that runs thru 5/31/20 with an option to renew the contract for up to 3 additional years

The Village of Lansing hereby authorizes the second renewal with a 3% increase as follows:

17,000lb Excavator with Operator and quick attach 2-foot digging and 4-foot ditching buckets-CAT 308D for \$153.83/hour  
36,000lb Excavator with Operator and quick attach 2-foot digging and 4-

foot ditching buckets-CAT 315CL for \$175.04/hour  
48,000lb Excavator with Operator and quick attach 2-foot digging and 4-foot ditching buckets-Volvo 300EL for \$180.35/hour  
Pipe level/laser equipment- N/C  
Laborer-Heavy & Highway for \$90.17/hour

Trustee Hardaway made a motion to extend the contract. Trustee Moll seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye	Trust Simon Moll-Aye

Dake stated that Bernd Blossy sent his year-end report, and 74 deer were taken as part of the Village's Deer Management Program.

At the last meeting Dake was asked to find out how long the meeting video transcription stayed on the Temi website. Temi stated that it is indefinitely unless we erase them.

Dake picked up the tax bills from Tompkins County Assessment today. We are unable to relevy water/sewer delinquents on the tax bill due to COVID 19. Dake will try to include a separate water/sewer bill when she mails their tax bills in hopes that some of them will get paid. The proposed letter to be included in with the tax bills has been emailed to the Trustees and approved.

In order for all the Trustees to be signers on the Village of Lansing bank accounts a resolution has to be passed to authorize this.

Resolution#6750-To Authorize the Board of Trustees Along with the Clerk/Treasurer to Sign the Corporation Resolution and Other Necessary Bank Forms to Update the Signers on the Village of Lansing Bank Accounts.

Clerk/Treasurer-Jodi Dake  
Mayor-Ronny Hardaway  
Deputy Mayor-Patricia O'Rourke  
Trustee-Carolyn Greenwald  
Trustee-Simon Moll  
Trustee-Randy Smith

Trustee Hardaway moved this resolution. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye	Trust Simon Moll-Aye

Dake stated that once everyone has returned their CIP form then all Trustees will need to go to the Tompkins Trust Company on Triphammer Road to sign the bank forms. Trustees

will need to have their driver's license or passport as proof of identification. Dake will let everyone know when the bank has those forms prepared.

Moll asked if the Village had received a \$1,000 check from Solar Farms. Dake stated that we have not received a check yet. Six people from the Village have signed up and we need four more households to sign up to get the \$5,000 grant from NYSERDA.

Moll stated that he attended the Joint Youth Commission meeting with Hardaway. He is also covering the Recreation Partnership meetings.

Greenwald hopes to finalize the sidewalk code changes. Greenwald has also offered to help Schleelein draft something on solar arrays since there is currently nothing in the Code. She has a draft which was done by Marty Moseley back in 2016 which was never passed.

O'Rourke stated that she is working on the wall of recognition. The meeting will be May 26<sup>th</sup>. O'Rourke has been unable to get ahold of anyone from the Lansing Fire Department to find out when their meetings are. Scott will get her the chief's number.

Hardaway attend the group of six meeting this morning. This is the group of municipalities that participate in using the wastewater treatment plants in Cayuga Heights and Ithaca. Cayuga Heights Plant just finished a new building. There is discussion to possibly close the Kline Road Bypass. Originally, the Kline Road Bypass was paid for by the Village of Lansing around 2005 to allow for more sewer units to be allocated to the Village of Lansing. The Village was supposed to get paid back for part of that but never was.

Hardaway also attended the weekly elected officials meeting today. The County reported that they have a low number of active Covid cases, about 3-10 new cases a day. Pop-up vaccination sites are opening up around the area. The Treasury Department has released guidance on the American Recovery Plan (ARP) monies. The Village will be receiving federal money which gets funneled through the State then Town of Lansing before coming to us. Dake has shared the link with those guidelines with the Trustees. Hardaway asked the Trustees to read the fact sheets and maybe go through some of the FAQ's from the federal website to get some ideas of how to use the money.

Hardaway stated that the open meeting restrictions have been extended until June 9<sup>th</sup>. Once we do go back to public meetings, they recommend we should have three feet between vaccinated people and six feet between unvaccinated people. Many people are sensitive to even being asked if they are vaccinated. We need to start thinking about what we want to do when we go back to public meetings. Hardaway thinks we need to just default to six feet separation. Scott stated that doing minutes from a zoom recording is much easier than trying to take minutes during a meeting. He feels we need some sort of video system if we do go in person. Hardaway stated that we may be able to use some of the ARP money to purchase a video conferencing system.

Courtney asked what we were going to do with the 5 trees up on 10 Jon Stone Circle that the owner is asking to remove. It was going to cost about \$500 to transplant each one.

Courtney stated that Ivar Jonson planted these trees in the Village right-of-way. They are sitting very close to the utilities which in the future will become troublesome. Courtney suggested having this gentleman purchase a couple of trees for the village to be planted somewhere else and have him cut those trees cut off at the stump. Moll feels that it would be cheaper to cut those five trees down and buy new trees. Courtney stated that the resident knew the trees were there when he purchased the lot. Greenwald would prefer to leave them as long as possible if they are not causing problems. Though she agrees with Greenwald in that she hates to see trees cut down, O'Rourke feels if it is easier for Courtney, she would cut them down. Hardaway asked Moll what a tree policy would say. Moll stated that if he cut down five trees then five new trees would need to be planted elsewhere or pay a dollar amount for each tree which would go into a tree bank. Hardaway told Courtney to ask the resident to cut and remove the 5 trees and pay for two new ones to get planted between the old Village office building and the Village garage.

Dake asked Courtney if he had gotten someone to do our landscaping. Courtney has emailed requests out and will let Dake know as soon as he has a commitment so the money can be encumbered.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trust Simon Moll-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:48pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer