

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Simon Moll and Randy Smith; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Michael Scott; Working Supervisor, John Courtney.

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:04pm.

Scott stated that building permit has been a huge decline especially in new construction. There have been quite a few roofs and decks. The Planning Board has picked up. There will be a meeting next Monday with the Beers, Beers representative Chris Wood, Scott, Courtney, Brent Cross and Dondi. They are working on getting them to a final site plan. Hardaway stated that he plans to be there as an observer.

Scott stated that he should have a sidewalk law to the Trustees on Monday. The Planning Board also has lighting proposal ideas for the Lighting Commission for a proposed law. Scott will get that emailed to everyone.

Scott stated that the issue with 134 Graham garbage is being worked on. Scott is meeting with them Peter Benkoski early next week to discuss a permanent resolution to the garbage problem. Scott is working on a law to change law on multiple violations of a single code. One possibility is imposing penalties.

Smith asked what the status of Lansing Meadows was. Lansing Meadows was supposed to meet with Courtney, but Courtney canceled it. Courtney stated that they are trying to skirt around the water system again and they came up with a hodgepodge design. Smith asked if they would be using this as an excuse if they do not meet their deadline that the Planning Board set for completion? Courtney did not see how they would be able to because they already have a plan. Courtney explained how they wanted to change it to something that is unacceptable. Smith thinks the plan looks like they are adding a water line for future buildings.

Courtney stated that Steve Riddle from Bolton Point found a meter for them 3 weeks ago and they were going to reserve the 2019 pricing for him. Then Eric sent another plan to Tompkins County Health Department bypassing the Village and Bolton Point. They have not even been in to apply for a subdivision.

Moll asked what the next step would be. Courtney stated that the next step is to work on getting a subdivision, but Courtney does not think they will meet their deadline of July for their special permit. They could have the water meter installed in 2-3 days. Courtney stated that they are in violation with NYSDEC. With sewer flowing they need as-builts that NYSDEC has signed off on within 30 days. It has been 4-5 months. Scott feels they will use this as an excuse. Scott stated that they already have issues with their SWPPP. Cross

and Scott both go inspect. Cross has been asking for a few things with no response. It is required that a NYSDEC Stormwater Certified guy must be on the property, and they have not given the Village proof that there is. Time expires on July 31st. The water issue is the huge hang up. Courtney stated that they have been working with Eric.

Simon sent his tree recommendation to Scott. Bill Troy had reviewed it and then Moll removed all the references to residential properties cutting down trees and just applied it to developments and vacant lots. After Scott reviews, it will go back to the Planning Board to review. Scott's main concern is how it will be enforced and can we actually enforce it. Moll stated that this proposed law is mainly for developments to prevent clear cutting like what happened at the bottom of Dart Drive.

Courtney reported that Highgate storm sewer is completed. The Village installed conduit in this area for the Charter Cable system. Charter paid for the conduit, and this eliminated the bobbing and weaving that was previously going through the ditches. It was so bad that Charter could not mark their lines and we hit them about five times. The driveways were all blacktopped back in. Tompkins County Soil & Water did seeding and mulching.

Lighting on Highgate Trail to Sevanna park was completed in 2-3 days. People were upset that we installed lighting on the trail. Courtney feels that lighting deters burglaries and vandalism.

Currently, the highway department is working on the Graham Road Waterline Project. They plan to finish up next week. The big culvert will not be here for another three weeks so they will do temporary culverts.

Courtney recommended that the Board reject the waterline materials bid and re-bid of the waterline supplies due to an error in the specification that was unclear to the bidders which resulted in a wide range of prices including the wrong product which would result in an immediate change order if accepted.

Resolution #6756-To Reject All Bids for 2021 Water System Improvement Project Warren Road and Brown Road Due to an Error in the Specifications that Was Unclear to the Bidders Which Resulted in a Wide Range of Prices Including the Wrong Product Which Would Result in an Immediate Change Order If Accepted and Rebid the Project on Thursday June 24, 2021 at 9am.

Trustee Moll moved this resolution. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Trust Simon Moll-Aye

The legal ad is set to run on Friday, June 18th in the Ithaca Journal. All previous bidders have also been notified. Since there is no meeting on July 5th, the Board will need to schedule a special meeting so that the low bid can be accepted and the material ordered.

Hardaway entertained a motion to pay the bills.

Resolution #6757- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$317,491.67 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$27,992.19 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$6,683.67 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Trust & Agency Fund, in the amount of \$2,000 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$16,356.22 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$13,430.70 is hereby approved for payment

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Trust Simon Moll-Aye

Dake asked the Trustees to stop in and sign the 12 Village of Lansing bank signature cards and the resolution of corporations. They are in the green folder on the clerk's counter.

Dake asked Courtney when the landscapers were coming. The ladies that rent out our conference room on Wednesday's commented on how bad the gardens look. Courtney stated that he would call Cayuga Landscape again today.

Dake called HPM to see who they recommended for outfitting our conference room with an audio/visual system. John from HPM recommended Aaron Zufall. It happened that the two of them were meeting at the Village of Cayuga Heights to look at doing the same thing for them and had time after to come look at the Village conference room and do a free consultation. Aaron will put together a plan for us and a quote. We already have a box in the floor to hook a computer into our two TV monitors so it should not be too difficult to

expand on that. This will more than likely be a purchase contract. If the cost is under \$5,000, we will need two verbal quotes and if it is \$5,000 to \$20,000, we need three written quotes. This system will allow us to record meetings making it easier to prepare minutes of the meetings. Hardaway wants to make sure we get a good AV system that allows us to easily use all the components together.

New York State is required by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to distribute \$774 million in Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to non-entitlement Units (NEU's) on behalf of the United States Department of the Treasury. NEU's generally have populations under 50,000. Since the Village is a NEU, we are required to send NYS notice that we will be declining or requesting funding. Local governments will receive funds in two, 50 percent payments, the second 12 months after the first. The total amount of ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal recovery funds received cannot exceed 75% of our annual total operating 2019-20 Budget in effect as of January 27, 2020. The request or decline must be done by July 9, 2021. The State will distribute the first round of funding within 30 days of receiving these funds from the Federal Government. This will be on the agenda for Monday. The Village will be receiving a total of around \$394,000. The cleanest way to use the money is on one big infrastructure project which would make the paperwork easier.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Trust Simon Moll-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 12:59pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer