

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at the Village of Lansing Office, 2405 N. Triphammer Road, Ithaca, NY.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Carolyn Greenwald, Patricia O'Rourke, and Randy Smith; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake.

ZOOM Attendance: Trustee Simon Moll; Code & Zoning Officer, Michael Scott; Working Supervisor, John Courtney.

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:04 pm. Hardaway feels we need to be very concerned with the new Covid 19 Delta Variant. Therefore, we will be doing hybrid meetings where the Board members are in person for the meeting, but we are also offering it via Zoom. Moll asked if the State has considered an executive order to allow the Village to again hold meetings remotely. Hardaway stated that it seems that New York State is waiting for Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul to take over office once Cuomo resigns over a sexual harassment scandal. Hardaway would like to make the meetings as synchronous as possible.

Scott stated that he has gotten complaints regarding 24 Bush Lane. It is overgrown and has an infestation of animals. He has previously sent out violations via regular mail and certified mail and they both were returned. No one is living there. He also spoke with the company that pays the taxes on the property, but they would not share any information with him. Scott also contacted the postmaster to see if there was a forwarding address but there was not. Scott stated that the next step is to declare it an unsafe structure. If this is done, Scott will then be allowed to send out a letter and post the property. After 30 days the Village would then be allowed to go in and maintain the property to alleviate this issue and charge it back on the tax bill. Scott will double check with Attorney Troy to confirm the proper procedure.

Resolution #6770- To Declare 24 Bush Lane as an Unsafe Structure Due to Infestation of Animals As Per Village of Lansing Code 75-10A(3)

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Trust Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Since Moll was attending via Zoom, he was unable to vote because he was not in person at the meeting but he stated that he supports this.

Scott stated that there has been a request to waive the sign fee for an Ithaca School banner

for bus drivers which will be placed on a school bus in the Shops at Ithaca Mall parking lot. They are requesting this because they are a not-for-profit organization. After some discussion the Board decided to not waive the fee because it would set a precedence to waive sign permit fees for all not-for-profit organization.

Northwood residents are complaining about the vibration noise coming from the Dairy One Buildings behind them. Scott stated that he could hire a third party to come in and measure the noise or the Village can purchase a meter for \$300-400. The Board thought that the Village should have a decimal meter that way it could be used for other noise issues also.

The Planning Board meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to a lack of a quorum but has been rescheduled for Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting the Planning Board hopes to finalize the mall subdivision plat. Lansing Meadows will also be coming in to give an update on their new special permit demands from last month.

The Lighting Commission is working on a lighting law.

Courtney stated that next week they plan to patch Graham Road where they dug up the water lines. NYSEG plans to replace the gas line on Dart Drive in 2022. The line runs right where our new sidewalk would go. The Board feels we should try and work together on planning these two projects. Courtney will have a conference call with NYSEG next week to discuss how we can work together.

Hatfield and Zavaski have been sprucing up the park for Mayor Hartill's Retirement Party on Sunday.

On Monday Courtney signed the NYSDOT Perm 32 Permit Application to finalize their requirements for the sewer expansion project. The engineering plans are being finalized for the Warren/Brown Road water lines.

The trail lighting for Shannon Park has been approved.

Hardaway reminded everyone of Mayor Hartill's Retirement Party on Sunday at 1pm.

Moll stated that the tree local law went to the Planning Board to review. He will incorporate their comments and get it out to the Trustees. Hardaway added that the Greenway Committee is waiting to update the Greenway Plan until after the tree law is finalized so that it can be incorporated.

Hardaway stated that he attended the group of 6 meeting today. The group of 6 is made up of the municipalities that are sharing sewer services. It includes Town of Ithaca, City of Ithaca, Village of Lansing, Town of Lansing, Village of Cayuga Heights and Dryden. They meet quarterly to discuss issues. All electric meters have been installed. There have been two issues: ants getting in and destroying the circuits and copper line theft. The group is still discussing how to pay for keeping the Kline Road Bypass open for emergency use.

Dake confirmed that Greenwald would be attending the NYCOM Conference on September 20-23, 2021 in Saratoga Springs. The conference starts with registration at noon on Monday and runs thru Thursday afternoon. Dake has reserved a hotel room for 3 nights starting September 20<sup>th</sup>. Greenwald will be reimbursed for milage at the Federal Rate. Meals are included except for Tuesday night. Up to a \$30 meal allowance will be reimbursed for that meal.

Greenwald stated that she would not be at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Hardaway entertained a motion to pay the bills.

Resolution #6771- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$72,656.05 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$43,204.36 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$18,155.37 is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Greenwald 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 Randy Smith-Aye

Trust Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

Trust Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 12:53pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer