

## Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, September 20, 2021, via Zoom.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees, Carolyn Greenwald, Simon Moll and Patricia O'Rourke, Randy Smith; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Attorney, Bill Troy; Planning Board member, Lisa Schleelein; 3 members of the public.

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:31pm. Hardaway opened the public comment period. There was no public comment.

### Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

O'Rourke made a motion to close the public comment period. Moll seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

### **Sewer Expansion Full EAF**

The next item on the agenda was to complete the Full Environmental Assessment Form for Sanitary Sewer Benefit Area Expansion for the project located on Cayuga Heights Road, Twin Glens Road and East Shore Drive in the Village of Lansing. This was postponed because Mike Scott had not had a chance to review the document or send it to Tompkins County Planning to do a 239 Review.

### **Lansing Meadows Sidewalk Escrow**

A New Lansing Meadows Sidewalk Escrow Estimate was calculated by Courtney, according to the specifications of TG Miller for the sidewalk along Oakcrest Road. Due to the potential changes to the design and material-cost increases, the new estimate is \$152,859. This would be the cost if the Village did the project and paid NYS prevailing wage. If the developer did the project, they could save on the prevailing wage costs.

Schleelein stated that the Planning Board is anxious to move this project along and whatever it take to do, they are willing to do. The Planning Board is hoping that the Trustees will make a decision this evening.

It was questioned whether the sidewalk was 596 lineal feet as in the first estimate or the 760 lineal feet that is quoted in this new estimate. Hardaway surmised that the current estimate is based on the final design where the previous estimate was based on a preliminary design. Smith thinks that this new estimate may include the sidewalk that was added over to connect to the YMCA.

The Board agreed to accept this new estimate but wanted to confirm the number of feet since there was a difference from the first escrow estimate and this new estimate. There is time sensitivity

with this since the Planning Board would like to include this in the new special permit that they will be discussing at their September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Troy suggested that the Board approve the amount with a clause giving the Mayor authority to choose the correct number after speaking with Courtney.

Resolution #6777- To Accept the Lansing Meadows Sidewalk Escrow Estimate of \$152,859. After Confirming with Courtney that the 760 ft is Correct, if there is a Correction Needed the Mayor is Authorized to Clarify that Number.

Smith made a motion to approve minutes. O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Hardaway will contact Courtney via email to get him to verify the 760 feet and why it was more than the original escrow and email his response to the Trustees.

(Response from Courtney-the increase was due to more complete sidewalk plans submitted by the developer. These new plans indicated more linear feet of sidewalk along Oakcrest Road. The sidewalk escrow does not include the north-south sidewalk on the eastern edge of the A-1 parcel because that is solely the responsibility of the developer. With John's clarification, the escrow amount and wording that we passed last night should stand without additional changes.)

Troy asked if Hardaway was going to go back to approving the minutes.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes of August 30, 2021

Smith made a motion to approve minutes. O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Randy Smith-Abstain	Trustee Simon Moll-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye	

### **Uptown Road Bus Shelter**

Hardaway stated that this was previously discussed at the noon meeting last Thursday. TCAT would like to use a contractor to build a bus shelter on the north side of Uptown Road almost across from the little wooden structure that the Village built. Courtney expressed concerns over the safety of that location. There is just not enough room on the north side of that road to safely build a structure. The structure would have to extend over onto State land.

Smith stated he drove by there and the location is right across from an existing bus stop and a main concern is there is no pull off or room for a pull off in that location. The current bus stop is next to a sidewalk which makes a lot more sense. He feels it is too dangerous and it just does not make sense to have another bus shelter on the north side of Uptown Road.

Moll agrees with Randy. He also drove past and observed people on both sides of the road waiting for a bus on the road shoulder. Moll had to drive in the center of the road to stay away from both. Moll feels that most of the time people don't use the bus shelter.

O'Rourke stated that she drives by there quite often and the kids are not paying attention, they are on their phones. She thinks it is dangerous.

Smith added that it also gets dark in the winter at 5pm. Smith asked Troy if we have any liability with this. Ultimately, it is TCAT's decision. Troy stated that anyone can get sued but he does not think the Village has any liability here.

Hardaway pointed out that on the north side there is a pretty steep ditch and wire mesh fence on State land. They would have to do a lot of build up within that ditch to make a stop level with the road.

Greenwald wondered if TCAT followed proper storm water management protocols, wouldn't we want to encourage public transportation and therefore encourage the building of bus stops. Hardaway stated that yes, we want to encourage, but not in a location that is potentially dangerous.

Moll recommends we have them take down the bus shelter that is there and build a nicer one to encourage people to go there. Then they can cross when the bus comes. If they insist on building another bus shelter on the north side of the road then it should be separated by a distance from the one on the other side of the road.

Greenwald wondered what the rational was for having two bus shelters right there. She would like to see TCAT take care of the stormwater management issues and provide a safe bus shelter.

Dake stated that what happened was a permit came to the Code Office and the whole issue is about do we want to allow them to build in the Village right of way. If we say no, then they would have to go to the State to give their permission to build on State land.

Smith suggested we have a conversation with TCAT to discuss this issue rather than just giving them a yes or no. The issue was tabled. A meeting will be set up.

### **Purchase Plate Compacter**

At the noon meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>, Courtney requested that the Board approve buying a Wacker BPU4045A 17.7 Reversible Soil Plate Compacter instead of a side bucket. After researching the cost, the amount would be \$8,050.84. Dake stated that the purchase of a side bucket was not allocated in the 2021-22 Budget so to do a transfer to allocate money for this the Trustees would have to approve a budget transfer for the whole amount. It also was not encumbered. Smith stated that if the side bucket was not part of the budget in the first place then he would say no to substituting this purchase. Greenwald wanted to know what the labor savings would be. Moll wanted to know how it differs from our smaller compacter. The Board wanted more information from Courtney. They also wanted to know which projects we had budgeted for and are not going to do and if there is any other projects that could be substituted in. Troy suggested leaving a paper

trail of why projects were postponed and suggested this discussion be had with the Trustees. Dake stated that it is not a matter of not having the money to purchase this piece of equipment. Her concern is that we are canceling all of these projects and not spending the money on projects that we budgeted for again and again. The auditors do not like to see this. Troy stated that the comptroller's office worries that this becomes a slush fund. If you budget money for something they want you to use it.

### **Employee Retirement Insurance**

After some discussion on retirement insurance the Board asked Dake and Smith to do some more research. They would like to know what other municipalities in the area are offering. Dake will do another spreadsheet for everyone showing the different scenarios and what they would potentially cost the Village.

### **Mayor's Comments**

Hardaway wanted to discuss updating the Village face mask policy. He would like to do like the County does and make it so all employees within the buildings wear face masks except when in their personal workspace. All visitors to the Village office would also be required to wear a mask. After some discussion, Ronny will put together a policy and circulate it to everyone. This would be in effect until January 15, 2022, at which time it would be reevaluated.

### **General Discussion**

Greenwald stated that she is working on a solar code change. She, Schleelein and Ingraffea will be meeting via zoom to try and finalize it before it comes to the Trustees.

O'Rourke wondered if there was anything that could be done with the speeders on Oakcrest Road. The issue is that the Sheriff Department is short staffed.

Motion- To Adjourn

Smith motioned to adjourn. O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Simon Moll-Aye  
Trustee Randy Smith-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer