

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, October 14, 2021, via Zoom.

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.

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

Hardaway entertained a motion to pay the bills.

Resolution #6782- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$42,841.02 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$174,454.12 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$399,607.13 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 Simon Moll-Aye

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

Dake stated that she continues to be busy taking care of all the administrative work. Water bills are due by October 20th, so we have been receiving a lot of payments. Dake has the cannabis law ready to go out with the agenda. Dake asked if anyone had additional agenda items for the joint meeting with the Planning Board on Monday. The main topic for the joint meeting is to consider opting out of allowing licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and /or opting out of cannabis consumption establishments within the Village of Lansing. Hardaway also wanted to add the Climate Action Plan to the agenda.

Scott stated that he has been trying to gather more cannabis information. He has already sent the Boards a couple of emails with information/videos from NYCOM. Greenwald would be interested in knowing what the other municipalities around us were doing. Dake stated that the Town of Lansing is leaning towards opting out. Once you opt in you cannot get out and you worry what other affects it will have on your municipality. Moll added that the Town of Groton is doing the same just to see how things pan out. Hardaway thinks a

lot of municipalities are just waiting because there is a lot of ambiguity within the law and its enforcement and structure.

The Planning Board has been working with Lansing Meadows. Both engineers have gotten together to look over the infrastructure. They are trying to finalize a plan for the sidewalk and make sure everything is up to date with the stormwater, domestic water and sewer since they no longer have a special permit, Scott suspended their building permit and issued them a stop work order. Because Goetzmann appealed this, it goes to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) on October 19th, and it puts a stay on the stop work order until the appeal is worked out. The BZA will determine if Scott's interpretation of that part of the Code is correct or not. Until that is decided, Goetzmann can continue to work on the project.

The Mall is pretty much done. Scott is waiting for them to submit their reimbursement check for legal and engineering charges relating to this subdivision. Once that is received, the Village will sign the final plat.

Scott shared some stats on the permits and permit fees for each quarter from 2019 to the present. After Covid hit the numbers went down but we started to see a little bit of a rebound this year in the second quarter. The numbers are starting to fall off again. This could be because of the new variant or the cost and availability of building products. We are getting more permits, but the revenue is down. The types of building permits that people are getting are for small projects. Hardaway stated that he is not surprised by this because of the pandemic and the supply chain problem the country is facing.

Scott stated that he sent the 239 Review for the sewer extension project to Tompkins County Planning. He emailed Scott Doyle this morning and they are meeting tomorrow to discuss it. Hardaway stated that he and Courtney spoke with Dave Herrick at TG Miller yesterday and told him to go ahead and send in the engineering report and site plan to NYSDEC.

Scott stated that the proposed Lighting Plan has gone back to the Planning Board, and it is pretty close to being finalized.

Hardaway stated that eventually the Village will need to connect the sidewalk that comes around to connect from Lansing Meadows site to the partial sidewalk that is in front of the YMCA. That would then complete the sidewalk path.

Courtney stated that he sent an email of the streetlight resolution that he would like the Board to pass. There were 40 lights that were converted from high pressure sodium halide to LED light fixtures. There will be some savings on the maintenance part because the Village will do the maintenance. Hardaway asked what percentage of our streetlights had been converted to LED. Courtney said we pretty much have converted them all to LED. There are a few lights at the shop

The Graham Road culvert installation is completed. They still need to grade and blacktop, which they will do next week.

Courtney put the loader in the internet auction. We received our new John Deere z-turn mower on Monday. Courtney asked the Board to surplus the 2017 Ferris z-turn mower that we are replacing. He already put it in the auction in anticipation of it being surplus because he did not want to miss this auction.

Resolution #6783-To Surplus the 2017 Ferris Z-Turn Mower and Sent to Internet Auction

Moll stated that he is in the market to buy a zero turn and may bid on it so he will abstain.

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Simon Moll-Abstain

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

Courtney stated that he has been attending a lot of meetings relating to the Lansing Meadows PDA. They are paving today. The sidewalk went to design, we commented on the design but have not heard back from them yet. Hardaway asked Dake if we had received the escrow for the sidewalk yet. Dake stated that we have not received the escrow but if they are putting the sidewalk in, they do not have to give us an escrow. Scott stated that the sidewalk has not been approved by the Planning Board through the special permit.

Courtney stated that the next two projects that are planned for next month are the Pyramid Drive storm sewer and a storm crossing at Leif's Way.

Hardaway asked if we had heard from NYSEG regarding replacing the Dart gas line. Courtney stated that NYSEG has been out surveying Dart Drive, but he has not heard anything from them. Courtney added that during the culvert replacement they unwrapped a gas line and it was severely rusted so there may be some validity to their replacement project.

O'Rourke asked Courtney if there was any news on the sewer line coming down Cayuga Heights Road. Courtney stated that we could not go to the NYSDEC until we had a full as-built design. There are steps we must follow to get approval. The SEQR has gone to Tompkins County for a 239 Review. The plans have gone to NYSDEC. There have been many questions from residents on how to connect to the new sewer line. There is a sewer permit process. Dake stated that to hook into the sewer a resident would submit an application to the Village of Lansing, pay a permit fee of \$1,000 and the clerk/treasurer will assign it a number and send it to Brent Cross at the Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH). The resident then will have to go to the VCH and pay an additional fee. Courtney thinks that the VCH has a new online process for this.

Moll asked what the salt prices were for this year and if it looks like there will be any supply issues. Courtney does not think there will be any supply issues. The price is relatively the same as last year. The Village sent their salt request letter in back in April.

Cargill will probably be putting a gas surcharge on because the gas prices are so high now. This would be around \$1-2 per ton.

Courtney requested that the Trustees pass a resolution to convert our SC02 account to an SC04 Account for energy only. Six 100-watt high pressure sodium (HPS) existing streetlights and nine 250-watt existing streetlights went to 27-watt LED bulbs and twenty-nine streetlights went from 100-watt HPS to 49-watt LED fixtures. Items 4-8 are all new fixtures because they were previously in bad shape. The smallest size in the new fixtures was 49-watt to fit on top of the three-and-a-half-inch neck of the existing fiberglass pole. These lights are dimmable.

Resolution #6784-To Convert the NYSEG Billing for Account 1011855474 From the SC02 Streetlight, which is a Service and Energy Account, to SC04 Streetlight Account Number 10047593792 which is Energy Only.

For the following 40 lights:

1. Millcroft way (6) 100-watt HPS existing lights to (6)-27 watt LED Bulbs
2. Blackchin BLVD (9) 250 watt existing to (9)-27-watt LED Bulbs
3. Rockcross Lane (2) 250 watt existing to (2)-27-watt LED Bulbs
4. Janivar Dr (11) 100-watt HPS existing to (11) 49-watt LED fixtures
5. Nor Way (3) 100-watt HPS existing to (3) 49-watt LED fixtures
6. Jon Stone Circle (1) 100-watt HPS existing to (1) 49-watt LED fixture
7. Leifs Way (6) 100-watt HPS existing to (6) 49-watt LED fixtures
8. Aylas Way (2) 100-watt HPS existing to (2) 49-watt LED fixtures

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Simon Moll-Aye

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

Hardaway had created a Face Mask Guidance which he made minor changes to and resent it to the Board and staff. There was discussion on the wording. This will be a guideline not a policy. The staff is being given flexibility to use common sense. It is basically a guideline to make the public feel comfortable whatever their situation. Hardaway will put the wording together and send it out to everyone via email. The Board all agreed that they would like the public to wear masks in our buildings. The current sign on the Village door says, "Please wear a mask". Ronny will look for a sign that says, "masks are required".

Moll stated that he had a Joint Youth Commission (JYC) meeting Tuesday. The Village does not send that many kids to these programs so he would like to keep an eye on that. One of the problems may be getting the kids out to Danby or Caroline. It was suggested that we may want to offer our Community Room for programs. Moll has tried to advertise these programs. The Village does a lot better with enrolling kids in the the Recreation Partnership.

Greenwald asked if she should arrange for Good Energy to come to a meeting to give a 15-minute presentation. Hardaway suggested the Trustees do a little more research first so that they would be able to ask good questions. Greenwald will send the Trustees the link for the NYCOM presentation and the NYSERDA website.

The Trustees and Planning Board will have a joint meeting on Monday, October 18th at 7:30pm.

Moll asked if we had heard anything from the IDA on Lansing Meadows. Hardaway stated that yesterday the Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency held an executive session to discuss Arrowhead Ventures, Lansing Meadows project, only the IDA's appointed members and their invited guests attended the executive session. And none of the attendees' discussions can or should be shared outside of that session. There is an IDA video of the less than three-minute video of that meeting that is very informative.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Simon Moll-Aye

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:51pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer