

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, January 3, 2022, via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees, Carolyn Greenwald, Simon Moll, Patricia O'Rourke, and Randy Smith; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Attorney, Natalie French; Supt. Of Public Works, John Courtney; Planning Board Member, James McCauley; and 2 members of the public.

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:32pm. Hardaway opened the public comment period. There were no public comments.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

Hardaway 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	

Motion - To Approve the Minutes of December 16, 2021

Smith made a motion to approve minutes. Moll seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Hardaway asked if the Trustee had all read the Tompkins County Hazard Mitigation Plan (TCHMP). Smith read it and thought it was very extensive. Hardaway stated that it is a requirement of FEMA that each county within NYS put something together before we request FEMA support. This was worked on last year by Mayor Hardaway, Don Hartill and Mike Scott. The County did the work on the basic mitigation plan and coordinated all the county's input. This document is basically how do we prepare the Village for what we consider to be the primary risks associated with the Village. Hardaway stated that they came up with three easy targets. The dangerous tree part could involve a lot of work. We do a fairly good job of monitoring our trees, but we may want to do an inventory of dangerous trees and address those concerns.

Hardaway's concern with the TCHMP is that there is no real plan on how to implement emergency response. That will supposedly be in another document. Hardaway is investigating the County website to see if he can locate it. Once he finds the emergency response plan, Hardaway will put a link on our website. Hardaway would also like to create a communications map so we know who to contact at the County

Moll asked if there were any funding opportunities to address the potential hazards we list or a possibility for litigation. Hardaway does not think there is. Attorney French does not think this increases any sort of risk of litigation other than a Village typically identifying issues that may be coming to pass. She does not see an issue.

One of the Village's TCHMP goals is to set up an emergency route through the Village. It has probably already been identified. We need a way to communicate that to our residents.

The following corrections were pointed out:

Page 1 it has Don Hartill as mayor and that needs to be changed to Ronny Hardaway along with the other references to the mayor in the main body of the document.

Page 2 & 3 Update Recent and Expected Future Development Chart

- change Nissan Dealership to Completed
- Solar Home Development should be removed because it is not going forward
- Beer Multi-residential changed from future to construction ongoing

Page 6- question mark needs to be removed before Board of Trustees in the top right

Page 13-It asks if there are any RiskMAP projects currently underway in your jurisdiction? We answered yes so we need to state what projects are underway or change the answer to no. Smith wondered if it could be the sewer project on East Shore Drive. Hardaway will ask Mike Scott. Also COE needs to be changed to CEO on that same page.

Page 16-Table 9.14-13 need to change Clarion Hotel to Cayuga Blue

Page 21- Under section 9.14.7.3 it says "Error! Reference source not found." Hardaway will check into that.

Dake added that we need to remember to use this document when we update our Comprehensive Plan because we are stating in the TCHMP that this is going to be incorporated. Hardaway thinks we would refer to the overall hazard mitigation plan and the annex for the Village of Lansing by title rather than incorporate the action.

Since none of these changes are of consequence, Hardaway asked if the Board would like to approve the proposed resolution. Smith stated that it should include the corrections or updates that were discussed. Hardaway feels the corrections are all insignificant. Hardaway will let Scott Doyle know that we approve the overall document, but we do have some minor changes.

Resolution #6804-To Adopt the Tompkins County Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2021 Update
Including our Findings/Corrections in Review of the Document

WHEREAS, all jurisdictions within Tompkins County have exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS, a Planning Partnership of all Tompkins County municipalities has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Tompkins County; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Partnership has completed a planning process that engaged the public, assessed the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of hazards, developed a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and created a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing will consider this Plan during the implementation and updating of local plans, and will incorporate the hazard assessment data, hazard vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions in these plans, where applicable, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Board of Trustees, that the Village of Lansing, as a participating jurisdiction in the Plan's development, adopts the *Tompkins County Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2021 Update* (the "Plan") as the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan,

RESOLVED, further, that the Village of Lansing will:

Use the adopted Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
Coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority;
Continue its support of the Planning Partnership as described within the plan;
Help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in the Plan;
Incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partners operations;
and Provide an update of the Plan no less than every five (5) years.

Trustee Smith moved this resolution. Trustee Moll seconded the motion.

Dake asked if a SEQR was required. In the proposed resolution at the end it says "SEQR ACTION: Type II – 27". Hardaway did not think that this is a SEQR action. He thinks it may be a cut and paste problem but will check with Scott Doyle. (It was later found that the County already did a Full SEQR.)

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

Hardaway stated that Courtney emailed the Board regarding potential changes to road resurfacing for the St. Joseph and Votapka project. The Village has budgeted to resurface St. Joseph and Votapka in this budget year but Courtney would also like to do the storm sewer and possibly add infrastructure for streetlights. Right before the meeting Courtney sent a breakdown of costs to accomplish this. Dake stated that what the Board needs to do is give Courtney a yes or no on if they want him to do the project. As far as transferring money for the project, we will not do a formal budget transfer until we know more.

Courtney stated that in the 20219-20 Budget we budgeted for St. Joseph Lane but never got around to doing it. The stormwater from Lansing Trails I&II flows down through the St. Joseph/Votapka corridor to Triphammer Road. The ditches are deep in this area and the road is very narrow with not much shoulder. By installing stormwater infrastructure in this area, we would be able to widen the road and shoulders, install mailboxes on one side of the road instead of on both sides, and possibly put some streetlights in there. This project can easily be done in the winter between snowstorms. They would start the project in the St. Joseph cul-de-sac and work their way up. The intention is to install about 2,600 feet of storm sewer. There will be approximately 350 feet on each side of Votapka and 1,000 feet on each side of St. Joseph Lane. The south side of Votapka gets a majority of the flow. They also plan to clean up a lot of failing driveway culverts through there.

Greenwald asked if we would contact the residents to see if this is something they want. Courtney stated that we typically do not survey, we only take the need. This area definitely needs storm sewer. Courtney stated that he always gives a letter of intent prior to the start date. Moll asked if the 24-inch cross pipes would also be replaced. Courtney does not intent to but will assess their condition when doing the project. He will replace if he finds it necessary. The Plan is to use the money that we budgeted for Oakcrest will go to this project. The Village wants to wait until the sewer expansion to the Town of Lansing is finished to pave Oakcrest Road. Oakcrest will be used as the construction corridor for the sewer project, so we want to wait until that is complete to put a nice topcoat on that road.

Currently, we have budgeted \$30,000 to repave Votapka and St. Joseph Lane. Hardaway asked how many catch basins would be required. Courtney thinks there will be 22. Each driveway and cross pipe get a drop in catch basin. Hardaway asked Courtney to consult TG Miller to see if there is anything that you are not aware of or may have forgotten that Dondi might point out. The Board agreed to use the \$146,400 planned for Oakcrest on the Votapka/St. Joseph project.

Courtney stated that Nick Dean, the new hire, has taken and passed his commercial driver's permit test.

Courtney stated that Elmira Savings Bank is trying to buy the Pizza Hut Building. There is an issue with our easement protruding a few inches into the corner of the building because it is 15 feet off both sides of our sewer main. Peter Grossman is working on a license agreement for this. We can include the costs of creating this agreement in this agreement. The Trustees felt if Courtney is happy with the agreement, and we get compensated for all the legal time they would support the agreement.

Greenwald asked if the Village was still thinking about turning the Cayuga Heights Road and East Shore Drive intersection into a T intersection and if along with the new sewer installation if we were thinking of installing sidewalks on Cayuga Heights Road. Courtney stated that there was a small design to bring the intersection back to Burdick Hill above Seacord's property. At the State level there are intersection improvement funds that we may want to try and tap into. Courtney will bring Hardaway up to speed on that and get with the engineers to see if they have done any designs. Greenwald would like the Village to make sure it considers this as they do the sewer project. The

Trustees agreed that we should look into getting numbers for installing sidewalks on Cayuga Heights Road. We should also see if there is anything we can do as we are laying the new pipe that would help with future installation of a sidewalk. O'Rourke remembers that in the past it was going to cost the Village a lot to install sidewalks.

Hardaway stated that as a Greenway Committee member they have discussed the Village having more sidewalks. We have to remember as we add more sidewalks, we may also need to hire more staff to maintain them and additional equipment. These are all things to consider.

Courtney stated that he has a zoom meeting with Cornell and Peter Grossman to discuss the easements we do not have for the water line down Brown Road.

Mayors Comments

Hardaway stated that he went to Colorado over the break and there they had a fire that destroyed a community. This made him think what the Villages part would be if something like this happened here. Hardaway is trying to build a communications map for the Village.

Motion- To Adjourn

Hardaway 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 8:44pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer