

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, February 17, 2022, via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Carolyn Greenwald, Simon Moll and Patricia O'Rourke; Code & Zoning Officer, Michael Scott; Working Supervisor, John Courtney; MEO, Chris Zavaski; Laborer, Nick Dean.

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

Hardaway wanted to first pay the bills. Hardaway entertained a motion to pay the bills.

Resolution #6810- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$79,800.31 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No.9 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$45,642.94 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No.9 for the Trust & Agency Fund, in the amount of \$897.50 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$9,349.42 is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee O'Rourke 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 Simon Moll-Aye

Trust Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Hardaway entertained a motion to approve the February 7th minutes.

Motion-To Approve Minutes from February 7, 2022

Trustee Moll moved to approve the minutes. 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

There is no meeting on Monday, February 21, 2022, in observance of President's Day. The next meeting is Monday, March 7th. Dake stated that she would be away on vacation and will be back in the office on March 7th. She will have her computer with her if anyone needs anything.

In addition to all the usual duties, Dake has been working on budget. Everyone needs to send their budget proposal to her so that she can put it together for the March 7th meeting. Also, newsletter articles will need to be in by March 21st. We try to get the Spring Newsletter out right after we set the Budget Public Hearing to get the word out.

Scott stated that August Monkemeyer is looking to purchase a parcel and had question about entrance to the property. 19 Shannon Park is the only vacant lot. There are easements thru there. He would like to buy that vacant lot and have a road to the property and incorporate that into Shannon Park. It would be adding into the Shannon Park PDA. Courtney stated that sewer connections may be a problem. There is a stream that runs through there. Stream and lot size combo could cause an issue. Scott just wanted to make the Trustees aware of the situation.

Scott & Brent Cross are going to get together to talk about available units since there is a lot of development in the Village. Cross would like a common permitting process for inspections and when sewer runs through other municipalities.

Scott attended NYSEDA training for clean energy program. If looking for points, there are other possibilities. Adopting the stretch code is one of them. Hardaway stated that we would adopt the Stretch Code if it would benefit the Village, not for points.

The State changing 1203 which is the minimum standards for administration enforcement of the Code. Each municipality needs to adopt it by the end of the year. The biggest change is the operating permit. It is currently 100 but is changing to 50 people. That will add a lot of operating permits that will require yearly fire inspections. This may double the number of inspections that Brian needs to do. This will be active immediately in 2023. Our current Budget can cover until we do the 2023-24 Budget.

Scott stated that Aldi permit was issued. There is demo work at Alcohol & Drug center. Those are the two big projects going on now.

Cornell Development on Uptown Road has a potential buying. They want to change the zoning to High Density Residential (HDR). The Trustees already started a public hearing to do that. The public hearing was never closed. There is a preliminary plan. Hardaway would like to pass this decision over to Planning Board for a recommendation. Then after they review it, it will come back to the Trustees and reopen the public hearing. Greenwald thinks this sounds like spot zoning, but if it is not she is good with the plan. Scott stated that we are changing the whole zone, not just one property, from MDR to HDR. The Planning Board will review on February 22nd. Scott will notify the contiguous landowners when we do decide to discuss this again. Greenwald will send the Ithaca Swim Club contact information to Scott.

Courtney stated that they have been doing snow removal, fixing a few mailboxes, there was a water breaks last night on Burdick Hill. Courtney has been working on his budget. If we anticipate purchasing more benches, we may get a better deal if we order more.

Courtney met yesterday with TG Miller to discuss various projects. We hope to bid out Cayuga Heights sewer expansion project in March so we could get an acceptance in April. Cornell submitted easements to us for the Warren Rd. water project. Dealing with I&I and other various projects in the Village.

Courtney stated that there is another potential development off Arrowwood/Brentwood of 175 dwellings in the Town of Ithaca. They want to use VOL sewer lines to take sewer from there to Ithaca Plant. With the Beers development and sewer expansion we could be looking at almost 500 units of sewer. Ken Horowitz also wants to attach to the Cayuga Heights Road line.

Moll asked about how we get paid for sewer going through our lines. We have a Warren Road/Cherry Road Sewer Agreement which will be \$14,000 this year. This is an issue that needs to be investigated.

If we allow them to attach to the Gaslight Village owned sewer laterals there it would go south of 13 goes to Berkshire. There are three flow meters, two meters coming into the Village from the Town of Lansing. With the Cayuga Heights Road sewer expansion, we would only be servicing about 30-40 Village residents and 60 Town of Lansing residents.

This summer Courtney would like to finish St. Joseph/Votapka Project, Graham Road West Reconstruction and Dart Drive Sidewalks. Courtney wants to rebudget for Graham Road West and Dart Drive sidewalk in the 2022-23 budget. He thinks the increase in cost for the projects will be at least 20%. Sewer I&I repairs will be resolved before we pave Dart Drive. Right now, it is hard to find a contractor. Courtney stated that there is a problem with suppliers and freight.

O'Rourke stated that she needs to meet with Courtney regarding water and sewer projects. O'Rourke is out of town March 2-15 but will be attending the March 7th meeting via zoom.

Greenwald asked Scott if he had any questions on the solar code she sent him. Scott has not been able to review that or the tree code with everything that is going on. Scott let Greenwald know that he is leaning towards the unified permit.

Moll previously emailed a report to the Trustees regarding the Planning Board meetings he covered. Schleelein would like the proposed tree law done by the end of April before Moll leaves the Board of Trustees.

Hardaway stated that he and Greenwald are working on the recreation and beautification sections of the budget and will get it to Jodi soon. March 7th we will start our budget

discussions. New York State has extended the executive order that allows for remote meetings through 3/16/22. After that we will probably be going back to in person meetings. We have a new camera system so we can do zoom and people other than the Trustees could participate that way. Hardaway asked Dake to look into getting a laptop that would be dedicated to the video camera system.

Hardaway previously sent the Trustees an email regarding accessory dwelling unit legislature. Hardaway sat in on the New York State Association of Counties meeting where they discussed accessory dwelling units. The proposal will probably not pass in the State Legislature. It would not have affected us anyways. Hardaway asked the Trustees to ignore the email he sent.

Trustee candidates are needed. If there is anyone that may be interested, please let the Village know. If the village was to change their number of Trustees from five to four or three, that would have to be done by permissive referendum. There can be write in ballots if there are no official candidates. Or if we cannot get anyone to run we can appoint Trustees after the election for any seats not filled.

Hardaway informed Moll and Dake that the suggested updates to the Greenway Plan they submitted are being considering and accepted by the Greenway Committee. Hardaway will be starting to incorporate the suggestions after he hears from Leopold.

Motion- To Adjourn

Trustee Moll moved for adjournment. 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

The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer