

## Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, July 14, 2022, held at the Village of Lansing 2405 N. Triphammer Road and also via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Patricia O'Rourke and Susan Ainslie; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Code & Zoning Officer, Michael Scott; Supt. of Public Works John Courtney, Chris Zavaski and Nick Dean.

Zoom: Trustees Jeff Dobbin and Carolyn Greenwald

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00pm.

Courtney stated that they are reviewing the sanitary sewer pump and finish designs, Frank Santelli from TG Miller Engineers will review and then they will be order. To order green sewer pipe it is 12-16 weeks out and so we will use blue pipe which is 4-6 weeks out. This is consistent with structures that need to be built for that project.

The Warren/Brown Road Water Project is up to Dairy One now. R.B. Robinson did the tie in at Dart Dr. and are moving forward with the water main. Jack and boar was the original concept to put the sleeve across Warren Road. The contractor would like to instead do directional drilling, so we are working that out. It will be the same price just a different technic. We are waiting on Tompkins County to get approval of this since it is their road.

All driveways are paved on St. Joseph Lane. They are now starting cleanup of that area. Dean will be working up there next week while Courtney and Zavaski are on vacation. Dean will rough grade it in so it can finish settling. Since we are in a drought, we will do finish topsoil later. They may do some seeding before topsoil.

In July there were high water flows at the sewer treatment plant from a beaver dam that was released by Tompkins County airport. Water flooded the airport at 1,000 gallons per minute for three hours (180,000 gallons). Inspections were done and they will work to remediate the dumping station line they use so there is not an issue in the future.

Carolyn joined meeting 12:07.

Lansing Trails I is having their annual neighborhood picnic this weekend, so the DPW Department is paving the area where they did a pipe replacement back in April.

Starting July 25<sup>th</sup> the DPW Department will be pulling electrical lines for St. Joseph Lane streetlights. After that they will start working on some trails.

The Shops at Ithaca Mall stormwater project on Pyramid Drive is completed and needs to be billed. Courtney will get the guy's time and equipment numbers so they can be billed

their 2/3 share on the pipe extension. The estimated cost is currently escrowed with the Village.

Courtney stated that there are a lot of construction jobs out there, but no one wants to work. This affects the Village. Products are hard to get and manpower and crews are hard to get for contractors.

Greenwald ask Courtney for more details on the mall trail to Shannon Park. Courtney thinks it will be the first part of August before they get to it. They will take out the steep slope by making a longer transition. It will take less than a week to do. This is where our sewer main is and this area was never really intended for a trail. Greenwald received an email from Paula Loskamp requesting an update on the trail.

Hardaway asked if we are still going to put a light on the mall trail. Courtney stated that it is the malls responsibility. Scott stated that they are also supposed to do stormwater repair there. Scott will send Ken Farrell or Mike Evans an email to let them know when will be working on the trail and tell them we need to know what is going on with the light and the storm water situation. Scott pointed out that in the agreement if they do not do what they are supposed to do we can go in, do it and charge them. Courtney added that the contractor that worked on the outlet after we finished the storm, came in eight inches higher than our outlet which has resulted in water still backing up there.

Hardaway asked when we will start the Dart Dr project. Courtney thinks it will be a winter project because Bellisario is having a hard time keeping employees. Courtney stated that he needs Bellisario for that project. Hardaway will send an email to inform the Dart Drive residents that there will be a delay because of supply and personnel problems. Courtney stated that he will do the Dart Drive project before he does anything on Graham Road West. Courtney stated that we have all the streetlights are in. Concrete is several weeks out now.

O'Rourke asked who was doing the fencing on the trail from Shannon Park. Courtney stated that that is ours. We can take the split rail down. Originally it was so no one would take carts down there. All other fencing is the malls responsibility.

Zavaski stated that he has been doing roadside mowing.

O'Rourke asked if the Village was going to be letting people know when and how to hook into the new sewer. Courtney stated that people are not going to be able to hook in until the project is completed which is October 2023. He feels we have plenty of time to notify people. This will be a good topic for the October newsletter since a lot of people are interested. Courtney stated that there is a potential for 150 units to hook up to sewer from the Village.

Courtney and Scott attended a meeting with Cornell's Steven Ferr on the Uptown Road Project. It sounds like Burleigh Drive is their preferred path for sewer. An alternate route would be down to Highgate's flow meter down University Park area.

Dean stated that he has been mowing the parks and keeping up with the garbage cans. Every week the radar batteries need changed. Mulch was added to the playground. Courtney stated that these are nice fillers between big jobs. The 6 new park benches arrived yesterday so the DPW Department will get those in once the Board lets him know where they want them to go.

Hardaway entertained a motion to pay the bills.

**Resolution #6869- Abstract of Audited Vouchers**

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 14 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$58,307.85 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 2 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$294,122.90 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No.14 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$2,048.51 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No.2 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$163,468.69 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 14 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$2,774.08 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 2 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$202,485.32 is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Hardaway moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted, and Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Jeff Dobbin-Aye

Dake stated that Bellisario has submitted their bill so that the Pyramid Mall storm sewer bill can be submitted to the mall for 2/3 of the project as agreed upon. Dake reported that she was on vacation last week and has been trying to get caught up with the over 300 water payments that came in while she was gone, tax payments, vouchers and trying to figure out the budget transfers and encumbrances that will need to be approved at Monday night's meeting so that she can close out last year.

Dake stated that the St. Joseph/Votapka Storm Project has been coming out of A8140.4 because we encumbered money from last year and that was what it was under but the

correct code is A8140.2. One adjustment has been made for the total project. Hardaway asked if an official reservation was needed for that. Dake stated that as long as the minutes reflect that this correction was made it should be ok. She just wanted to make sure the Board knew about it and was ok with it.

Scott asked about sewer issues with the Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH). Three property owners have been in asking about changing zoning. A PDA is the only answer and each one is another 100 units each. Courtney stated that we received a letter for sewer stopping. It is not an official moratorium. The VCH will allow 1 or 2 residents to hook up to sewer but not large developments. The Town of Lansing, Village of Lansing and the Town of Ithaca are the three main contributors of the units. The VCH sewer plant has a 2 million gallon a day monthly average limit. Scott would have them come to Trustees but we do not know if we will be able to give them sewer units. It is up to VCH. Hardaway would like to see them come in for an informal preliminary project presentation to the Planning Board so Brent Cross is there. The price for a sewer unit has gone back to \$2,350.

Scott stated that he has been issuing a lot of permits. Aldi's is moving slow. They are now putting up sheetrock. Scott just issued Tompkins County VA Clinic their permit. They had already gone through the special permit process. Citizens Bank has gotten a permit to go into TOPS.

The next Planning Board meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> is the actual due date for a lot of the conditions that were in the Lansing Meadows Special Permit. Meanwhile, Eric is trying to get a Temporary C of C for the first building. He has met most of the criteria that Scott needs, however, Phase 1 landscape is not complete so he will need to put down an escrow to complete it. Courtney is working with Eric on the sidewalk. Officially the sewer is not approved thru the DEC. That will be a condition for the final C of C.

Scott stated that the Beers will be coming back soon. They have given Courtney a pre final drawing. Courtney to follow up with the Beer's in August.

The Planning Board had a special meeting to discuss the tree ordinance. They hope to have a draft for the next meeting. French and Scott are also working on the 1203 which is the Minimum Standard for Building and Code that each municipality has to adopt. The biggest change is operating permit. The occupancy requirement for inspection is changing from 100 to 50. It has to be passed by the end of the year.

Scott reported that at the last Planning Board meeting, Kip Cerasaro (150 Graham Road) and his family attended and spoke up during the Public Comment period about the poor condition and personal confrontations with the neighboring University Heights Apartments (134 Graham Road). Scott has posted the meeting on YouTube and previously asked the Trustees to listen. Scott wanted to discuss any possible steps to amend this situation. Scott feels he can write up as many violations as he can find, but that will not fundamentally change the issues. Scott thinks a louder voice than his is needed.

Scott has gone over to 134 Graham Road and there is mold, broken windows, homeless people living in the laundry room and many unlicensed cars. Scott will contact Health Department to see what they can do. Pichel owns this property.

The Econolodge housing the homeless is also causing issues. There is a homeless person behind the Cayuga Mall. Scott feels we need to attack these types of situations now before we are overrun. The Village is beautiful, and we are seeing a downward trend. O'Rourke stated that there is a lot of trash. As a Village there is not much we can do. The property owner has to contact law enforcement to have them removed, we cannot do it. The Sheriff can move them out, but they come back. This problem is a national global problem. All we can do is ask for support from law enforcement. Hardaway would like Scott to call law enforcement to go with him in these types of situations.

Based on Kips public comments, Hardaway is trying to find out who is responsible for picking up needles and drug paraphernalia. Hardaway will check to see if we have legal grounds to hire someone to do it if a property owner refuses to. Frank Kruppa at the Tompkins County Health Department was contacted by Hardaway. There are a lot of homeless people out there. Hardaway is researching. Dawson is checking from the County side. There is not much the County can do either. Hardaway requested that all future problems be reported to him. If there is an issue, we need to notify the property owner and they have to do something. Scott has asked the owner of 134 Graham to have the homeless removed.

Greenwald asked Scott about revisiting solar permit. Scott will meet with Greenwald after the tree law is complete.

1:02pm Jeff Dobbin left meeting.

Ainslie had nothing to report.

Greenwald has volunteered to help get credit for having recycle bins. Hardaway told Greenwald to take pictures and give them to him to submit. Hardaway will check to see if we need a resolution that states we follow Tompkins County's model for recycling for the Village.

Hardaway stated that we all agree to pay the maintenance of effort contribution for the Recreation Partnership. Our contribution for next year will be \$19,451.

Hardaway stated that he will be attending the meeting on the Safe Streets and Roads on July 25<sup>th</sup> to get more information. The group is looking into a grant application to hire a contractor to come up with a safety plan. Hardaway wants to find out what we will get out of this and if it is worth it to participate.

Motion- To Adjourn

Mayor Hardaway moved for adjournment. Trustee O'Rourke seconded the

motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Jeff Dobbin-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke

The meeting adjourned at 1:07pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer