

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, August 15, 2022, in person at 2405 N. Triphammer Road and via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Susan Ainslie, and Jeff Dobbin; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Attorney Natalie French.

The following attended via ZOOM: Trustee, Carolyn Greenwald (arrived late); Planning Board Member, Mike Baker; Public, Simon Moll & Kathy

Since the executive order has been extended through September 12, 2022, members of the Board can still vote if zooming in.

Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:32pm.

Roll Call: Susan Ainslie, Jeff Dobbin, Ronny Hardaway.

Hardaway opened the public comment period. Since there were no comments, Hardaway entertain a motion to close the Public Comment Period.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

Hardaway made a motion to close the public comment period. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Jeff Dobbin-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye

The next item on the agenda is to approve the minutes from August 1, 2022.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from August 1, 2022

Hardaway made a motion to approve the minutes. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Jeff Dobbin-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye

Greenwald enters the meeting via zoom.

Greenway Plan Public Hearing

Motion – To Open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Updates to the Greenway Plan

Hardaway made a motion to open the public hearing. Ainslie seconded the motion.
A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Jeff Dobbin-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

There were no comments. The trustees agreed to keep the public hearing open until September 19th at 7:35pm in hopes that they will get some comments..

Proposed Local Law F (2022)

The next item on the agenda was to set a public hearing for the tree law.

Motion - To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law F (2022)-Amendment to Village of Lansing Code/Zoning Law to Replace a Section on Tree Conservation for September 19, 2022, at 7:40pm

Hardaway made a motion to set the public hearing. Dobbin seconded the motion.
A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Jeff Dobbin-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Proposed Local Law G (2022)

The next item on the agenda was to set a public hearing for an amendment to Special Permits.

Motion - To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law G (2022)-Amendment to Village of Lansing Code-Special Permit September 19, 2022, at 7:45pm

Hardaway made a motion to set the public hearing. Ainslie seconded the motion.
A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Jeff Dobbin-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

Hardaway stated that the quote final number from the Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Committee today at 3.98% is \$6,190. They have decided to pursue a \$750,000 contract. They think that is enough for what they need from this safety study grant. The price is lowered because Tompkins County is contributing \$10,000 to the overall costs. The group is also looking to get the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to participate in this grant also. Hardaway sent the Board an excel spreadsheet with the number of crash fatalities and serious injuries in each municipality. This information comes from several sources, the State, County and Federal. More details will be part of the final safety plan study to be done by the contractor. The City would like all the municipalities to pass their resolutions before September 7th, which is the day the City of Ithaca will be voting. This will allow the City of Ithaca to also vote to be lead agency. Hardaway

had asked Attorney French to quickly review the draft resolution and provide the Board with any legal concerns. The results of this are the following resolution:

Resolution #6878 -Village of Lansing Resolution to Partner on Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant Opportunity August 15, 2022

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) federal grant program, with up to one billion dollars appropriated in FY22, and with a local match of 20% of the project cost; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities are eligible to apply for funding to create a detailed transportation safety “Action Plan”, either individually or in collaboration with other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO, available here: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=340385>), states that applications with multiple municipalities partnering to create a plan will be more competitive for funding than applications from a single municipality; and

WHEREAS, successful creation of an Action Plan in this grant cycle would make the partnering municipalities eligible to apply for implementation grants in future years of this grant program, either individually or in collaboration again; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca has agreed to be the “Lead Applicant” on this planning grant application, with multiple neighboring municipalities expressing interest in applying as “Joint Applicants”, including the following in alphabetical order (*note: the list is as of 7/25/2022*):

- Town of Caroline
- Town of Danby
- Town of Dryden
- Town of Ithaca
- Town of Lansing
- Village of Cayuga Heights
- Village of Lansing
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WHEREAS, the role of the City of Ithaca as Lead Applicant will be to complete the online application on behalf of all partnering municipalities for FY22 funding, with an application due date of September 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca is presenting a resolution to its Common Council, requesting a budget to fund the study in whole at \$750,000, to be eventually reimbursed 80% by the grant, with individual municipalities reimbursing the City of Ithaca for its share of the 20% local match. The Village of Lansing’s share will be 3.98% of the 20% local match. The reimbursement amount is currently estimated at \$6,190.00 based on a \$750,000 total study cost; then be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Lansing agrees to partner with the City of Ithaca and other neighboring municipalities to jointly apply for the SS4A planning grant opportunity to create an Action Plan that uncovers both regional and municipality-specific transportation safety problems, as well as presents detailed regional and municipality-specific solutions; and

RESOLVED, that the Village of Lansing agrees to reimburse the City of Ithaca the Village's 3.98% share of the 20% local match, and specifically that the Village of Lansing will reimburse the City of Ithaca an amount not to exceed \$8,000 based on the final study cost.

Trustee Hardaway moved to adopt this resolution. Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion.

Hardaway asked for discussion. Dobbin asked what the Village was getting out of this. Hardaway stated that we will get an in-depth safety action plan from the contractor. The first thing that will be done is the city will submit an application on behalf of all the municipalities that are participating. If we win the grant application, the group will receive federal money. We are asking for \$750,000 to go towards the contract where the safety plan will be created. The plan is very in-depth and will include items such as crash studies, recommendations for certain capital projects that will meet the requirements for the federal grant. The safety plan is necessary before any capital project can even apply for moneys coming out of this Federal grant program (SS4A). We are basically paying to have the safety plan done so we can apply for federal money for capital projects. It is not guaranteed that we will receive federal grant money. The Plan is to realize the needs of the community.

Carolyn confirmed with Hardaway that if the match does not come in then the cost would be \$0. Carolyn would like to participate to try and avoid any tragedies. She also likes that we are partnering with other municipalities which is beneficial to all of Tompkins County. She feels the benefit is amorphous but there does seem to be a benefit. She likes the idea of participating.

Dobbin also asked if after this plan is done and there is nothing that we need to do, is there any other benefit besides what Greenwald stated. Hardaway stated that it could also help with state and county roads that run through the Village. This is specifically for the \$5 billion grants for safe streets. Hardaway thinks there will be more money in the future for this program. There are transportation problems all over the country. Enfield and Newfield are the only two municipalities in Tompkins County not participating because of the cost. Our part is not that much. The City is contributing the most because they have the most serious issues. The State and Federal governments are moving towards intermunicipal participation so that you can get together and solve common problems at a higher level, rather than everyone reinventing the wheel.

A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Jeff Dobbin-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Mayors Comments

Hardaway stated that he heard of another encampment on the Brixmore property. Scott has notified Brixmore representative and they are taking care of it. The Sheriff has also been notified.

Adjournment

Motion- To Adjourn

Hardaway motioned to adjourn. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Jeff Dobbin-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer