

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, October 13, 2022, held at the Village of Lansing 2405 N. Triphammer Road and also via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Susan Ainslie, Carolyn Greenwald, Patricia O'Rourke; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Supt. of Public Works John Courtney; MEO, Chris Zavaski and Nick Dean.

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

Courtney stated that a majority of the water line is in on Brown/Warren Roads. R.B. Robinson is completing the final tie ins on Brown Road and working on the final plantings and landscaping. They also did some mainline blacktop repair on Warren Road.

Vacri started the sewer expansion project on Tuesday. They did some vegetation and tree removal on Twin Glens. Depending on the weather, they may start on this area before winter. They will then start up again in March. Two tractor loads of structures have been delivered to the site which is the material Vacri will be using for the area from Autumn Ridge to the Town line.

The highway staff finished up St. Joseph Lane. The only thing they need to do is turn the streetlights on and have them inspected. Next week they will start the trail behind Ithaca Mall. Courtney stated that he has been waiting 3 weeks for a response from the mall. The village is going to replace the storm sewer for the mall when they are there doing the trail.

Courtney stated that the next big thing is to try and nail down Beer's properties trail system verses private ownership. Courtney thinks he has a solution that has to do with the width of the road. Originally, Courtney had asked for 26-27 ft wide roads and the Beer's have 30-foot roads on their plans. If they cut back the size to his suggestion, that should give them funding to pave the paths. They have a meeting next Tuesday at noon. Courtney thinks this would be a good trade off. The Village wants the trails to make the Village a walking community.

Greenwald had concerns about how this was handled at the Planning Board meeting. There will not be any O&M issues for a few years since it will be a new trail. Courtney recommends the paved trails be accepted by the Village. There are maintenance issues with a stone dust trail from weather and also weeds are an issue. Long term, asphalt is better. Any impermeable surface we are doing a tradeoff and helps us to maintain and takes pressure off Beers to keep the trails maintained. If we own the trails, then everyone has a right to use. Hardaway likes the idea and wants input from the Planning Board. Wider streets are for mixed use. If a development has trails, then a wide street would not be necessary. Dedicated sidewalks have to be ADA compliant.

Courtney stated that we need to update our code and change the required width of a road from 20' wide roads to 26' and also the thickness. Courtney will look into providing changes for the Code. Hardaway warned Courtney that there may be multiple references to this in the code. Also, the cross sections and depth picture needs to be updated.

Technically, what the Planning Board was doing was looking at construction drawings and not a plat. All roads are dedicated at 60 ft wide. Courtney stated that he and Dondi reviewed the Beer's drawings and there are design tweaks that need to be done.

Courtney stated that they are working on finding another sewer connection for the parcel next to Dankert Park instead of using the Town of Ithaca outlet at Burleigh Drive.

Courtney has not heard from GHD on the Sewer I&I Study. GHD has been working around the village. We know we have some issues with our sewer system. Courtney is looking forward to getting that information so we can find some solutions.

Hardaway asked about the invoice for Drain Brain. Courtney stated that the work is for I&I inspections. Hardaway also asked for clarity on vouchers #17,19 and 120.

Courtney stated that a paving crew is coming in to do a little strip on Leif's Way where a storm crossing was done and Graham Road where we have the massive water break. St. Joseph Lane will get a mill and repave.

Quadrozzi stated that he has been doing normal fire inspections. With the new 1203 Regulations, he is trying to calculate how many additional inspections will be needed annually. He is trying to translate that into hours. Next year there will be an additional 102 inspections. Usually there are about 120 inspections done each year. Quadrozzi and Scott are talking about how they can share that additional workload.

The sign dedicating the conference room have been hung. The plaque with previous mayors listed is hanging by the mayor's office door. Dake asked what the Trustees would like to do for the dedication on Monday. Dake will get desserts for the reception and notify the Boards about what will take place at the meeting.

Dake had given the Trustees all the financial reports for September and asked if any of the Trustees had any questions or would like to meet with her to go over them.

Little Free Library contacted Dake about adding library boxes to the park signs at Dankert and Hartill Parks. Dake has provided the Trustees with pictures. The park signs are too low to attach them to the bottom of the park signs. Courtney suggested doing them off to the side of the information sign. If the Trustees give them approval to do the libraries then they will be installed. The Board would like to first hear from Attorney French regarding liability. This will be discussed at Monday's meeting. If we do install the Little Free Libraries the Village employees will do the installation.

Dake stated that Hardaway had sent an email about First Amendment Audits. Dake feels

that this would be more of a worry for police departments or social service type departments. We are polite and respectful here in the office, so she does not feel there is a need for signs. Hardaway's concern is that they may videotape confidential information that may be in the village offices. The Board does not feel it needs to do anything at this time other than be aware.

Dake reminded everyone that they need to complete their sexual harassment, workplace violence, right-to-know and blood-borne pathogens training. Dake previously sent everyone the details by email. She asks that everyone has it completed by 10/31/22.

Zavaski stated that they have been cleaning up the St. Joseph area and getting ready for the next project.

Dean stated that he has been mowing between the raindrops and they were starting to get ready for winter.

Greenwald asked about online payments for water bills. Dake stated that we could offer online payment but there is a cost. When people hear there is a fee associated with online payment they are no longer interested. We are tracking the amount of interest and if we get enough interest, we will seriously look into it.

Greenwald gave an update on the Planning Board meeting. Greenwald has volunteered to work with Mike Baker and Lisa Schleelein on the residential tree law. She also updated the Trustees on the Beer subdivision.

Resolution #6891- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$128,899.68 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No.5 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$303,787.72 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the Trust & Agency Fund, in the amount of \$33,500.65 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$754,175.85 is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Hardaway 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 Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye

Dake informed the Board that she would be holding the check payable to SCLIWC for the water billing until she is able to collect more water receivables, which should only be about a week. We may have to do a temporary transfer from another fund to make the next payment to R.B. Robinson. This is due to there being two more billing periods that produce income we have not received.

Courtney stated that he is not getting a response from Ithaca Mall on the storm sewer/trail project behind the mall. Courtney has asked them to release the escrow funds that is remaining from the Pyramid Drive Storm Sewer Project to be used for this. Dake stated that we need to stay on top of it. Hardaway asked if we are still seeing price increases in materials. Courtney stated that we are starting to see it leveling off.

Hardaway stated that Attorney French had reviewed the updated Solar Farms NY Campaign letter and has recommended that the Village does not send it, therefore, Hardaway will not be sending the letter. Hardaway plans to place information on the Village of Lansing website and provide a promo code for our residents who would like to sign up. Hardaway will also have something that he will email out if anyone wants to share it with their neighbors.

Hardaway thanked O'Rourke for her work on the mayor's plaques.

Hardaway stated that he has been thinking about the Tree Conservation Law and how to deal with the money that gets collected in the tree bank. Hardaway suggested running it through the General Fund, but Dake explained that it would need to go through the Trust & Agency Fund because it is being set aside for a specific purpose.

Dake asked the Trustees to sign up for covering Planning Board meetings.

Motion- To Adjourn

Mayor Hardaway moved for adjournment. Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:06pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer