

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, March 16, 2023, held at the Village of Lansing 2405 N. Triphammer Road.

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

Zoom: Carolyn Greenwald

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:01pm. Leopold has recommended two Board of Zoning Members. Dake explained that a BZA member is appointed every five years at the annual organizational meeting which is the first meeting in May each year.

**Resolution #6929**-To Appoint Andreea Minca as a Member of the Board of Zoning Appeal Filling the Term Ending May 2024 and Marcie Robinson as a Member of the Board of Zoning Appeal Filling the Term Ending May 2027 to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Mayor Hardaway moved to appoint members to the BZA. Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee Jeff Dobbin-Aye

Both will be available for the next BZA meeting.

Scott is starting to work on the MS4 Report which is the stormwater annual report to NYSDEC. We will probably have an audit next year. Working on a program with Cross to come up with something to meet their strict requirements. We do not know what they are looking for. We are looking at MCM6 which is a good housecleaning report. Next Thursday Scott, Courtney, Dean and Zavaski are going to the training at Tompkins County on this. Hardaway asked if this report is done annually. Scott stated that it runs from March 10-March 9<sup>th</sup> each year.

Scott gave the Trustees a copy of the NY State Unified Solar Permit. The Planning Board is looking at creating a solar law. Scott was not for this at first but now he would like to use it, so we are consistent and because most of the solar companies are already familiar with this form and are asking if we want it completed. Riedl asked if this is just a formality. The contractors will be responsible for filling out the NY State Unified Solar Permit. There will be no impact on the solar permit. There will be a customize form and a model law for the Trustees to consider. After this is approved will will put it on website.

Scott and Brian are working on 1203 Operating permits. Brian is also setting up dates for inspections.

Courtney asked Scott if Arrowwood solar at Arrowwood would be commercial and be covered by this law. Scott stated that this law is not approved yet but there will be different tiers, and this would be tier 3.

Courtney was contacted by Bolton Point that there is potentially 200 services that need to be verified that they are “no lead services”. Bolton Point will generate a list and we will go back to our as-builts, and they will need to be documented. The Village is responsible for the line from the house valve back to the main. For properties that may have used lead pipe we will need to excavate and observe to see if the lines are lead. Most have been determined that they are cooper. New York State created a law that there cannot be any lead services and it is up to the municipality to verify. There was a water district prior to the Village from the 1960’s so there are only 200 lines that need to be tested. TG Miller may be able to determine these are cooper by paper, if not, it has to be by October 2024. The Town of Lansing only has 7 services in question, but the Village of Cayuga Heights has 250.

Courtney stated that they are expecting a change order on the sewer project. There was a problem with Alternate #1 which was five borings from the east to the west side of the road. Utilities that were on plans are in conflict of the boring pit. So, we did long side services to each of the 13 properties that have a house. Those are 6” services. Village only owns the main but we will also need to own from the curb stop to state highway boundary to the other side of the road. They will be owned by the Village. Alternate #1 bid was \$490,000 but will be significantly reduced. The benefit is that each property owner will have a connection point. The bad thing is we were hoped to have something for future but there will be options down the road. The 2<sup>nd</sup> possible change order will be a 10% addition for landscaping due to the extension to the pump station. Bad thing is once you give a property a sewer connection there could be more subdivision.

Residents will have to go to New York State with engineered drawing for future services. Courtney clarified that properties on the west side that wants to subdivide would not be able to connect into the existing leg. Bolton Point only allow one connection per parcel. Courtney is not sure how multiple connections would work. Dake suggested that Courtney write an article on this for the Spring Newsletter.

Courtney explained that residents will have 3 years to hook in. Residents can request an extension or a waiver until a system needs replaced. A septic system should last 30-40 years. The sewer expansion to the Town of Lansing is a massive \$4.5M project. We will need to make sure we have good communication with the public during the project this summer.

Verizon will be doing cooper line removal because they have all new standards. There have been a lot of pole replacement because of the failing electrical grid. Fiber lines are 80% more efficient than cooper lines.

There was a snow storm this week. Tuesday was a long day. We had damage to one truck with a Verizon line that smashed the mirror. Trying to get Verizon to pay for the \$750 repair. Courtney thinks it is poor workmanship on Verizon's part and has submitted an insurance claim, so they have to pay for the repair.

Hardaway asked if there was any progress on getting streetlight poles up on Dart Drive. The engineers are working on many projects for the Village. They are in the planning phases.

Courtney stated that we got the final paperwork for the streetlight and the TP584. Namdar signed the paperwork and now it needs the Mayor's signature. Now that we have the paperwork we can do the streetlight.

Zavaski and Dean have been cleaning the trucks today.

Dake asked if the Board would like to approve the vouchers.

**Resolution #6930- Abstract of Audited Vouchers**

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$38,302.89 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$11,273.28 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Trust & Agency Fund, in the amount of \$180.00 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$627.56 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-Abstain

Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye

Dake would like to receive everyone's newsletter articles for the spring newsletter. We usually send the newsletter out after we set the budget public hearing so people are aware. Dake will write an article on the water and sewer rate increases. Courtney to write an article on the projects happening this summer.

Hardaway stated that we get a lot of complements on all our staff. Keep up the good work! Courtney stated that a lot of work this summer will be contracted out so that will be good.

Riedl has arranged for a person to come talk to the Trustees about homelessness. O'Rourke suggested that we invite the pastor that previously came to talk to us about the homeless problem near his church. Hardaway will send a special email. The County is still using the Econo Lodge for Code Blue. There is a lot of theft in the Village and police calls for overdoses associated with this.

Hardaway stated that he toured the new Drug Council building. It is a very nice building with a beautiful kitchen. There is a chef there that is a recovering alcoholic who wants to train people how to be chefs or cooks. The problem is getting nursing staff. They are partnering with IC and TC3 for interns. It is a locked facility.

Courtney stated that once the County became a safe injection site the courts have been full. The DPW Department has found a lot of needles along the road. They are doctor office grade syringes.

Greenwald stated that there was no Planning Board on Monday due to weather.

Hardaway stated that Senator Gillibrand will be at the VA Clinic tomorrow and they will be offering tours. O'Rourke and Ainslie will be attending.

There were no more budget questions. Dake stated that we will also be setting a public hearing for a tax override which we do every year as suggested by our attorney. Hardaway stated that it is just a formality.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye  
Trustee Jeff Dobbin-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:14pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer