

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, March 20, 2023, in person at 2405 N. Triphammer Rd. and via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees, Carolyn Greenwald, Patricia O'Rourke, Susan Ainslie, Drew Riedl; Attorney Natalie French; John Courtney and Chris Zavaski

Zoom: Planning Board Member Jim McCauley, Community Observer, Susan Piliero

Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Roll Call: Carolyn Greenwald, Susan Ainslie, Patricia O'Rourke, Drew Riedl, Ronny Hardaway

Hardaway opened the public comment period. There were no comments.

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 Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye	

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from March 6 & 16, 2023.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from March 6th & 16th, 2023

Hardaway moved that the meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes of the March 6th & 16th, 2023, meeting. O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye	Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye	

Tax Override

The next item on the agenda was to set a public hearing to consider Local Law C (2023) To Allow the Override of the Tax Levy Limit. Hardaway stated that we traditionally pass a law to override the tax levy limit and entertained a motion to do so again this year.

Motion -To Set a Public Hearing to Consider Local Law C (2023) to Allow the Override of the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C for April 3, 2023 at 7:35pm

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

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

Budget Discussion & Set Public Hearing

Hardaway stated that we have gone through preliminary budget discussion and asked if there were any additional concerns on the budget. Hearing none, Hardaway proposed that the preliminary budget be the proposed budget for the public hearing at the next meeting.

Motion -To Set A Public Hearing to Consider the 2023-24 Proposed Budget for April 3, 2023 at 7:40pm

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

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

Mayor's Comments

Hardaway stated that the Trustees would be having an executive session this evening. He also reminded everyone to vote in the Village elections on April 25th. The elections will be held in the Village of Lansing Community Room.

General Comments

Ainslie will not be able to attend the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization meeting on Wednesday. She attended the VA Clinic Open House. Senator Gillibrand came to speak on the PACT Act which was recently passed by Congress that extension of VA treatment to those with burn pit exposure. The symptoms are similar to those of 911 first responders in that they are not immediate. They were not able to tour the new VA Clinic because they were already seeing patients.

Drew would like the Village to explore the possibility of offering municipal trash pickup. He wondered if it was possible to contract was a local hauler to do local trash removal since the cost of getting the service from a private collector has gone up significantly. Courtney feels it is pretty much like a monopoly because there is not much competition. Hardaway would like to discuss this at our next staff meeting. Courtney is not sure how that would work with the maintenance part of things and prevailing wage for contracting it out. Natalie would have to look into this. The Village of Cayuga Heights has 3-4 staff members that provide trash pickup twice a week to their residents. The Village of Marathon bids it out. Courtney was not sure if residents would save anything if we contracted it out because taxes would have to be increased. It was suggested that Courtney and/or Riedl talk to Marathon to get details on how they contract it out. Courtney's concern with picking

up trash is that we run into constant changes in requirements. Recycling is on a county contract. Hardaway's concern is when it gets that large it becomes a monopoly. The Board would like to have more research done. Hardaway will ask his wife, Deborah Dawson, about doing a county wide trash pickup along with the current recycling service.

Greenwald would like to see the Village offer bulk pick up days twice a year. Courtney stated that they do this in the Village of Cayuga Heights, it is called Bulky Day. They also do it in the Village of Cortland, it is called Amnesty Day. Greenwald wondered if we could get an Amnesty Day on a county wide level.

Dake reminded everyone that she needed their newsletter articles by tomorrow. She thanked those that already sent them.

Executive Session for Personnel Issues

Motion- To Go Into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Issues

Hardaway motioned to go into executive session. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Greenwald-Aye

The Board went into executive session at 7:54pm.

No minutes are taken during executive session and the public was asked to leave the meeting and Zoom was stopped. The Board invited Courtney, Zavaski and Dake to part of the executive session.

Motion- To Come Out of Executive Session

Hardaway motioned to come out of executive session. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Greenwald-Aye

The Board came out of executive session at 9:00pm. There were no decisions voted on.

Adjournment

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Greenwald-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer