

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, April 17, 2023, in person at 2405 N. Triphammer Rd. and via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees, Patricia O'Rourke, Carolyn Greenwald, Susan Ainslie, Drew Riedl; Attorneys Peter Grossman; Dr. Charley Willison, presenter; Donald Hartill, and Susan Piliero, community observer.

Zoom: John Wisor, BZA Member; Mike Scott, Code & Zoning Officer; Kathy Yen

Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:34pm.

Roll Call: Carolyn Greenwald, Susan Ainslie, Drew Riedl, Patricia O'Rourke, and 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. Riedl seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from April 3, 2023.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from April 3, 2023

Hardaway moved that the meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes of the April 3, 2023, meeting. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Change Order #1 Sanitary Sewer Contract

The Trustees considered the proposed Change Order #1 requested by Vacri Construction Corp. for 5 items. The main deduction is for pump substitution (\$11,469). There is also a substitute gasketed sanitary manhole covers which adds \$3,319.36, new service lateral for 1602 E. Shore Dr. adding \$1,987.46, sanitary manhole 4005 elevation adjustment adding \$3,551.23 and lastly substitute PE adapters for brass which adds \$1,728.68. This brings the total change order to a decrease of

\$882.27. This brings the total contract to \$4,456,117.73. The pumps we were originally going to get would not be here in a timely manner. The replacement pumps which were recommended by the contractor were much lower in price and we were able to get an extra pump to have on hand.

Resolution #6939-To Accept Change Order #1 from Vacri Construction Corp. for the Sanitary Sewer Benefit Area Expansion Project to Decrease the Contract by \$882.27 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign

Hardaway to accept change order #1 and Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

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

Riedl introduced Dr. Charley E. Willison. She is an assistant professor of public health at Cornell University. She is a political scientist studying the relationships between local politics, intergovernmental relations, and public health political decision-making, with a primary focus on homelessness. She is the author of "Ungoverned and Out of Sight: Public Health and the Political Crisis of Homelessness in the United States" which was published in 2021. The book examines why municipalities may use evidence-based approaches to address chronic homelessness in their jurisdictions or not.

Dr. Willison talked about the two types of homelessness, temporary and chronic homelessness. She explained that the Continuums of Care (CoC) are federally designated entities. 70% of the time the CoC is separate from municipalities which puts constraints on their ability to end homelessness because of authority, conflicting policies and/or resources. There is a need to have intergovernmental collaboration between CoC and local governments. It is important to have housing near jobs and the services that these individuals need. There is also a benefit to getting input from people who have experienced homelessness.

Dr. Willison stated that people do not choose to be homeless. Affordability can often lead to temporary homelessness, and eventually chronic homelessness. Health issues and homelessness often serve to reinforce each other. Moreover, drugs often become a coping mechanism for people that do not have a place to live. She feels the best approach based on evidence is Housing First.

In Tompkins County there are around 144 homeless people. Liddy Bargar is the Director of Housing Initiatives for the Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County (HSCTC). Tompkins County has an extreme housing shortage so it is hard to find housing for working families.

Hardaway asked where most of the funding comes from. Most of it is Federal grants and the State is supplemental. Dr. Willison will send more information on links to the Trustees.

The whole presentation is available on the Village of Lansing YouTube page under 4/17/23 Trustee Meeting.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hardaway reminded people to vote April 25th.

General Comments

Ainslie reported that the Joint Commission and Youth Services are moving spaces and hiring people. There is a lot of reorganization being done. Cayuga Watershed has a website with lots of data which will support the grant writing.

O'Rourke stated that there is a deer sign on the ground as you come up from Cayuga Heights on the right-hand side that needs to be put back up. This was O'Rourke's last meeting.

Hardaway stated that he is sad to see O'Rourke leave. She has done a lot for the Village. Former Mayor Hartill thanked Pat for her many years of service. The Board presented O'Rourke with a sign which was made by local artist and former trustee, Gerry Monaghan.

Adjournment

Motion- To Adjourn

O'Rourke motioned to adjourn. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer