

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, June 5, 2023, in person at 2405 N. Triphammer Rd. and via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees, Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, Carolyn Greenwald, Drew Riedl; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Community Observer, Carla Marceau

Zoom: Planning Board member, Lorraine Capogrossi, DPW Supt., John Courtney

Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:31pm.

Roll Call: Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, Carolyn Greenwald, Drew Riedl, Ronny Hardaway.

Hardaway opened the public comment period. Carla Marceau stated that she was present as the community observer. Lorraine Capogrossi was the Planning Board representative.

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 Drew Riedl-Aye	Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye	

Hardaway entertained a motion to approve the minutes from May 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Bullmer was not at the May 1st meeting and Greenwald and Hardaway were not at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes of May 1, 2023

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye	Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Abstain	

Motion - To Approve the Minutes of May 15, 2023

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Abstain	Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye	Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Abstain

Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

**Bids**

The next item on the agenda was to consider the bids from May 9, 2023. The first bid opening on that day took place at 11am. The lowest bidder for the Rental of Equipment, Operator and Laborers from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024, was Pro Lawn, Inc. DBA Bellisario Excavating & Drainage. This company has been awarded this contract for the last three years. Hardaway stated that this is for projects that our staff cannot undertake due to personnel or equipment limitations. Each year we open it up formally and since we are small many other contractors do not want to take this on. TG Miller Engineering was here for the bid opening and reviewed all the bids for compliance and accuracy. There was only one bid submitted this year.

**Res#6980**-To Accept the Bid for Rental of Equipment Contract for Rental of Equipment, Operators and Laborers from June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024, and Award the Contract to Pro Lawn, Inc. DBA Bellisario Excavating & Drainage

**Basis of Bid**

Bellisario will provide equipment and labor in accordance with the Agreement for the following unit prices:

<u>Schedule Item</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
17,000lb excavator with operator CAT 308D	\$170/hour
36,000 Excavator with operator-CAT 315CL	\$200/hour
65,000 Excavator with operator-Volvo 300	\$245/hour
35,000 rubber tire excavator with operator-Volvo 160EW	\$200/hour
Laborer-Heavy & Highway	\$ 99.50/hour

Hardaway made a motion to award the contract. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

The second bid took place at 11:30am on 5/9/23 for the 2023 Water System Improvement Project for Graham Road. The lowest bid was from Core & Main, LP located at 183 Corporate Dr., Binghamton, NY for \$245,566.13. Hardaway stated that he received an email with a copy of the bid received from Courtney. We only received one bid for this project also. Courtney stated that this project starts at N. Triphammer and Graham Road and goes up around the corner by 95 Graham Road. This is just for materials. We bid out the materials and the construction separate because it takes so long to get the materials. The bid came in around \$29,000 less than what we budgeted for in 2023-24. We have had a high frequency of water breaks in this area. The infrastructure is at the end of its life expectancy and needs to be replaced.

**Res#6981**-To Accept the Material Bid for the 2023 Water System Improvement Project for Graham Road from Core & Main, LP located at 183 Corporate Dr., Binghamton, NY in the Amount of \$245,566.13

Hardaway made a motion to award the contract. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

At the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting the Trustees discussed whether to renew the contract with Hudson Energy as the Village's energy provider. It was decided that they would discuss it today. Progressive Energy Consultants contacted Dake regarding our energy renewal rate. The rate has increased slightly from last month. Earlier today, Dake sent an email to the Trustees which she received from Mary Kate of Progressive Energy. The governing body that determines energy pricing is expecting rate increases each month until February 2024. Therefore, Mary Kate does not think that the rate will go down. The Village is currently purchasing electricity from Hudson Energy.

It was asked if there was a renewable energy source in this. There is not one available. Hardaway asked if we should consider solar power or clean energy even if it means paying more. Greenwald stated that she typically would go for a longer term but suggested we do a shorter period and then poll the community to see if they would like to pay more for using solar energy. Riedl feels that we should go with a shorter term. Greenwald asked if we were going to pursue a question like this, how would we best get it out to the residents. Dake stated that a questionnaire could have been added to the tax bills that were just mailed.

Bullmer stated that he has some background in energy. If you ask the community, about 90% of the people don't know what they are voting for because they don't know the background. We need to ask the right questions when we survey the community. Bullmer asked why do you want solar? Greenwald responded for energy savings for the planet related reasons. Bullmer asked if they knew where solar panels come from, how they are manufactured, do you know they need to be cleaned, do you know their efficiency goes down, and there is land use that you can't use for anything else. Riedl stated that the price of batteries is coming down. Bullmer stated that batteries have not come down that much. Bullmer is all for solar on roofs, so you do not disturb other areas. Bullmer does not think it will work to just ask people, do you want solar. The Board agreed that we need a sophisticated group of questions. Greenwald wants to ask the public if this is something they want to spend money on.

Hardaway stated that there are companies that are setting up large scale solar to feed back into the grid. Hardaway will look into getting some contacts from Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE). They can also give us survey questions for our residents about solar. Hardaway would like to have CCE come in and do a presentation to our residents as part of our Climate Smart Community Task Force. Riedl asked what the Village spends each year on electric. Dake stated that we budget for electric under many different codes in the budget. (Buildings, traffic control, streetlights, water pumps and sewer.) Dake has to report this information on the AUD each year so she will send the spreadsheet to the Trustees. Hardaway also suggested doing an online survey.

**Resolution#6982**-To Authorize the Contract with Hudson Energy to Supply the Village of Lansing with Electric for 16 months at \$.06850/KWH

Hardaway motioned to approve this contract. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

### **General Comments**

Greenwald called Marathon because they contracted Blue Moose to take over garbage collection for their Village. Greenwald decided that it is a lot to do garbage collection and a lot of push back when things go wrong. She does not think this is something that the village wants to pursue.

Cortland County has amnesty day. Greenwald reached out to Tompkins County about having a county wide amnesty day. It could be done if it was voted on, but it would raise our taxes. The Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH) has their DPW do their trash removal and amnesty day. Greenwald asked what the cost was, and she is still waiting to get that information. If we get a 4<sup>th</sup> DPW person for a variety of jobs, this could also be something we take on monthly or semi-annually. Greenwald envisions the DPW staff going around with a trailer and then we pay per ton at the dump. It would be a tax increase and it would be up to the residents to decide if they want to have this service. One issue would be that they do not pick up trash from apartments. Dake asked how this would be fair to all the apartment owners to have to pay additional tax without getting this service.

Hardaway suggested renting a couple roll off dumpsters and letting people come and drop off their stuff here at the village. This would be less expensive than having a crew drive around. Greenwald was worried about the abuse of others dumping. Greenwald would like to ask people if this would be something they are interested in and maybe do a pilot program.

Riedl spoke to Casella and Doug's about bulk amnesty. Doug's doesn't do it. Neither will go house to house to do a bulk pick up. Casella will however leave a large dumpster. Riedl questioned how we would monitor who drops stuff off and how do we know if they are Village residents.

Doug's will not do trash pickup for municipality. Casella does trash pickup in Trumansburg and since they are doing all the houses in the village, they charge \$6 per house instead of \$30. Riedl stated that there has been a 58% increase in his cost for garbage pickup. The Board discussed the pros and cons of providing trash pickup. If we did want to provide trash pickup, we would need to pay prevailing wage and it would need to go out to bid. Greenwald and Riedl will continue to research both bulk and garbage pickup.

Riedl spoke with Steve Felker. Needles are still showing up in the church parking lot. He also suggested speaking with local businesses and collecting information on shoplifting and the cost to their business. The second thing is following up with Tompkins County on the EconoLodge and

making sure that the people living there are receiving sufficient support. Find out if this is really a solution and also are they getting better. Hardaway will ask Dawson who to contact.

### **Meetings**

The Board discussed canceling the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and having a meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> since we do not have a meeting on Juneteenth. At that meeting we would do budget transfers, Cornell Cooperative Extension would do a presentation on non-pipeline alternatives and a potential Planned Development Area (PDA) on the Bomax property. It was questioned whether the Trustees should have a presentation on a PDA before the Planning Board does. Hardaway will speak with Mike Scott on this.

**Resolution #6983-** To Cancel the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting and Reschedule a Special Meeting for Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm to Deal with Budget Transfers and Other Items.

Hardaway motioned to approve this resolution. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

### **Adjournment**

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer