

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, June 15, 2023, held at the Village of Lansing 2405 N. Triphammer Road.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, Carolyn Greenwald, Drew Riedl; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code/Zoning Officer, Mike Scott; MEO, Chris Zavaski; Public, Don Hartill.

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

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:07pm. Hartill attended the meeting so that he could ask Courtney a question on the sewer connection to the O'Rourke property. Dake stated that he would not be attending today's meeting.

Scott stated that the Beer's will be back for a final plat for their cluster subdivision at the next Planning Board meeting. The Beers are looking for a verbal commitment on the site plan so he can take it to the bank. They will not get the final stamp until they set up their escrows. It will be a few months until they pull this all together.

Scott stated he is working on personalizing the unified solar permit, so it identifies with Village of Lansing Code. After we pass a new solar law, he will bring the solar permit to the Trustees.

We need to go back and look at the tree conservation law again because one requirement for a major or special permit is to have tree count which is not always necessary. The example Scott gave was the recent request for beehives on a property. There is not anything in the law that gives the Planning Board the authority to waive this requirement. Currently we require a count, and it is an undue expense in this situation.

Scott stated that July 26, 2023, is the deadline to get the foundations in for the second phase of Lansing Meadows. Scott has sent multiple emails but has not heard back from Goetzman. We will need to get our attorney's advice on how to proceed if the deadline is not met. If it is not completed, we do have an escrow to stabilize the site.

At a special Board of Trustees meeting on June 26, 2023, Alex Marigold will be attending to propose a possible PDA for the owners of the Bomax property. Scott will forward information on this before the meeting.

Scott stated that he has been working on stormwater. TG Miller has provided a great laminated map with all the villages' outfalls, infalls and culverts. This was something they already had done a year ago and then they updated it. Scott will be adding the private stormwater areas to the map. Riedl asked Scott if there were any issues with our stormwater system. Scott will be going out to inspect these areas and recommending any maintenance that is necessary.

Zavaski arrived at the meeting.

Hardaway asked Scott how Cayuga Medical is coming along. Scott stated that as they come online it will be in eight different phases. Their plan is to open 2-3 phases at a time.

Scott stated that they are still working on the 1203 for operating permits. Quadrozzi has been getting a good response from multiunit buildings. Scott stated that he and Quadrozzi may give a presentation on this and how it works in the fall.

Zavaski reported that he got a flat tire while roadside mowing and was waiting for Tallmadge Tire to come fix it. The pavilion is done except for the floor. The basketball court at Ned Hickey Park is graded out and they are now working on the parking lot. Benches will be installed when they pour the floor of the pavilion and the basketball court. Zavaski and Dean have started mowing grass again. We have the pipe for the Oakcrest Road crossings so they will be starting that.

Scott stated that Lisa Bonniwell would like to contribute financially to the installation of a tennis court in Ned Hickey Park. Hardaway was unsure if there was enough room there for a tennis court plus we do not want more impermeable surfaces. Greenwald would possibly be in favor of installing a clay tennis court somewhere in the village.

Greenwald stated that the basketball court was not part of the original plan, but a neighbor requested that it be dedicated to a young person that died in Lansing Trails. The Board discussed dedicating the court. Dake asked if the reason they wanted to dedicate the court was because they were paying for it. The Village paid for the court. Hardaway wondered if we could dedicate it if they paid for the plaque. Dake stated that in the village any time someone dedicated something they paid for it. For example, Hartill paid for the bench that was dedicated to Marion in Hartill Park and the Styco's bought and dedicated a tree to Rita Smidt which is planted outside of the conference room window. Hardaway stated that he has an email with the name, which he will forward to the Board.

Hardaway asked Zavaski if the benches had been installed in Ned Hickey Park yet. They will be installed at the same time the floor of the pavilion is poured.

Ainslie asked if the free library was being used and replenished. Zavaski stated that it seems to be.

Hartill asked Zavaski if he was involved in the sewer installation discussion. Zavaski was involved and stated that they needed to figure out where Hartill would want his line. O'Rourke's need a line across Twin Glens Road. Zavaski thinks that Courtney spoke with the O'Rourke's yesterday and got everything worked out. Courtney will be back Monday.

Dake stated that Courtney would like the Trustees to surplus the John Deere 3039R Compact Utility Tractor which was originally purchased 1/30/19 with a front mount blade/snowblower/broom/cab/fender kit for \$44,531.19. The trade in amount being offered is \$24,500 towards the total purchase of the 2022 John Deere 3046R Compact Utility Tractor priced at \$45,964.94. When asked why we were trading it in, Zavaski stated that we are getting good resale value before it starts to need major repairs. Dake explained that both the expense of purchasing a new tractor and the income from the sale of the 2019 tractor were budgeted for as

part of the 2023-24 Budget.

Resolution # 6984-To Surplus the 2019 John Deere 3039R Compact Utility Tractor Without Attachments.

Mayor Hardaway moved to surplus the 3039R. Trustee 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 Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye	

Dake explained that there are two abstracts for the General, Water & Sewer Funds. The payments on Abstract #13 are expenses from the 2022-23 Budget and Abstract #1 are claims that will be paid out of the 2023-24 Budget.

Bullmer questioned the different rates being charged by TG Miller for Dondi Harner. Dake explained that it could depend on what job they were doing. Dake will email Dave Herrick at TG Miller for details.

Resolution #6985- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$132,863.71 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$36,776.20 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$1,148,314.59 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$2,649.53 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$2,417.10 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$0 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the Trust & Agency Fund, in the amount of \$1,425.00 is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Hardaway moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted, and Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Dake is currently collecting 2023-24 taxes. She has closed out May and is working on year end.

Hardaway reminded everyone that there is no meeting on Monday due to Juneteenth. There will be a special meeting on June 26th. Dake will have the budget transfers ready for approval at that meeting.

Ainslie reported that the Joint Youth Commission had a presentation on Youth Entrepreneur Marketing (YEM). It has been around for five years, and they seem to be very enthusiastic. At the June 13th Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO) meeting they approved moving ahead with the rehiring process for a Watershed Manager. The next CWIO meeting is June 28th.

Bullmer asked who was responsible for clearing the trails in Lansing Trail II. Scott stated that most trails are the responsibility of the homeowner's association, including the one that runs through the middle between Janivar Drive and Leif's Way. Hardaway suggested that the bench there be replaced. Zavaski will check it for safety.

Bullmer has not heard anything from the Joint Youth Commission about any meetings. Dake had previously sent Tompkins County the information on Bullmer being appointed and his contact information. Hardaway will contact them to make sure they get information to Bullmer. Hardaway thinks there may be an additional step needed. Ainslie gets information and can share it with Dake and Bullmer. Katie Shanks Booth is the one who sends this out.

Greenwald had nothing to report.

Riedl stated that he called Trumansburg and Dryden regarding trash pick-up and is still waiting on more information. Dryden does not include this service on their tax bills. They have a tag system which costs \$33 for 12 tags. They both use Casella. He did confirm that payment of prevailing wage is part of their contracts. Riedl will continue to keep the board updated on his research.

Riedl stated that someone at the Ithaca Director of Sustainability mentioned that the community choice aggregation will be out to bid in September. Hardaway stated that at tonight's CSC meeting this can be discussed.

Riedl wondered if the Village had ever explored the possibility of installing solar panels on any of the Village properties. Hardaway stated that in the past it was not profitable. If we can get credit for installing solar panels on the pavilion, we may do it. There is funding available from the Inflation Reduction Act and we may possibly get some state funds. Bullmer stated that there are many factors to look at. Hardaway stated that another drawback is that NYSEG will not take electric back into their system. This is a discussion that can be had at tonight's CSC meeting.

Hardaway contacted Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding solar ESCO's. ESCO's are available but the amount of clean energy they provide is questionable. Hardaway suggested having a public hearing to see if this is something our residents want us to do if it costs more. Bullmer asked if we should open up our considerations to all renewables and not limit us to one particular technology like solar. Bullmer thinks there is too much limitation with solar technology.

Hardaway stated that Tompkins County received six proposals from firms that will help create a plan for Safe Streets for All and the county has chosen 3 for interviewing. That will be done tomorrow. At some point they will be interviewing the village to see what we want out of this.

Bullmer informed the Board that half of Borg Warner is now for sale for \$15M.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer