

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, December 18, 2023, in person at 2405 N. Triphammer Rd. and via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees, Susan Ainslie, Carolyn Greenwald, Drew Riedl; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney Natalie French; Citizen Observer, Susan Piliero.

Zoom: Patrick Gillespie, Planning Board Member

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

Roll Call: Susan Ainslie, Carolyn Greenwald, 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 Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Hardaway entertained a motion to approve the minutes from December 4, 2023.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes of December 4, 2023

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Dake stated that there was a request from the Shens at 12 Bush Lane to waive their late fees because they were out of the country when the bill came in October. They have never been late before and have since paid their bill. The water penalties were \$15.49 and the sewer penalties were \$12.05.

Resolution #7011- To Waive the Water/Sewer Penalties for Account N6153 as a One Time Courtesy in the Amount of \$27.54

Greenwald made a motion to approve this resolution. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye

Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Greenwald wondered if we could write something into the Code that the Clerk/Treasurer could do a one-time courtesy waiver so that it did not have to come to the Trustees. It's more of a checks and balances issue so the Board will continue to approve each waiver. Hardaway stated that it really doesn't take much time to do this.

Sewer Law Update

Since Bolton Point and Cayuga Heights have both increased their rates, it is necessary to amend our sewer law. Bolton Point has increased the water rate starting January 2024 from \$6.03 to \$6.33 /1,000 gallons of water consumption. Since the Village sewer rate is based on 25% of that rate, the Village portion of the sewer rate will need to be increased from \$1.51 to \$1.58/1,000 gallons of water consumption. Also, Cayuga Heights has increased their rate from \$6.00 to \$6.96/1,000 gallons of water consumption. (VCH Local Law 6-2023) This makes the total sewer rate \$8.54/1,000 gallons of water consumption. The minimum is still based on 5,000 gallons or \$42.70. This increase will start January 1, 2024, so village residents will see the increase with their April 2024 bill.

Motion - To Open the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law C (2023)- Sewer Rents

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

There were no comments.

Motion - To Close the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law C (2023)

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Resolution #7012- To Adopt Proposed Local Law C (2023)-To Amend the Village of Lansing Code-Sewer Rents as Local Law 3 (2023)

Hardaway made a motion to adopt Local Law 3 (2023). Reidl seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

LOCAL LAW 3 (2023)
AMENDMENT TO VILLAGE OF LANSING CODE-SEWER RENTS

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing as follows:

SECTION I. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

As a follow-up to the prior adoption by the Board of Trustees of Local Law 1 of 2023 which related to the amendment of Section 111-21 (entitled “Rents for property owners connected to the Village of Lansing water system”) and Section 111-22 (entitled “Rents for property owners not connected to the Village of Lansing water system”) of Article II (entitled “Sewer Rents”) of Chapter 111 (entitled “Sewers”) of the Village of Lansing Code, and which provided for the imposition and collection of sewer rents for the use of the Village of Lansing sewer system and the Village of Cayuga Heights sewer system, it is the purpose and intent of this Proposed Local Law C of 2023 to provide for further amendments intended to increase the current sewer rents payable to the Village of Lansing for the use of the Village of Cayuga Heights sewer system based upon the concurrent and like increase by the Village of Cayuga Heights Local Law 6 (2023) which increased the sewer rate from \$6.00 to \$6.96/1,000 gallons used for treatment of waste water originating from properties located outside of the Village of Cayuga Heights; and an increase in the Bolton Point water rate resulting in an increase in the Village of Lansing charge; and more specifically, to amend accordingly (i) subsection A of Section 111-21 [entitled “Rents for property owners connected with Village of Lansing water system”] of Article II [entitled “Sewer Rents”] of Chapter 111 [entitled “Sewers”] of the Village of Lansing Code, and (ii) subsection A of Section 111-22 [entitled “Rents for property owners not connected with Village of Lansing water system”] of Article II [entitled “Sewer Rents”] of Chapter 111 [entitled “Sewers”] of the Village of Lansing Code.

SECTION II. AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF LANSING CODE.

A. Subsection A of Section 111-21 [entitled “Rents for property owners connected with Village of Lansing water system”] of Article II [entitled “Sewer Rents”] of Chapter 111 [entitled “Sewers”] of the Village of Lansing Code is hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

A. Each owner of property that is provided with water service by connecting to the Village of Lansing Water System shall be charged for, and shall be obligated to pay, a total annual sewer rent amount comprised of the following:

(1) A quarterly sewer rent charge for use of the Village of Lansing sewer system, such charge to be equal to one dollar and fifty-eight cents (\$1.58) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water, or portion thereof, used by such property owner, with a minimum charge of seven dollars and ninety cents (\$7.90) for each individual multiple dwelling unit for each quarterly billing (as provided in subsection “B” below); and

- (2) A quarterly sewer rent charge for use of the Village of Cayuga Heights sewer system, such charge to be equal to six dollars and ninety-six cents (\$6.96) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water, or portion thereof, used by such property owner, with a minimum charge of thirty-four dollars and eighty cents (\$34.80) per each individual multiple dwelling unit for each quarterly billing (as provided in subsection “B” below).**

The amount charged for use of the Village of Lansing sewer system shall be individually calculated, and thereafter collected by the Village of Lansing for all quarterly billings commencing with the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission/Bolton Point quarterly billing after January 1, 2024. The amount charged for use of the Village of Cayuga Heights sewer system shall be individually calculated, and thereafter collected by the Village of Lansing (or such other party designated by the Village of Cayuga Heights), for all quarterly billings commencing with the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission/Bolton Point quarterly billing after January 1, 2024. Each such amount shall thereafter continue until otherwise modified from time to time by further local law adopted by the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees.

- B. Subsection A of Section 111-22 [entitled “Rents for property owners not connected with Village of Lansing water system”] of Article II [entitled “Sewer Rents”] of Chapter 111 [entitled “Sewers”] of the Village of Lansing Code is hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:**

- A. Each owner of property that is not provided with water service by connecting to the Village of Lansing Water System shall be charged for, and shall be obligated to pay, a total annual sewer rent amount comprised of the following:**

- (1) A quarterly sewer rent charge for use of the Village of Lansing sewer system, such charge to be equal to one dollar and fifty-eight cents (\$1.58) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water, or portion thereof, used by such property owner, with a minimum charge of seven dollars and ninety cents (\$7.90) for each individual multiple dwelling unit for each quarterly billing (as provided in subsection “B” below); and**
- (2) A quarterly sewer rent charge for use of the Village of Cayuga Heights sewer system, such charge to be equal to six dollars and ninety-six cents (\$6.96) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water, or portion thereof, used by such property owner, with a minimum charge of thirty-four dollars and eighty cents (\$34.80) for each**

individual multiple dwelling unit for each quarterly billing (as provided in subsection “C” below).

The amount charged for use of the Village of Lansing sewer system shall be individually calculated, and thereafter collected by the Village of Lansing for all quarterly billings commencing with the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission/Bolton Point quarterly billing after January 1, 2024. The amount charged for use of the Village of Cayuga Heights sewer system shall be individually calculated, and thereafter collected by the Village of Lansing (or such other party designated by the Village of Cayuga Heights) for all quarterly billings commencing with the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission/Bolton Point quarterly billing after January 1, 2024. Each such amount shall thereafter continue until such amount is otherwise modified from time to time by further local law adopted by the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees.

SECTION III. SUPERSEDING EFFECT.

All local laws, resolutions, rules, regulations and other enactments of the Village of Lansing in conflict with the provisions of this local law are hereby superseded to the extent necessary to give this local law full force and effect.

SECTION IV. VALIDITY.

The invalidity of any provision of this local law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this local law that can be given effect without such invalid provision.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall be effective upon its filing in the office of the Secretary of State.

SCLIWC Collective Bargaining Agreement

The next item on the agenda was for the Village to approve the UAW’s new collective bargaining agreement for 2024-2026. Bolton Point has reached an agreement and all five municipalities that are part of SCLIWC have to approve the agreement. Judy Drake, Human Resource Manager for the Town of Ithaca, Bolton Point and the Health Consortium was present to answer any questions.

When Bolton Pointed unionized in 2001, they decided that all five municipalities that are part of the SCLIWC had to approve the collective bargaining agreement. It has already unanimously approved by the SCLIWC Board. Drake stated that they looked at wages and benefits. They were behind the CPI from their last contract. Wage surveys were done. It is a three-year contract. The negotiations were not contentious at all. There were no changes to the healthcare. All the employees besides administration, are on call so there was a change to the cell phone policy. One

major change was short term disability. That was changed to get closer to the NYS Paid Family Leave.

Hardaway asked about retirement benefits for the employees. Drake stated that retiree health benefits are based on years of service. There are two levels, after ten years they get 50 or 65% if they are there 25 years or more. They can accumulate up to 2000 sick hours to use towards health insurance. If not Medicare eligible when retiring they can trade 16 hours for a month of insurance. If they qualify for Medicare, than it is 8 hours. There are 21 employees at Bolton Point and 17 are part of the UAW. The four managers are nonunion.

Resolution #7013-Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the United Auto Workers for Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission’s Employees for 2024-2026

WHEREAS, the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission, in good faith, entered into contract negotiations with the United Auto Workers union for a renewed collective bargaining agreement for the contract that expired on December 31, 2023: and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2023, the Commission’s negotiating team reached tentative agreement with the union’s negotiating team; and

WHEREAS, the Commission reviewed and approved the tentative contract at the December 7, 2023, Commission meeting; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2023, the employees in the union bargaining unit ratified the tentative contract; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees has reviewed the tentative agreement and determined it to be acceptable as required by the contract and the Public Employees Relation Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees does hereby approve the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the Commission and UAW unit; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees authorizes the Commission’s negotiating team to sign said contract as presented.

Hardaway made a motion to approve the agreement. Reidl seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Mayor’s Comments

Hardaway wished everyone a happy holiday.

General Comments

Greenwald stated that she and Hardaway will now be having monthly greenway meetings. They had one last Thursday. Their goal is to come up with a new sidewalk resolution for the Board. First they want to prioritize the small holes in our system and then figure out if we can do Cayuga Heights Road sidewalk.

Reidl stated that he would be looking into pro housing in January. It is a New York State program where if you pro housing you can qualify for grants. January is when the website will be up.

Reidl stated that he, Dake, Hardaway and a couple of Planning Board Members did a tour of Cayuga Medical Center (CMC). He thought it was pretty impressive. The hope of the Trustees is that when the medical offices open they will keep the roads in good shape. CMC plans to start opening in February 2024. There will be diverse medical services there including cardiology and primary care. CMC also bought the old Sears space. The current plan is to turn that into a training facility.

Adjournment

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer