

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, March 4, 2024, 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; Code & Zoning Officer Mike Scott; Attorney Natalie French; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney and Dondi Harner

Zoom: Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer; Mike Baker, Planning Board Chair

Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:32pm.

Roll Call: Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, 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 Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Hardaway entertained a motion to approve the minutes from February 15, 2024.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes of February 15, 2024

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

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Budget Transfer

A budget transfer is needed from A1410.4 to A1410.2 for \$1,860. A fireproof file cabinet has been purchased for payroll records. It should be a A1410.2 because it will be listed on the GASB equipment list since it is valued over \$500.

The second budget transfer that is being requested is to transfer \$11,769.56 from A5112.2 to A1640.2 to use left over money from Oakcrest paving for garage area paving. Courtney stated

that it was last paved in 2011 and we budgeted to do both the office parking lot that was already completed and the garage area.

Resolution #7019- To Authorize the Following Budget Transfers:

\$1,860 transfer from A1410.4 to A1410.2 for Fireproof Filing Cabinet
\$11,769.56 transfer from A5112.2 to A1640.2 for Garage Parking Area

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

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

30-Day Municipality Notification Waiver

The next item on the agenda was to consider a 30-day waiver request for a liquor license applied for by Northeast Pizza and Bones located at 23 Cinema Drive. They previously had a bar and went to just a restaurant. Now that they are up and running, they want to reopen the bar. Scott has no issues or outstanding items for this establishment and would recommend approving the waiver.

Resolution #7020- To Waive the 30-Day Municipality Notification for Northeast Pizza and Bones Located at 23 Cinema Drive

Hardaway made a motion to waive the 30-day notification. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Solar Law

Hardaway thanked Carolyn for the redlining version she did and Attorney French for her contribution. Greenwald stated that we are using terms as commonly understood so she thought we would be better served not defining them. The decommissioning plan was amended.

Hardaway would like to see the purpose and intent added back in because he felt it is important.

Riedl would ideally like to change the fees by either reducing them or waived. The fees for a building permit and a solar permit are the same.

Bullmer stated that in general he thinks that the law should be separated between commercial and residential solar. He was not in favor of leaving the discretion up to the Planning Board.

Riedl presented information related to the sizing of residential ground solar that was requested by Mayor Hardaway. Riedl noted that in the draft law, any ground solar up to 500 sq. ft. requires both building and special permits. In New York, residential solar can go up to a size of roughly 1,350 sq. ft. Riedl noted that 500 sq. ft. is likely inadequate for a homeowner to substantially reduce fossil fuel use, particularly when they are unable to utilize rooftop solar. The draft would require residents installing over 500 sq. ft. to apply under Tier 3 permitting which requires additional restrictions, such as decommissioning plans.

After some discussion the Board agreed that the Solar Law should go back to the Planning Board after adding some clarifying comments to the redline version. This way the Planning Board will be able to review it before we schedule a joint meeting.

Budget Discussions

Dake has provided both the spreadsheets from our budget program and a detail of what the codes mean. Hardaway asked the Board if they would like to go through the information line by line now or at the next meeting. The Board decided to review the information and discuss the budget at the Thursday noon meeting.

Mayor's Comments

Hardaway stated that the most important thing is to go through the budget. Any questions can be emailed to the staff and copied to all Trustees.

General Comments

Greenwald attended the Recreation Partnership meeting. Village residents are 3% of the participants. Greenwald also reported on the Town of Lansing meeting. One item that she thought may be of interest to the Village is that there are professional services that will look at our codification.

Greenwald wondered if fixing the intersection of 34B and Cayuga Heights Rd. could be included in the Safe Streets for All Program.

Ainslie attended the Youth Services meeting. They have two positions to fill.

Greenwald reported that Village of Lansing youth can apply for Town of Lansing youth employment.

Executive Session

Motion- To Go Into Executive Session to Discuss Employee Salaries

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

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The Board went into executive session at 8:44 pm.

Motion – To Come Out of Executive Session

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

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The Board came out of executive session at 10:04 PM.

Resolution #7021-To Appoint an Acting Fire Inspector and to Authorize a One-Time Stipend Payment for Fire Inspector Duties Performed

Be it RESOLVED that the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees hereby appoints Michael Scott as Acting Village of Lansing Fire Inspector effective immediately, and

Be it RESOLVED that in consideration of the additional Fire Inspector duties performed by Michael Scott from January 2024 to May 2024, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees hereby authorizes a one-time stipend payment of \$3,000. (This payment will be divided between the remaining payrolls of 2023-24.)

Greenwald moved this resolution. Riedl seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

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 Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 PM.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer