

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, April 1, 2024, in person at 2405 N. Triphammer Rd. and via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Carolyn Greenwald; Trustees, Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney Peter Grossman; 2 public.

Zoom: Mayor Ronny Hardaway, Lorraine Capogrossi

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

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

Greenwald opened the public comment period. There were no comments.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

Greenwald 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 Carolyn Greenwald-Aye	Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Greenwald entertained a motion to approve the minutes from March 14<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes of March 14 & 18, 2024

Greenwald made a motion to approve minutes. Bullmer seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Deputy Mayor Carolyn Greenwald-Aye	Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

**Consider Water/Sewer Adjustment-95 Brown Rd.-M1614**

Dake stated that Maria B. Maynard, Vice President of Ashley Management Corporation, emailed the Village asking for an adjustment to their April Water/Sewer Bill. They had a water line break due to freezing temperatures at the meter location in January. The break was over the weekend in January, and it doubled their usage. Maynard spoke with Bolton Point, and they told her there wasn't anything they could do about adjusting the water bill for this accident. Maynard stated in her email that they are in the process of relocating this meter and have been in communication with John Courtney and Bolton Point along with TG Miller to design the relocation. The hot box which holds the meter is essentially in a wooded area and has been subject to many instances of failure/rodents, freezing temps, etc. The meter used to service both 83 and 95 Brown Rd, which

is likely the reason for its location in the late 1960's. The building at 83 Brown Road was demolished several years ago. The plan is to relocate the meter closer to 95 Brown Road so these accidents don't happen again.

In the past we have waived our surcharge but not Bolton Point or Cayuga Heights. charges because we still have to pay them. Their water consumption this quarter was up from 102,000 gal. to 217,000 gal. (115,000). The Water adjustment would be \$435.85, and the Sewer adjustment would be \$181.70 for a total of \$617.55. This would bring their total Water/Sewer Bill for April from \$4,109.72 to \$3,492.17.

The Board decided to grant them a one-time courtesy waiver of the Village's surcharge. Everyone agreed that this was an unusual case and since there is no history of late payments, that this was appropriate.

**Resolution #7025-** To Waive the Village Surcharge for M1614 in the Amount of \$181.70 for Sewer and \$435.85 for Water Due to a Water Break at the Meter Location

Greenwald made a motion to waive Fees. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

### **Tax Override**

Motion- To Open the Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law B(2024) To Allow the Override of the Tax Levy Limit

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Each year our attorney advises us to pass a local law to override the Tax Levy Limit just in case we go over the State limit. There were no comments from the public.

Motion- To Close the Public Hearing

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

**Resolution #7026- To Adopt Proposed Local Law B(2024) To Allow the Override of the Tax Levy Limit as Local Law1 (2024)**

Greenwald made a motion to adopt Local Law 1. Bullmer seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The following is a copy of Local Law 1(2024)-

**A LOCAL LAW TO ALLOW THE OVERRIDE OF THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C**

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

**SECTION I. PURPOSE & INTENT.**

It is the purpose and intent of this local law to allow, if determined necessary and/or appropriate, for the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing in 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

**SECTION II. AUTHORITY.**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c which expressly authorizes a local governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) or more of said governing body.

**SECTION III. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE.**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing, County of Tompkins, is hereby authorized, if determined necessary and/or appropriate, to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing in 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY.**

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm, or corporation or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court order or judgment shall not affect impair or invalidate the remainder of this local law but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm, corporation or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**Budget Discussions**

Dake has provided both the spreadsheets from our budget program and a detail of what the codes mean. There have been no suggested changes since last meeting.

**Resolution #7027**-Set The 2024-25 Budget Public Hearing for April 15, 2024 at 7:35pm

Greenwald made a motion to set the budget public hearing. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

**Consider Increasing Water Surcharge**

With the new budget it was found that we need to increase the surcharge the Village charges on the water billing to be able to maintain our water system. Greenwald stated that our water fund is becoming very low, and we need to bring it up to a more comfortable level.

**Resolution #7028**- To Increase the Village of Lansing Water Surcharge from 60% to 70% or Increase from \$3.79/1,000 gallons to \$4.43/1,000 Gallons Starting with the July 2024 Billing

Greenwald made a motion to increase the water surcharge. Bullmer seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

**Mayor's Comments**

Hardaway had no comments. He thanked everyone for the work they did on the Budget. He appreciates everyone's effort to get the newsletter articles to Dake. The newsletter was great.

**General Comments**

Ainslie stated that on March 18<sup>th</sup> she attended the Youth Services Board Orientation meeting. The orientation included the Joint Youth Commission Board. On March 27<sup>th</sup> she attended the CWIO meeting. She also attended the Planning Board Meetings. The Planning Board finalized the permit for Northeast Pediatrics with conditions. They continued to discuss the Tree and Solar Law. Greenwald wondered if they are ready to set a joint meeting for April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolution#7029**-To Set a Joint Meeting with Planning Board April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Greenwald made a motion to schedule a joint meeting. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Greenwald stated that she attended the Recreation Partnership and Town of Lansing meetings. Bullmer will be covering the Town of Lansing Meetings for the next 3 months.

Hardaway and Greenwald are working with the beautification grant. The plan is to do bulb planting in our parks. The cost will be \$3.10 per square foot.

Greenwald asked Hardaway if he had heard about the \$50,000 trail grant where Tompkins County would award \$5,000 per municipality. He thinks that they are looking for trail connections that are shovel ready. Hardaway will see if they will accept any of our projects. Greenwald will send the information to Hardaway. Bullmer asked if the bridge in Lansing Trails would be appropriate. Hardaway will reach out to them and write a grant for the trails. (TC did accepting our pedestrian trail bridge replacement project for \$5,000 in May)

Bullmer asked if the buyback of sodium lamps could go towards the \$5,000 we have to spend as part of the Clean Energy Communities. Hardaway was unsure if this would be an allowed use. Hardaway stated that there is not much limitation. If so, this would be a good use of money since we are converting to LED for energy efficiency.

**Resolution #7030- To Pay NYSEG \$3,016.73 for Conversion of LED**

Hardway moved to pay NYSEG. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

**Adjournment**

Motion – To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer