

Village of Lansing
Joint Meeting of Trustees and Planning Board

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Joint Meeting with the Planning Board held on Monday, April 15, 2024, in person at 2405 N. Triphammer Rd. and via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees, Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer Carolyn Greenwald, Planning Board Members Mike Baker, Lorraine Capogrossi, Patrick Gillespie, Lisa Schleelein, Yamila Fournier; Code & Zoning Officer, Mike Scott; Attorney Peter Grossman; 2 public.

Zoom: Trustee Drew Riedl; Donald Hartill, John Courtney

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

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

Zoom: Drew Riedl

Baker called the Planning Board to order at 7:32pm. And appointed Yamila Fournier as a voting member since McCauley was not present.

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. Bullmer seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Award Material Contract

Hardaway stated that he sent this to the Trustees earlier today. TG Miller's Dondi Harner and Courtney have both reviewed and recommended the Core & Main's bid of \$257,432.11. There will probably be an additional 5-10% contingency added to this to cover any unexpected expenses that may occur during the project. Hardaway stated that Dake and Courtney will be getting together to figure this out. The budgeted amount for this project was \$340,000, so the bid came in well under the projected amount. Bullmer stated that he did not get a chance to review the information, so he abstained from voting.

Resolution #7034-To Award Material Bid for 2024 Utility and Sidewalk Improvements to Core & Main of Binghamton, NY in the Amount of \$257,432.11

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

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

Budget Public Hearing

Hardaway entertained a motion to open the budget public hearing at 7:36pm.

Motion -To Open the 2024-25 Budget Public Hearing

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

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

There were no comments on the budget.

Motion -To Close the Budget Public Hearing

Hardaway made a motion to close the budget public hearing. Bullmer 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

Bullmer did not feel the percentages on the budget were correct. The percentages were actually correct. Bullmer was comparing the Modified Budget number to the Proposed Budget numbers. The comparison should have been to the Adopted Budget 2023-24.

Hardaway read the following description that Dake provided to him. The Proposed Budget for the General Fund is \$3,215,938 which is a 6.58% increase from last year. The tax rate will remain the same at ~\$1.50/\$1,000 of assessed value. We are appropriating a fund balance of \$816,124. The Water Fund budget is \$2,317,950. We are increasing the water rent surcharge from 60% to 70% starting with the July Water Billing. There is a 56.83% increase in Water because we are doing the Dart Drive Project which accounts for the water increase. The Sewer Budget is \$1,991,340 which is down 67.86%. Last year it was quite a bit higher because of the Sewer Expansion Project to the Town of Lansing. There is an appropriated fund balance of \$632,500 from this year.

Hardaway stated that we have gone through preliminary budget discussion and asked if there were any additional concerns on the budget. Hearing none, Hardaway proposed that the 2024-25 Proposed Budget be adopted as the official budget.

Resolution #7035-To Adopt the 2024-25 Proposed Budget as the Official 2024-25 Village of Lansing Budget

Hardaway made a motion to adopt the budget. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Tree Law Discussion

Baker gave a quick update on the Tree Law. It has been used twice already but there are adjustments that the Planning Board feels need to be made to the current Tree Law. When the proposed changes come to the Trustees, Baker will attend the meeting to let the Trustees know the thought process behind the changes. There will be a tree expert coming to present at the next Planning Board meeting.

Schleelein stated that the clear cutting that happened on Dart Drive prompted this law.

Bullmer had concerns with how we deal with cutting down dead trees. Fournier stated that the tree law is only triggered by a special permit. The Planning Board is trying to close a little bit of a loophole as to what can be planted. We are looking for diversity in plantings and to save mature trees.

Baker added that another concern is whether or not all special permits need to have a tree plan. There was discussion about creating a recommended list of appropriate trees to plant in the Village.

Hardaway stated that the Codification is meant to change as we find better ways of doing things.

Solar Law Discussion

Hardaway stated that there was a redline version that has been circulating for tonight's discussion. Baker stated that a lot of the changes were cleaning up language. The big concerns were the square footage and decommissioning of the panels.

Reidl stated that we want to decarbonize the environment. Greenwald stated that we also want to protect all the other Village Zoning Laws. Baker stated that we did not write this law to promote solar. The Village is concerned with buffering and placement of solar panels. We want to protect our neighbors. When technology changes we can always change the law.

Bullmer stated that we need to set our primary goal and then secondary goals.

Greenwald thinks the decommissioning requirements are amorous. After some discussion the law will go back to the Planning Board for further revision. Hardaway asked Baker to keep the Trustees in the loop.

Mayor's Comments

Hardaway reminded everyone that the Village elections are April 23rd from noon to 9pm in the Community Room.

General Comments

Greenwald stated that the Recreation Partnership meeting is tomorrow night.

There was nothing else from any other Trustee.

This was Drew Riedl's last meeting. Hardaway thanked him for all the work he did for the Board and on the different committees.

Adjournment

Motion – To Adjourn the Planning Board Meeting

Fournier motioned to adjourn the Planning Board meeting. Schleelein seconded the motion. A vote was taken: All Ayes

Motion – To Adjourn Board of Trustee meeting.

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

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer