

Village of Lansing

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

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees: Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, Carolyn Greenwald, Kathleen Yen; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney Natalie French.

Zoom: James McCauley (arrived late), Planning Board Member

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

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

Hardaway opened the public comment period. There was no public present at the meeting.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

Hardaway made a motion to close the public comment period. Greenwald seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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| Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye      | Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye    |
| Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye      | Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye |
| Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye |                              |

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from Thursday, June 13, 2024. There was no meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from June 13, 2024

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

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| Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Abstain  | Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye    |
| Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye      | Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye |
| Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye |                              |

**Consider Municipal Cooperative Agreement for GTCMHIC**

The next item on the agenda was to consider the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC). Hardaway stated that any time someone joins the consortium they must update the agreement to list all participants. We previously passed a resolution to be able to sign the agreement every year without a resolution but this year the State requires that the changes must be approved each year. Hardaway stated that the only change this year, to his knowledge, was adding new members.

**Resolution #7080** -Approval of the 2024 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing is a Participant in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (the “Consortium”), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and

WHEREAS, the municipal participants in the Consortium, including this body, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the “Agreement”), effective date of October 1, 2010), and

WHEREAS, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law (the "Insurance Law") and the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Financial Services set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives that offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement sets forth in Section Q2 that continuation of the Consortium under the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or any amendments or restatements thereto, shall be subject to Board review and upon acceptance of any new Participant hereafter, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Cooperative Agreement requires that amendments to the agreement be presented to each participant for review and adopted by a majority vote by its municipal board, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing is in receipt of the proposed amended Agreement and has determined that it is in the best interest of its constituents who are served by the Consortium to amend the Agreement as set forth in the Amended Municipal Cooperative Agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon receipt and review of the amended Agreement, the Village of Lansing approves at a meeting of the governing body held on July 1, 2024, and authorizes the Chief Elected Official to sign the 2024 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement (Effective 1.1.24) of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium as recommended by the Board of Directors.

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Hardaway will sign the agreement.

**Proposed Local Law C (2024)**

Hardaway stated that the next item is to consider setting a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law C (2024)- Amendment to Village of Lansing Code-Chapter 80 Illicit Discharge, Activities and Connections to Separate Storm Sewer System Law.

Yen stated that there are a few typos and formatting issues. Yen pointed out a sentence that was left out from a previous version. French stated that this is incorporating the model that the State suggested. This incorporates our compliance with the Tompkins County Departments into Section 80-16 E rather than stating requirements that may change from time to time. French clarified Yen’s questions.

Hardaway also had concerns with formatting and lettering. He would like to have it polished before going to a public hearing. French stated that what probably happened is it was a conversion from a PDF to a word document and redlining and emailing also altered the document. French will update and send a copy of the reformatted Proposed Local Law C to the Board. The Trustees will wait until July 15,2024 to set a public hearing for August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Reschedule Noon Meeting**

Dake has requested that the Thursday noon meeting for July 11, 2024, be rescheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>. She is on vacation the week of July 8<sup>th</sup>. Since it is year end and she is still collecting invoices from last year’s budget, it would be best to postpone the meeting. The final 2023-24 Budget Transfers and Encumbrances can also be done at that meeting. The annual report to New York State has to be submitted by July 31, 2024.

**Resolution #7082-** To Reschedule the Thursday Noon Staff Meeting on July 11, 2024, to Noon on July 18, 2024

Yen made a motion to change the staff meeting date. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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| Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye      | Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye    |
| Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye      | Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye |
| Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye |                              |

Dake stated that she spoke with Courtney and that date is also ok with him.

**Solar Law**

French has emailed a copy of the updated Solar Law to the Trustees. Dake emailed some suggested lettering changes which have been incorporated.

Greenwald updated Hardaway on what happened at the last meeting. Greenwald explained that the Board discussed some of the hurdles that the owners would face, and these changes have been incorporated into this new document. A homeowner will not be putting up a bond or be required to have a decommissioning plan. There is a required bond and decommission plan for Tier 3. French stated that the Planning Board would like to see it again. French stated that since they have worked so hard on it that, as a courtesy, it should be sent to the Planning Board. The Board agreed.

Planning Board member McCauley entered the meeting via zoom.

Yen stated that the Town of Henrietta and Town of Ithaca both have PILOT's. French stated that PILOT's would not apply to the Village. These are In Lieu of Taxes which are done by Tompkins County IDA.

Bullmer feels that there is still too much subjectivity in this law.

Dake will send the Proposed Solar Law to the Planning Board for potential comments and then will set a public hearing at our next Monday meeting. Hardaway thanked everyone for their work on this, especially Greenwald for spearheading it.

### **Mayor's Comments**

Hardaway thanked Greenwald for filling in while he was gone to the UK last month.

### **General Comments**

Ainslie reported that the Youth Services Board met. There will not be an increase in our dues. There are staff changes. Teresa Albert and another woman are both retiring. A lot of historic and institutional knowledge will be lost.

Cayuga Lake Watershed group is losing Liz Thomas who is leaving. Roxy Jonson will be taking over for her. Dues will not increase again this year in this organization.

Greenwald stated that she met with William Miller from Cornell who will be planting bulbs in our village parks. Greenwald asked to meet with Hardaway to count the linear feet so we can plan out where we will plant the bulbs. Miller will place the order for the bulbs. We just need to provide a forklift and a dump truck which the Village has. We will have to take the boxes of bulbs to each park on the morning of the planting. We also have to contribute hours to match hours. This will all happen in October.

Greenwald also gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting. Yen, Greenwald and the committee have come up with two surveys, one for residents and one for businesses. They will be converted into a google form. The plan is to get the surveys out at the end of the summer. Greenwald asked for any suggestions the Board may have. We will decide later what we will do with the survey results. Hardaway asked if we would report it or just use it to update the Comprehensive Plan. Greenwald stated that we may include if the questions merit incorporation. Hardaway stated that if Greenwald sends the survey to him, he will create the google form.

Yen reported on the June 18<sup>th</sup> Tompkins County Core Advisory Group (CAG). CAG meets every 2 months. CAG is looking for people with disabilities to join their advisory meetings to get additional input with a focus on people with disabilities. Those interested in joining can contact Jeff Bowles at the Finger Lakes Independent Center. September 14<sup>th</sup> is Tompkins County's Airport Day and Preparedness Expo: A Community Celebration.

Dake asked the Trustees if they were ok with her prepaying Autoworks for the work they have completed on our pickup that was involved in a deer incident. The insurance money has already

been received from Selective Insurance. The Board had no reservations and Hardaway signed the check.

**Executive Session**

Motion- To Go into Executive Session to Discuss Medical, Financial and Employment History of a Particular Village Employee

Ainslie motioned to go into executive session. Yen seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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| Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye      | Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye    |
| Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye      | Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye |
| Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye |                              |

The Board went into executive session at 8:06PM.

Motion- To Come Out of Executive Session

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

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| Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye      | Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye    |
| Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye      | Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye |
| Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye |                              |

The Board came out of executive session at 8:20PM. There were no decisions made.

**Adjournment**

Motion- To Adjourn

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

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| Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye      | Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye    |
| Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye      | Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye |
| Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye |                              |

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.  
Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer