

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, October 17, 2024, held at the Village of Lansing 2405 N. Triphammer Road.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, Kathleen Yen; Code/Zoning Officer, Mike Scott; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; MEO, Chris Zavaski and Nick Dean

Zoom: Carolyn Greenwald (arrived late to observe)

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

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00pm.

Courtney reported that lead service lines have been inspected and Bolton Point has sent the information to the Department of Health. There are still some unknowns on the customer side. These are the people that do not want new meter installed in their homes. There are about 10 of these properties in the Village.

The DPW crew has been assisting with the project, doing manhole restoration, they finished paving yesterday and striping will be started on Tuesday. Courtney has started to order wire for streetlights on Dart. There are three lights on Graham Road on NYSEG energy only contract. The streetlights on Dart Drive will have to have their own account.

They have started working on the trails between Leif's Way and Janivar Drive and the culvert is in. The trails will be closed until they are able to finish. The plan is to have this project completed by next Tuesday or Wednesday. Courtney will have before, during and after pictures that Hardaway can submitted with the grant.

Hardaway asked where we are with getting the traffic cameras installed. Courtney stated that the company sent the boxes. (Carolyn Greenwald entered meeting) The boxes need to be mounted to the poles. An electrician will do that then the cameras can be installed. Bullmer asked what the final price for the traffic cameras was. Courtney was unsure but will look at the budget. The price has not changed, just the lead time has changed.

Graham Road was shimmed and a couple of driveways were tied in.

There are signs on the stop signs at Janivar Drive and Liefs Way that say there are video surveillance cameras in use. The video surveillance signs are not the Villages and cannot be on village signs. Courtney will look to see where they are and will take them down.

Yen asked about the 10 lead service lines that were unidentified. Courtney stated that Bolton Point is the notifier. Quarterly they send notices to the property owners to try and get them to change to the new meters that can be read remotely. Each year the property owner will get a notice from New

York State until they verify that they do not have lead lines going into their home. It is up to Bolton Point to report. The Village has been confirmed and documented. Courtney was happy that they were able to use HydroX. It allowed them to do the work without a dig safely notice. There were 165 properties on the list but only 25 had to be verified. We were able to find more as-built information on Bolton Points Water District I mapping that verified that the other properties all had cooper lines.

Scott stated that building permits are slowing down so he is able to do more stormwater & fire inspections. Scott will have SWWP information for the website in about two weeks. He will be mapping outfalls. Scott thinks that having to do Fire Inspections on R-2 properties was a good thing because with these inspections, they have done repairs in the apartments.

Scott stated that Taco Bell is moving along. The building has been moved out of the sewer easement.

Ainslie asked about the progress on the storage units at the Shops at Ithaca Mall. Scott stated that the mall has to work out the leasing agreement and then they will start the internal work. The outside building would be Phase II.

Zavaski stated that construction season is almost over, and we are heading into winter.

Greenwald asked Courtney when they plan to dredge the pond in Shannon Park. This will be done by spring. Greenwald asked Courtney to email her when they are ready to start the work so she can email her neighbors to let them know.

Scott stated that fire inspection follow up is time consuming. It is a matter of educating the property owners. Scott wants to come up with a standard form of what they need to do for a fire inspection. Quadrozzi had a check list, but Scott would like to do a customized list for each property.

Greenwald stated that 10,000 bulbs were planted yesterday. Hardaway took a video of the planting and will post it on our website.

Greenwald spoke with Attorney French about a previous discussion the board had about requiring an easement for trails when granting a permit. There was not a simple answer and thus requiring easements is not a direction she would like to follow at this time.

We have received 130 survey responses and 10 business responses. Greenwald thinks we will get another 20.

Greenwald stated that she would like to see more efficiency with village emails. She would like an unofficial policy that we only “reply all” if there is a specific purpose. Hardaway would like to leave it up to the person and asked the Board to use “reply all” with discretion. Yen thinks that if one is soliciting information from everyone that it should state “please reply all”.

Ainslie reported that the Planning Board is working on the tree and possible additions to the solar laws. There should be a draft Tree Law in November. There is a public hearing on Monday for the

Solar Law.

Ainslie state that the Youth Services Board would like a resolution appointing her to a three-year term. Dake stated that this appointment is usually done annually at the Organizational Meeting.

Resolution#7097-Appoint Susan Ainslie as a Village Representative on the Youth Services Board for a 3 Year Term

Hardaway moved this resolution, and Bullmer seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Yen stated that there is a Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Clean Energy Communities (CEC) meeting tonight at 5pm.

Hardaway wanted to talk more about possible projects for the \$20,000 NYSERDA Grant. Courtney agreed to get estimates for an electric mower and other electric tools and equipment they may be able to use. The experience is that the batteries discharge really fast with mowers, but Courtney will look at commercial grade mowers. Hardaway has done some research, and a lot of the mowers have fixed batteries. Moisture is also an issue. You can't mow when it is wet which would be a disadvantage. Courtney will provide pros and cons for the board. December 6th is the deadline for submitting the grant. Hardaway doesn't want to spend it if we don't need it. If there is no value to the Village then there is no sense in purchasing.

It was asked if the \$5,000 grant was received from County. It has not. Courtney will do an itemized list of labor of demolition, stonework, pavement, and pipe. This will need to be sent to the Tompkins County Planning Department. That is where the grant came from.

For bulbs reimbursement we will need a copy of the check showing we paid for the bulbs and a breakdown of DPW hours, truck usage and Village employee's time. When billing for truck usage they use FEMA rates. Volunteer hours can be included. The grant was for \$2,500 with a 50% match.

Courtney was hoping we could use grant money for the LED lights we just installed on Dart & Graham Roads. They were not eligible because they were already under contract. Hardaway will look into possibilities of using clean energy grant money for a mower and LED light heads for streetlights.

Jay Franklin, Tompkins County Assessment, has sent over new information on veteran, senior and disability exemptions which has been forwarded to the Board for discussion at Monday night's meeting.

The sewer expansion project is completed. There is retainage on the Dart/Graham Project that can be paid once we receive as-builts, surety bonds, certified payroll, and punch list items are

completed. Courtney thinks they will be able to close out in December.

Hardaway entertained a motion to approve vouchers.

Resolution #7098- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$387,043.38 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$445,021.72 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$782,249.75 is hereby approved for payment.

Hardaway moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted, and Ainsley seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

Hardaway moved for adjournment. Trustee Bullmer seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 12:59pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer