



September 2020 Newsletter

VILLAGE OF LANSING *Incorporated 1974*

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Board of Trustees' Meetings: 1st and 3rd Monday, 7:30 PM

Planning Board Meetings: 2nd Monday and last Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting: 3rd Tuesday as needed; 7:30 PM

Currently all meetings are being conducted via Zoom.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Due to Covid-19, this year's Village Elections were postponed from April 28th until September 15th. Congratulations to Simon Moll and Randy Smith for being elected as Trustees. Randy, who was previously appointed to the Board of Trustees, and Simon, who previously served as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, were both elected to a two-year term. A special thank you to John O'Neill who had served as a Village Trustee for 16 years. John had represented the Village on the Ithaca Youth Board, Lansing Fire Department and was the Town of Lansing Board liaison. We appreciate all you have done for the Village!

Sadly, this spring Mike Newman passed away. He had been very active in the Village and served as the Village's non-elected commissioner on the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission. He was an avid pilot and coached the Bolton Point staff that flew a drone to monitor harmful algae blooms. I need to find a replacement for Mike and anyone with modest engineering or basic infrastructure background would be most welcome. We are also looking for someone willing to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals. If you are interested, please contact the office.

It has been a very busy summer here in the Village of Lansing despite Covid-19. Our DPW staff members have worked safely as have our contractors. Besides keeping the grass cut and maintaining our walking trails, a number of road maintenance projects were also carried out this summer as part of our program to keep the Village of Lansing pothole free. We repaved nearly two miles of roads (~ 10% of our roads) this summer. The Village of Lansing is unique in this regard in the local region.

As part of our infrastructure maintenance and improvement program we have run a new water main from Triphammer Road to the ring road of Shops at Ithaca down Catherwood Road. It was easier to run the line in the roadway and then repave the road, which is happening as this is being typed. We have had a number of main breaks on the old line which had not been properly installed in the late 60's.

The Village extended the storm water collection system from the western edge of the Northwood Apartment complex to the end of the road. The sidewalk that was constructed last summer along the north side of Northwood Road was extended to the end of the road. The Town of Lansing helped with the grading after the installations.

All of the Village parks now have new signs and several benches have been installed in all of the parks. We received a \$5,000 grant from the County, which was very welcomed, and the Village paid for the rest of the cost of the benches and the installation. The final coat of blacktop was applied to several of our trails.

The other infrastructure area that we have been working on is our sewer system. We are working with the Village of Cayuga Heights and the Ithaca Area Wastewater Plant to address the I&I (Inflow and Infiltration) regional problem in the collection systems to ensure that there is sufficient capacity available for new developments. In the Village, we carry out a campaign of televising our collection system to identify locations that need attention and then repair them during the fall. As part of this we are upgrading the readout of our flow meters to be compatible with the data collection system that is being installed at the Ithaca Area Wastewater Plant to provide continuous monitoring of our sewer flows.

The Village will be extending our sewer collection system by installing a new sewer line along the east side of Route 34 from the Town of Lansing boundary to Cayuga Heights Road and then along the eastern side of the roadway to connect to our sewer main that goes down Cedar Lane. It will be a combination of gravity main and forced main. The design is nearly complete and most of the easements have been obtained and we plan on bidding the project early next year. The construction should be completed by the end of the construction season next year. We are also planning to realign the Cayuga Heights Road intersection with Route 34 as part of the project. This will be a significant safety improvement.

Finally, winter will be coming and our DPW is starting to prepare for it. We have some salt left over from last winter and have purchased more to get us up to the 900 to 1,000 tons that we may need so we should be all set. Our moisture levels this year have been a little below normal and hopefully the winter will have a reasonable snowfall level.

Stay well and get your flu shot.

Mayor Donald Hartill

VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Fall Brush Pick-Up

Fall brush and limb pick-up will be provided by the Village and Town of Lansing Highway Departments on Monday, October 5th. Residents are asked to leave up to one pick-up truck size load near the roadside by 7:00 am. To assist the work crews, all limbs and brush (up to 5 inches in diameter) should be piled with the cut ends facing the same direction. The limbs should be no longer than 6 feet in length. Also, the piles should not be tied, but should be left loose. Please do not put out bags of yard waste. This pick up is only for limbs and brush.

John Courtney, Supt. of Public Works

VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

Notary Services

Notary public services are available free of charge to Village residents at the Village Office. Residents are asked to telephone the Village Office at 257-0424 ext. #2 or email Jodi at clerk@vlansing.org to arrange a time for this service.

October Water Billing

The quarterly Water/Sewer Bills are sent out October 1st and are due by October 20th. Payments can be mailed in or dropped off at the Village Office in the secure drop box in the foyer.

Village Meetings

Currently, all of our meetings are being conducted thru ZOOM. If you are interested in attending a Board of Trustee meeting please contact Jodi at clerk@vlansing.org. If you would like to attend a Planning Board or BZA meeting please contact Mike Scott at codeofficer2@vlansing.org.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer

CODE & ZONING DEPARTMENT

With Fall upon us, I would remind everyone that there are numerous scenarios in which a building permit would be needed. I would encourage individuals who are interested in additions, new construction, remodeling, installation of a solid fuel burning heating appliance, chimney or flue, installation of new heating equipment, decks, pools, roofs, etc. to visit the Village of Lansing Office at 2405 North Triphammer Road for any questions they might have.

Code Changes

As of May 12, 2020, the Department of State, adopted an updated 2020 (2018 ICC) version of the New York State Building Codes collection. There have been some significant changes that have occurred, and anyone now looking to construct a new building, remodel an existing building, place an addition on an existing structure, etc. will be required to build to the 2020 New York State Codes collection. I would encourage anyone with questions to contact me (607-257-0424 option # 3).

Stormwater

As beautiful as the fall leaves are, they mean lots of yard work for local homeowners. One option for reducing your workload is to use a mulching lawn mower to mulch leaves into your yard. It is less time intensive than raking and the shredded leaves act as a natural fertilizer during the fall. While you are tending to your yard, take a moment to sweep or rake leaves and branches out of the street in front of your house. Left in the street, they can clog storm drains and contribute to localized flooding. When washed into nearby lake and streams via storm drains or ditches, the leaves become a major source of phosphorus, the nutrient that allows algae to bloom in the summer. Dispose of leaves by composting them in your yard. Keep leaves and yard waste out of the regular garbage, and never dump them in wetlands or buffer areas. Roofs, driveways, snow melt, and lawns all provide stormwater runoff that could potentially end up in Cayuga Lake. All should be mindful of what is spilled or placed on these surfaces. Please clean up any spills that occur, attempt to minimize the fertilizers for lawn care, and properly dispose of pet waste. This is an important task since the Village and four other municipalities are provided drinking water from Cayuga Lake.

Please remember to check/replace the batteries in all Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors.

Mike Scott, Code, Zoning & Stormwater Management Officer

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

April through August is prime construction season and normally a very busy period for the Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer. Enter the Covid 19 pandemic and normal went out the window--meetings were cancelled and projects stalled for almost three months. Planning Board meetings were resumed in late May via Zoom and projects began to move forward once again. Any Special Permit projects with completion date deadlines have been granted a 120-day extension by the Board of Trustees.

Highlights of some of the current and past projects since the last newsletter:

New Projects

The Shops at Ithaca Mall

- The mall owners have submitted a request to the Planning Board to subdivide the mall allowing the individual parcels created to be sold to various large anchor stores. Mall owners would retain ownership of the central core of the mall housing the restaurants and smaller shops. However, due to the age of the mall, there are some significant infrastructure issues that need to be resolved before the proposal moves forward. The mall owners and agents are working together with Village staff to create a plan of action for resolution of the issues. The public hearing for the proposal remains open.
- Brand Y Distillery has secured space in the mall for a future distillery. While awaiting approval from the NYS Liquor Authority, Brand Y has received approval to manufacture hand sanitizer.

Tompkins Trust Company

- The Tompkins Trust branch on No. Triphammer will be adding offices to their facility and expanding their front entry way.

Several minor (defined as the original parcel +1) residential subdivisions proposed and approved.
Several residential special permits issued.

Some Updates on Past Projects

Maguire Nissan of Ithaca:

- The Maguire Nissan showroom at 35 Cinema Drive and Uptown Road next to the Chevrolet/Cadillac is close to being completed.

Lansing Meadows Planned Development Area (aka BJ's PDA)

- Four triplex buildings (units 1-12) are scheduled to be completed by year end. Two additional triplexes are planned for a total of 18 units.

Ongoing construction of townhouses on Nor Way in Lansing Trails II proceeding well.

You are always welcome at a Planning Board meeting, the second Monday and the last Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 9:30pm (holidays may impact the schedule). Meetings are now being held by Zoom. While we are meeting with Zoom it may be a convenient time to join us. Please contact our Code Officer, Mike Scott at codeofficer2@vlansing.org to register for the meeting.

If you would like to receive an email with the upcoming Planning Board agendas that are sent out approximately four days in advance of a meeting, contact Mike Scott to be added to the email distribution list. Alternatively, check the <https://vlansing.org/> website (Village Meetings icon) where you can find Board agendas and past Planning Board meeting minutes.

Lisa Schleelein, Planning Board Chair

VILLAGE TRUSTEE REPORTS

Greenway Committee

In August, the Village Greenway Committee kicked off its annual review of the Greenway Plan. Committee members will discuss and decide if the Greenway Plan should be updated to reflect new

information and guidance for the Village to identify and maintain greenways and pedestrian walkways. Part of the Greenway Committee discussions was its review and revisions to the draft Village Tree Ordinance written by Trustee Simon Moll. The committee asked questions and offered improvements to the new ordinance. Members also discussed revising the landscaping inventory details within the Greenway Plan to aid with future Village landscaping maintenance.

In the past few months, the Village park signs and benches, designed and chosen by Greenway Committee members, were installed in our parks. The signs are a consistent design to identify each park as a maintained asset of the Village and its residents. The cast-iron benches were chosen for durability and ease of long-term maintenance. We hope that residents and visitors take advantage of our parks and enjoy a good rest on our benches.

Marian Hartill Park visitor numbers continue to grow – especially as everyone escapes their Covid-19 lockdowns to get some fresh air, play, and stretch their legs. Greenway Committee members worked diligently with the Trustees and the DPW Department to help clear the parcels, to design the spaces, and to guide the layout and construction of the park. It is rewarding to see so many people enjoying the area and its amenities. Committee members will work with the Trustees and the DPW Department to plant new trees and add landscaping features in the park within the upcoming months. Suggestions about landscaping are welcome, so feel free to contact any of the committee members with ideas.

The Greenway Committee will continue to meet monthly until its annual review and suggested changes to the Greenway Plan are complete. All committee meetings are open to the public (currently using Zoom videoconferencing.) Please visit the committee's page on the Village website for more details on the committee's work and future meetings: <https://vlansing.org/greenway-committee/>.

Ronny Hardaway, Trustee

Village Considers a Tree Ordinance

In recent years the Village has seen exceptional growth in the residential and commercial sectors. With increased growth, Village residents have enjoyed improved infrastructure. Most notably sidewalks and streetlights have been installed, and improvements have been made to essential infrastructure, including roads, stormwater drains, water mains and sewer systems. Further, the increased tax base has allowed for major improvements to our parks and trails, most notably upgrades to Dankert Park, the construction of Marian Hartill Park and planned improvements to Shannon Park. However, a serious downside to increased development in the Village is the loss of native greenspace and established trees.

Trees serve several important roles – acting as windbreaks, reducing noise and glare, and accentuating views and the overall health and attractiveness of the Village. Further, trees contribute an important environmental benefit, providing habitats to native wildlife, reducing stormwater runoff and erosion, and offsetting the effects of climate change through sequestration of carbon dioxide.

With this in mind, the Village is exploring the possibility of enacting a tree ordinance. Currently being researched and written by Trustee Simon Moll and Deputy Mayor Ronny Hardaway, the ordinance will be reviewed by the Greenway Committee and the Village Trustees, Planning Board, and Board of Zoning Appeals. Once vetted and approved by the Trustees, the ordinance will impact all new construction that requires the issuance of a development permit. Such developments will be required to retain a minimum tree density on the development lot.

Where a significant hardship would be met in retaining the minimum tree density, developers would be required to pay a fee into a Village “tree bank”. The funds in this account would then be used by the Village to plant new trees where they are determined to be most beneficial and for use in other greenway-related projects that tackle the effects of climate change and offset the Village carbon footprint.

Through research with existing tree ordinances and in consultation with other parties and arborists, the finer details of the tree ordinance, such as minimum required tree density and the amount of fees paid into the tree bank, are still being determined. However, the ultimate goal is to restrict or end clear cutting lots prior to development. Further, if the minimum tree density is not present prior to development, the developer would be required to bring the lot up to current tree density standards, paving a way for our Village to see increased tree resources, not just maintenance of what is already present.

Through responsible development and careful management of our natural resources, we hope that our unique position of having modern conveniences at our doorstep, yet being surrounded by natural beauty, can be enjoyed for generations to come!

Simon Moll, Trustee

Climate Smart Communities Task Force

Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic curtailed several of the Climate Smart Communities Task Force meetings due to restrictions on in-person gatherings. However, the task force now meets via Zoom videoconferencing and continues its work toward the NYS Climate Smart Communities program that helps local governments reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate.

Since February, the CSC Task Force has completed and submitted to the CSC program: the Village’s CSC resolution establishing the task force and documented the Village’s partnerships with the Tompkins County Council of Governments and the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization. These partnerships show the Village’s commitment to work with local and regional organizations to coordinate long-term actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to coordinate resiliency/hazard mitigation plans.

The task force also collected benchmarking details about the Village government’s energy usage and transportation energy usage. The energy usage data will be incorporated into the Village’s Greenhouse Gas Inventory being prepared by members of the Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Energy Team. The GHG inventory collects, analyzes, and reports emissions from day-to-day operations of the Village operations. The document provides data needed to set realistic goals, and to track progress toward, reducing operating costs, energy use, and emissions.

Current task force work is focused on auditing and reducing future energy usage and evaluating, planning, and shifting Village operations to clean energy where practical and appropriate. All CSC Task Force meetings are open to the public. For more information, please visit the Task Force web page sharing meetings, goals, and progress at: <https://vlansing.org/climate-smart-communities/>.

Ronny Hardaway, Trustee

Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization

The Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CLWIO) is undertaking an organizational assessment through an outside consulting service. The assessment’s findings will guide the organization to seek a more robust advancement of Cayuga Lake water-quality efforts, investigate the possible role of a

Watershed Manager, and refine how the CLWIO positions itself to most effectively achieve its mission to bring the watershed municipalities together to work collaboratively on monitoring, protecting, and restoring the health of the watershed.

This mission is not a simple undertaking. The Cayuga Lake watershed includes 6 counties, 1 city, 34 towns, and 9 villages. Each of these 50 entities has individual goals and responsibilities for water quality projects within their part of the watershed. The complexity of the watershed and the potential projects can easily overwhelm the CLWIO since it has no support staff.

For this reason, the organization is investigating a Watershed Manager for Cayuga Lake. The proposed Watershed Manager would gather information from watershed entities about their water-quality or water-infrastructure issues, coordinate water-related projects within the watershed, and facilitate county, state, and federal grant applications. Proposed funding for the Watershed Manager position would come from CLWIO member municipalities and governments and through potential state and federal grants.

All CLWIO meetings (currently Zoom videoconferences) are open to the public. For more information, visit their website at <http://cayugawatershed.org/>.

Ronny Hardaway, Trustee

Tompkins County Council of Governments

In recent months, the Tompkins County Council of Governments has shared information on several topics that affect county municipalities and the county government. Topics have included: budget-related reports from the County Administrator (with Covid-19-related impacts,) County Health Department reports on Covid-19, a Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit report, a report from the Tompkins County Stormwater Coalition, a presentation of the NYS Stretch Energy Codes for New Buildings, and TCCOG subcommittees reports (Emergency Planning and Preparedness, Energy, Transportation, and Water Quality.)

The Village representative to TCCOG is a member of the Energy Subcommittee because this fits nicely with the Village's Climate Smart Communities efforts. Currently, the Energy Subcommittee is focused on "Community choice aggregation" for local municipalities. The Environmental Protection Agency provides a good definition: "Community choice aggregation (CCA), also known as municipal aggregation, are programs that allow local governments to procure power on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts from an alternative supplier while still receiving transmission and distribution service from their existing utility provider."

Though not practical for all municipalities, the Energy Subcommittee's study allows subcommittee members to learn from aggregator companies and from municipalities that have experience with selecting and implementing CCA for their municipalities. Subcommittee members participate in question-and-answer sessions to help decide if CCA would be appropriate for their municipality.

The overarching goal of TCCOG is to provide a platform for the identification, planning, and implementation of synergistic shared services between local municipalities and the county government. All their meetings – including subcommittee meetings – are open to the public. Please visit the TCCOG webpage for more information: <https://www2.tompkinscountyny.gov/tccog>.

Ronny Hardaway, Trustee

Comments from Trustee Smith

Thank you for the support in electing me to a two-year term as your Village Trustee. I look forward to serving and representing our Village needs to the best of my abilities.

This past year has presented a lot of challenges, but we still have managed to complete a number of pre-committed projects including our 5 municipal parks. We are still working on the completion of Shannon Park which includes adding topsoil and seeding for grass. This should be completed by the end of September, weather permitting.

Our Planning Board continues to receive ideas for new projects in the Village and the Shops at Ithaca Malls will always be at the forefront of our attention. We welcome input from our residents. We need your inputs to help guide our decisions.

Another important point: Our Village is primarily a one-party system, The Community Party. Borrowing the description from our website:

“The Community Party is dedicated to bringing together residents of the Village of Lansing, New York, irrespective of national political affiliation, to maintain a livable place in which to reside and work, to preserve important open spaces, and to provide for orderly, controlled development. Open communication and a thrifty budget are top priorities.”

Please consider helping us through participation in The Community Party or any of our Village Government position.

Randy Smith, Trustee

TOMPKINS COUNTY RECYCLING

Tompkins County offers a single stream curbside recycling program. The recycling calendar is available at the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division office, Recycling and Solid Waste Center at the Drop-off Area, and online at www.recycletompkins.org. There are also copies available in our brochure rack in the Village Office vestibule, which is always open.

The Village of Lansing is a Food Scrap Recycling Drop Spot. On Saturdays from 10:00am-1:00pm Lansing residents can bring their food scraps to the parking lot behind the Village Office at 2405 N. Triphammer Road. Food scraps can include meat, bones and dairy and paper towels and napkins. You can also pick up compost containers and bags for free at the Drop Spot or at the Solid Waste Office.

YMCA

The YMCA of Ithaca has reopened the facility to members only (existing or new) with a modified schedule and a full safety and cleaning protocol. Facility hours of operation for the current phase (Round 1): **Monday-Friday: 6:00-10:00 a.m. and 3:00-7:00 p.m.** Facility hours of operation will increase and programs will be modified and/or increased in Round 2, which will be taking place later in the Fall (date TBA).

Fitness equipment is physically distanced throughout the entire 2nd floor, and the large lap pool has a 6 lane availability, 1 person to a lane for physical distancing, and registrations for scheduling a 45-minute session per lane is easily done on-line or by calling the YMCA at 257-0101.

Group fitness class registrations are ongoing. Classes currently restricted to members only. All classes are 45 minutes. Bring your own mats and any equipment you will need. The capacity for aqua classes

is 12 participants and 15 for land classes. There will be a \$3 fee per class. Advance registration is required for all classes and can be completed online or at the Welcome Center. **Monday:** 9AM Aqua Zumba with Carol G, 6PM Zumba with Jen. **Tuesday:** 9AM Building Strength with Fae, 6PM Boot Camp with Mark. **Wednesday:** 9AM Pilates/Core with Cristin, 6PM Yoga with Marley. **Thursday:** 9AM Yoga with Linda, 6PM Zumba with Tanya.

The YMCA food hub will continue to be offered to the entire community with entry in the north end of the building (small parking lot area, follow the signs). This collaboration with the Friendship Donation Network provides plenty of produce, milk, baked goods, and prepared meals, with the SPCP providing pet food on Mondays. Food hub runs Mondays and Fridays, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or until food is gone. Social distancing, masks, and a 2 bag maximum is observed.

Teresa Morehouse, Associate Executive Director YMCA of Ithaca & Tompkins County
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THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our volunteers that help to make the Village beautiful! Every year Dianne and Jim Orcutt help us by planting the Village flower boxes. Jon Reis and his crew clean up N. Triphammer Rd. as part of our Adopt-A-Highway Program. This year we would also like to thank Tompkins Trust Company for adopting the Village garden on the corner of N. Triphammer and Sheraton Drive. If you would be interested in adopting a garden please contact the Village Office.



TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Covid-19- Interesting Times in Tompkins County

Thanks to our residents' conscientious observance of masking, handwashing, and social distancing protocols, Tompkins County has experienced a relatively low rate of Covid-19 infection. We had a brief uptick in cases several weeks ago as our university and college students returned to campuses here, but that seems to be under control. At our most recent Legislature meeting, our County Public Health Director, Frank Kruppa, reported that our positive case rate seems to have leveled off at between 1 and 3 new cases a day, and none of our new cases have required hospitalizations. Although the current situation is still far

from ideal, we are far better off than residents in many other counties and states around the country. I urge you to continue to observe the recommended protocols, to appreciate your neighbors who wear masks and wash their hands often, and to be considerate of and kind to each other. We have no choice but to get through this together.

We are fortunate here in the Village of Lansing to have CMC's drive-through testing facility close by for those of us who need it. To facilitate the mall's reopening, the testing facility has been moved from the east side to the west side of the mall. If you have been exposed to someone who has Covid-19, if you are having symptoms, or if you need testing prior to an unrelated medical procedure, you qualify for medically necessary testing, for which CMC receives FEMA reimbursement. Otherwise, Tompkins County will reimburse CMC for your test. Either way, testing is available at no cost to you. If you need medically necessary testing or want or need surveillance testing, make an appointment at the mall testing site by registering at cayugahealth.org/ or by calling 607-319-5708. Appointments are required.

County Budget Woes

September/October is budget season for the County Legislature, and this year will be a difficult budget indeed. The pandemic has created the perfect storm of increased expenses and drastically reduced state aid, sales tax, hotel tax, and casino revenues, as well as more unfunded mandates. As a result, the county has experienced a multi-million dollar operating deficit for 2019. Moreover, we have no idea what our revenues will look like in 2020.

Accordingly, the County's 2020 budget will include increased property taxes and decreased service levels – both of which I hope will be temporary. The County Administrator's proposed \$189 million budget is balanced with a property tax levy increase of \$4.9 million, which will increase the property tax rate by 1.17%, to \$6.38 per thousand. (We are fortunate to have a robustly growing tax base in Tompkins County, so the proposed levy increase doesn't require a huge tax rate increase.) The proposed budget also includes a \$5 increase in the annual solid waste fee, necessitated by higher collection costs and a sharp decline in the market for recycled materials. Note that the proposed budget is unlikely to be passed by the Legislature without some changes. So, I'm sorry to report that your county property tax bill will be going up next year – by at least \$83 for a home with a median assessed value of \$200,000. There's just no way around it.

The November Election: Consider Early Voting

Whatever your political persuasion, you know that this November's general election is going to have significant consequences for our country's future, so I needn't tell you how important your vote is. I know many of you are likely to want to take advantage of using the pandemic as a reason to vote by mail, but I urge you to consider your early voting option. You can vote early at the county's Crash/Fire/Rescue facility at 72 Brown Road (just past the airport) between October 24 and November 1 (see <https://tompkinscountyny.gov/boe/EarlyVoting> for hours). Please consider voting early to spare our Board of Elections the onerous task of validating and counting mail-in ballots. Voting early is less crowded than voting on Election Day and it's very convenient for Village residents. Please consider exercising your early voting option if you feel up to voting in person.

If you have questions or concerns about these or any other topics, please feel free to contact me at ddawson@tompkins-co.org. Thank you.

Deborah Dawson, Tompkins County Legislator, District 10

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