

Agenda

Village of Lansing Board of Trustees Meeting

June 1, 2026 @ 7:30pm

**In Person and Online via
Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing*
2405 N. Triphammer Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850**

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7:30 Call to Order

Public Comment Period

Approve Minutes May 14 & 18, 2026

Consider Resolution to Authorize signing of Letter of Commitment for the Use of Two NYSERDA Grants

Consider Resolution Recognizing the Cayuga-Seneca Canal as Part of the Cayuga Lake Watershed

General Discussion

Adjournment

*If you are interested in attending the videoconference/teleconference meeting contact the Village Clerk to get the meeting link - clerk@villageoflansingny.gov.

Resolution # - To Authorize the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to sign a Letter of Commitment for the Use of Two \$5,000 Grant Awards from NYSERDA'S Clean Energy Communities Program Totaling \$10,000.

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing New York is grateful to the State of New York for assisting local governments to reduce their environmental impacts, save money, and demonstrate leadership in sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing New York is fully committed to providing a sustainable future for the community and clean energy, and is proud of its designation by New York State as a Clean Energy Community and Climate Smart Community; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing New York (the "Village") received two \$5,000 grant awards from NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program totaling \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the Village Clean Energy Communities ("CEC")/Climate Smart Communities ("CSC") Taskforce (the "Taskforce"), the Village Greenway Committee, and the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees have discussed potential projects, and surveyed the community for input, for the use of the awarded \$10,000, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees determined that the \$10,000 in grant funding shall be used for (i)pollinator and memorial shade tree plantings, (ii) installation of benches next to shade trees, and (iii) the purchase and installation of bike rack(s), all such plantings and installations to be on Village property (collectively referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, to support public education on sustainability, the Village Lansing will recruit and work with partner organizations and individuals to host a community educational presentation to discuss the benefits of pollinator and shade tree plantings, biking as an alternative means of transportation, decarbonization efforts, and other sustainability-related topics when the Project is unveiled; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village of Lansing New York Board of Trustees as follows:

1. That the Village Mayor or Deputy Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a Letter of Commitment for the use of the two \$5,000 Grant Awards from NYSERDA'S Clean Energy Communities Program totaling \$10,000 for (i)pollinator and memorial shade tree plantings, (ii)installation of benches next to shade trees, and (iii)for the purchase and installation of bike rack(s), all such plantings and installations to be on Village property, and
2. That the Village shall host a community educational presentation to discuss the benefits of pollinator and shade tree plantings, biking as an alternative means of transportation, decarbonization efforts, and other sustainability-related topics when the Project is unveiled, and
3. That the Village of Lansing New York Board of Trustees commits to implementing the Project outlined and using the funds as described.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Lansing New York Board of Trustees commits to implementing the project outlined and using the funds as described.

Resolution # -Recognizing the Cayuga-Seneca Canal as Part of the Cayuga Lake Watershed

WHEREAS, the Cayuga Lake Watershed spans multiple municipalities and counties within the Finger Lakes region and includes tributaries and connected waterways that influence the hydrology and water quality of Cayuga Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga-Seneca Canal connects Cayuga Lake to Seneca Lake as well as the Seneca River to the Great Lakes and functions as a managed waterway within the regional hydrologic system; and

WHEREAS, the canal flows through and directly influences the water quality of Cayuga Lake impacting community character, recreation, and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, research conducted by the Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith has documented the hydrologic connectivity of the canal to Cayuga Lake and the role of canal infrastructure in influencing water movement and nutrient transport among connected water bodies; and

WHEREAS, nutrient transport within connected waterways can contribute to water quality challenges, including the occurrence of harmful algal blooms, which have occurred in Cayuga Lake and throughout the Finger Lakes region and pose concerns for drinking water, recreation, and ecosystem health; and

WHEREAS, Cayuga Lake and its connected waterways support significant regional tourism and recreation activities including boating, fishing, waterfront visitation, and other outdoor uses that contribute to the economy of Tompkins County and the Finger Lakes region; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization has recognized the Cayuga-Seneca Canal as part of the Cayuga Lake Watershed as part of its regional watershed management framework; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing New York Board of Trustees reviewed and approved this resolution on June 1, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees hereby recognizes the Cayuga-Seneca Canal as a hydrologically connected component of the Cayuga Lake Watershed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board supports continued regional collaboration to protect Cayuga Lake water quality, protect the tourism and recreation economy of the region, and address watershed challenges including harmful algal blooms; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board shall transmit copies of this resolution to the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization, New York State Senator Lea Webb, Thomas O'Mara, Pamela Helming, Rachel May, and New York State Assemblymembers Dr. Anna Kelles, Jeff Gallahan and Philip Palmesano.