

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, February 16, 2023, held at the Village of Lansing 2405 N. Triphammer Road.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Susan Ainslie, Carolyn Greenwald, Patricia O'Rourke, Drew Riedl; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code/Zoning Officer, Mike Scott; Supt. of Public Works John Courtney; MEO, Chris Zavaski and Nick Dean. Public Kathy Yen.

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

Everyone introduced themselves to Drew Riedl.

Scott stated that the VA Clinic is waiting for some condenser units. They are looking to open on the 27th.

Scott will be going to Cayuga Medical Center next week for a framing inspection. They are replacing sewer lines on the mall property with all new pvc piping. Courtney will go over and take a look at this.

The Drug & Alcohol Council has a report from Health Department that states their kitchen is ready. Scott should be able to issue them a C of C next week. Courtney stated that he still has a sewer inspection to do over there.

Scott is working on the annual report which is due to NYS by April 1st. This report shows the types of permits issued this year. The Village has issued 100 permits so it won't take long to complete.

Scott is working with Brent Cross to get stormwater up to date. Scott wants to make sure the agreements we have with owners are keeping up with their site. We are responsible for stormwater systems on village properties. Courtney stated that Dondi did inspections on all storm systems and that information is in his budget. Courtney and Scott will work together on this. NYSDEC will be doing audits on MS4's. They needs to be brought up to current standards.

Scott stated that he is working with the village attorney and Quadrozzi to come up with a checklist form. They want to make sure we have leverage to check. One question he has for the attorney is if an apartment complex denies us access to go in, can we deny their permit. We should be able to do a spot check. The goal is to put the liability on the owners and also be responsible for knowing that everyone is actually safe.

Scott stated that he will get the last 3 years of building permits issues to Trustees.

Courtney is working on next year's budget and planning the remaining work items for this

budget year. We have had nice weather, so the DPW staff has been working on the shop. There was a water break on Highgate. They are currently investigating a small water break off the Oakcrest pump house. Courtney has been working with the attorneys on the sewer donation agreement and on getting an agreement for the mall trail. The mall agreement has to do with the mall trail to Shannon Park. A streetlight is supposed to be installed on their parcel which they gave to the Village. A license agreement was done but we have not gotten the originals back yet to file with Tompkins County. The mall escrow deposit was distributed from the Trust & Agency Fund per the pyramid storm agreement but they still owe \$2,200 to the Village.

Greenwald asked if we want to beautify the trail from the mall to Shannon Park. There is an elderly couple that walks the trail and they have requested a handrail. Courtney stated that the plan is to top the trail in the spring, plant grass and do a split rail fence on the trail. We may be able to plant a couple of trees, however, there is a sewer line there. Courtney stated that the Village has a storm water agreement which was done under the subdivision process that helps the Village. If the mall doesn't maintain the storm water than the village can step in, do the work and bill them. We can do a mechanics lien if need be.

Scott stated that all new projects will have to sign a stormwater agreement.

Ainslie asked when the little libraries would be installed in the parks. Courtney stated that they have been trying to figure out how to hang them. Yesterday they came up with a design. Greenwald stated that we have been talking about this for months and she would like to see it completed by our next meeting.

Courtney stated that 2 of the 6 park benches have been installed. To install the remaining four we need to pour concrete which now would cost \$250 for each pad. Courtney would like to sister them in with other concrete projects around the end of April.

Zavaski and Dean had nothing to report.

Dake met with Ainslie and O'Rourke last Tuesday to give them an overview of the water and sewer budgets. Dake also went through the General Fund with Ainslie since this is her first budget cycle. Dake met with Courtney on Tuesday regarding the highway budget and has done some research for him. Dake reminded everyone to have their proposed budget to her by February 24th.

Dake stated that she had another request for penalty refunds from N5223, 53 Twin Glens, for \$19.49.

Dake asked if the Board would like to approve the vouchers.

Resolution #6923- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$53,047.53 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No.9 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$46,371.06 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the Trust & Agency Fund, in the amount of \$37,676.46 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 9 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$342,460.17 is hereby approved for payment.

Trustee Ainslie moved that the foregoing Abstract of Audited Vouchers resolutions be adopted, and Trustee O'Rourke seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye

Riedl abstained from the voucher approval since he had not reviewed the vouchers.

Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO) has canceled its meeting for February 22nd.

O'Rourke is waiting to meet with John regarding water and sewer projects for the budget.

Greenwald stated that she is working with Scott. We may want to add money to the budget for a drone for storm management. Scott is checking into FAA rules to see if we can operate a drone since we are in close proximity to the airport. Greenwald is meeting with the MEO's later today.

Greenwald stated that she attended the Planning Board meeting where they discussed a solar law. The proposed solar law is being updated by Mike Scott. Greenwald stated that the Planning Board used to have working sessions and in the old days it was done. They are getting back to that which is nice to see.

Drew asked about mall mix use with housing. Greenwald stated that it is more of a builder proposal than a proposal from the government. We would support revitalization from mixed use.

Hardaway stated that we need a capital plan for trails and sidewalks. We have a road capital plan. Courtney is putting together a trail spreadsheet.

Courtney would like to sub out the Dart Drive project. We need to evaluate this option.

Greenwald suggested subbing out the mowing. Courtney stated that the guys enjoy mowing. It is relaxing.

Courtney asked about a fitness trail park on the northside of Hartill Park. Hardaway stated that this can wait but he would like to have walkability from Hartill Park to East Point Apartments. Courtney to talk to East Point about connecting their trail to our park. It was agreed that it was too early to plan that trail for next budget year. Courtney will pull up the wetland map and walk the area.

Monday is a federal holiday so there will not be a Trustee meeting.

Motion- To Adjourn

Mayor Ainslie moved for adjournment. Trustee Riedl seconded the motion.
A vote was taken:

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

Trustee Patricia O'Rourke-Aye
Trustee Jeff Dobbin-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:08pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer