

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, August 17, 2023, held at the Village of Lansing 2405 N. Triphammer Road.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, Drew Riedl; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code/Zoning Officer, Mike Scott; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney.

Roll Call: Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, Drew Riedl, Ronny Hardaway, Carolyn Greenwald absent

Zoom: no attendees

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:02pm.

Courtney stated that they have been doing storm work on Oakcrest Road. They have one more day, then they will be done. They will let the gravel settle and then do the patch. Seneca Stone will do a mill and fill on Oakcrest Road. Dake asked if we would be doing our parking lot at the same time. Courtney stated that there is a lot of stuff that needs to be moved up in the garage area so he wasn't sure if they would be able to get that moved.

Part of the old sign shop has been torn down. The other shed still needs to be cleaned out and that stuff will be stored somewhere in the shop building.

Courtney feels that the sewer project has been painful to the residents. Vacri brought in a rock trencher, and they were able to increase their production to a couple of 100 ft a day. October 23rd is the date scheduled for completion. It may run longer. The main line will be in, but they do not know if the laterals will all be installed. There will be another change order coming to the Trustees for a few additional laterals. We are also going to pull the pavement out of the contract because there was so much rock there that caused fractures along the edge. Vacri will bring the frames up to finish grade. We will hire a company to oil and stone the trenches so that they can settle, which shouldn't cost more than \$20,000. This should be ok for plowing this winter. Next year a mill and fill will be done. Drew asked if we could maybe pull in Safe Streets for All funding for this. Hardaway does not think Safe Streets for All will be that quick. Right now, we are just putting together our plan for future projects. Hardaway explained Safe Streets for All.

Courtney stated that the sewer project is time consuming and stressful for him. There are a couple of developments that want to apply for sewer permits. Between the proposed Uptown development and the proposed medical complex on Arrowwood Drive, each of them will have to pay for upgrades to the system. The first development that comes in will trigger some updates to the sewer system. The second development will trigger the next set of updates to the system. We are trying to keep our sewer in our municipality so there will be improvements that will need to happen. Brent Cross assigns units for Cayuga Heights since they process our sewage. Then it would come to the Planning Board. System updates will need to be done with new development and the

developers are going to have to pay for that.

Next month the highway department will complete the storm on Nor Way with closed ditches. \$25,000 is being offered by the Heights of Lansing Homeowners Association for this work. They will also take the dam and bridge out and put a culvert in there at the Janivar creek. This will also get rid of the pond behind Rob Swartwout's home. This will give the Village access to the trail which we currently do not have. It has been confirmed that that pond is not part of the retention system, it is a stream.

Courtney stated that we are close to being able to go out to bid for the Dart Drive sidewalk project. TG Miller is currently preparing the bidding documents. We will be integrating the sewer and sidewalk installation. The contractor will also do the infrastructure for the streetlights and we will install the poles since we already have them. Courtney hopes this will go out to bid in the next month. We may have a problem getting someone to do it. Most contractors are very busy. Hardaway would like to be proactive on getting information out on the Dart Drive Project. Courtney hopes to start in the fall.

Courtney stated that he cannot do Graham Road in house because of all the rain we have had this summer.

Courtney stated that one good thing about the proposed PDA on Bomax is if it gets approved it is less work on DPW. He feels it is a windfall for DPW and sewer and a lot less work at the end of the day because they are using an existing building. Bullmer agrees because the roads and retention areas are already there and there will be less ground disturbance. Hardaway is concerned with ingress and egress and the height of the building. There is already a problem with trucks getting in and out of that area. The Village will push the county to work on the design of the intersection at the airport and post office to make it pedestrian friendly.

Striping of the basketball court and parking area will be done at Ned Hickey Park. Courtney stated that the park took longer than hoped.

Hardaway stated that the family that wanted to dedicate a bench has ordered a bench and plaque. All we will need to do is install the bench. It will probably be 5 weeks before the bench is in. Courtney suggested ordering extra benches and promoting the sale of the benches to others that would like to dedicate one to the Village. The shipping costs for ordering one bench is as much as the bench. Hardaway thought if we keep getting requests then this may be a good thing to do.

Scott stated that he is taking the stormwater surveys that Brent Cross did in 2012 and he is reviewing and breaking them into sections. He went to the Tompkins County site and is uploading the same picture so we can see how these areas have changed year after year. Courtney added that you can get google earth and see pictures from 20 years ago. Dondi has already done some of those inspections. Scott is just gathering all the information now. The Shops at Ithaca Mall is a trouble spot. Scott sent them a Notice of Violation and their 30 days are up. The Mall contacted Bellisario to do the work, but they can't get there until November or December. At least they are trying to get estimates. We are trying to avoid having to go in and do the work.

Scott stated that East Pointe has contacted a contractor and hopes to have them in a month or two to correct their stormwater issues. Current building permits are mostly for upgrading of heating system, roofing, and small solar arrays.

Scott stated that the Planning Board is still working on the Solar Law. Goetzmann asked for a 1-year extension for Phase II. Goetzmann is in litigation with the IDA and is asking for an extension since he lost his funding. The Planning Board declared this a major change so there will be a public hearing at the next meeting. Scott can't lift the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) until Phase II is complete. This has no effect on the current tenants. To close the job, they have to complete Phase II or eliminate Phase II and do the landscaping. He would have to reopen a permit to then do Phase II. A TCO is for 6 months but Scott can extend it two additional times. If Goetzmann does not extend it, he will get a Notice of Violation and if he does not complete within 30 days then we start with litigation.

Dake stated that the Annual Financial Report was submitted to the State at the end of July. A copy had previously been sent to the Trustees.

Last week Dake mailed delinquent letters to those that have still not paid their taxes. Dake noticed from the delinquent list that Dairy One was billed on the tax roll and for In Lieu of Taxes. The finance office sends the village notices each year of who is supposed to be billed for In Lieu of Taxes, which are tax abatements issued by the IDA. Dake called Jay Franklin at Tompkins County Assessment and he said he took it off the tax roll in 2022 because the pilot was up. Dake also had a problem with getting the correct information from the Finance Department a couple of years ago. Going forward, Dake will check with the Tompkins County Assessment Department to confirm that what is received from the Tompkins County Finance Office is correct. This is going to result in A1081 In Lieu of Taxes being short by \$5,349.

Before approving the vouchers, Hardaway asked about the missing invoice for Cook's Brothers. Courtney was unsure what it was for. Jodi will call to get a copy of the invoice. There was a discrepancy on the AT&T bill which Dake tried to call and inquire about the account but they would not talk to her since Courtney is the only one listed on the village account. Courtney will go online and add Scott and Dake as people who can discuss the plan. Courtney did talk to them and had them switch the plan to unlimited.

Bullmer looked at the Drain Brain bill and the rate is extremely high. Courtney stated that they have to pay prevailing rates. Drain Brain does not have to pay their employees prevailing rates for nongovernmental jobs. We are getting high pressure jetting and they are the only company in the area that does this. Courtney will look to see if he can find someone else that does it cheaper. Bullmer confirmed that the legal bills are being checked.

Resolution #6992- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$79,413.21 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$459,922.92 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$2,448.29 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Trust & Agency Fund, in the amount of \$514.08 is hereby approved for payment.

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Ainslie reported that the Joint Youth Commission will have a 2% increase. They are still waiting for the County. Same with the Youth Commission. There will be an in person only CWIO meeting on 8/23/23 at 3pm.

Bullmer & Riedl did not have anything to report.

Hardaway stated that we have put our Sanitary Sewer Project Q&A document up on our website. Jodi sent out an email so everyone should be aware of that. Hardaway asked the Trustees to give any suggestions they may have for Safe Streets for All interview.

Hardaway found out from our county legislator that the Econo Lodge will not be renewing their contract with the county for shelter housing. There is a rumor that the building may be for sale and the County is thinking about buying it and turning it into shelter housing. This would take it off the tax roll. The County must find places for everyone that is currently living there. If the County buys that property, then they will have to bring it up to the current code if they upgrade 50% or more of the building. Hardaway will contact Continual Care to see what is going on in the county.

The Town of Lansing has started a new trail committee. Hardaway has a meeting with them to discuss connecting trails to the Village. He will also talk to the Village of Lansing Greenway Committee about this.

Hardaway stated that we budgeted for a volunteer recognition. The question was when to do it. The consensus was to do it in early October at the new Ned Hickey Park. This will be done by invite and RSVP. Dake will send out an email to all the boards so they can suggest people to invite that have volunteered and helped the Village. She will then create an invitee list. Hardaway would also like her to include Gerry Monaghan since he has been involved with Shannon Park. Dake usually organizes these types of events, but Hardaway would like others to volunteer to help.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes of August 7, 2023, Joint Meeting with the Planning Board

Hardaway moved that the meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes of the August 7, 2023, meeting. Riedl seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Resolution#6993 -To Cancel the Monday, August 21, 2023 Due to Lack of Agenda Items

Mayor Hardaway moved to cancel Monday's meeting. Trustee Bullmer seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Dake will start gathering information for the October Newsletter in mid-September.

Riedl will cover the Planning Board meetings in September and December.

Bullmer will cover the Planning Board meetings in October and November.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer