

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, October 16, 2023, in person at 2405 N. Triphammer Rd. and via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees, Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, Carolyn Greenwald, Drew Riedl; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney Natalie French; Public, Dennis Griffin, Carla Marceau.

Zoom: Mike Baker, Planning Board Chair

Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:30pm.

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

Hardaway opened the public comment period.

Carla Marceau stated that she was here as an observer for the community party.

Dennis Griffin stated that he is running for Town of Lansing Supervisor. He was here to meet the Village Board and distributed cards so that the Village representatives would know more about some of their candidates. Griffin stated that since he decided to run for office, he has been watching the Village of Lansing meetings online. Griffin asked if the Board had any questions for him. The Board had nothing to ask.

Mike Baker stated that he was the Planning Board representative.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

Hardaway made a motion to close the public comment period. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Hardaway entertained a motion to approve the minutes from September 14, 2023. At the last meeting Riedl had a couple of minor changes so they postponed approval of the September 14th minutes. The small changes have been incorporated into the minutes.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes of September 14, 2023, and October 2, 2023

Riedl made a motion to approve minutes. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Hardaway stated that the next item on the agenda was to waive the penalties on account M5853. Dake stated that she received a call requesting that the penalties for July 2023 be waived on account M5853 as a one-time courtesy. They claim that they did not receive a copy of the July bill in the mail. In the past they have always paid on time. Greenwald suggested that we go with our usual one-time courtesy waiver of penalties for those that have not been late in the past.

Resolution #7000-To Waive the July Penalties for Account M5853 as a One-time Courtesy in the amount of \$595.50 for Water Penalties and \$463.44 for Sewer Penalties

Greenwald motioned to approve this resolution. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Set Planning Board NYSR Hours

New York State Retirement is asking all municipalities to set a standard work week for all employees. We currently have a standard work week for staff and Trustees (April 2002 Resolution #3847) but not for Planning Board Members. NYSR is now keeping track of days for everyone regardless of whether they are members or not.

Dake had all Planning Board members keep track of the time they spent on Village business in the month of September. Hardaway asked if this needed to be done once a year and if it could be adjusted. Dake stated that we only do this once and if the number of hours people are working changes in the future, we can go through this exercise again and update the number of hours. Given that information the following resolution is proposed:

Resolution #7001-Set Planning Board Standard Work Week for New York State & Local Retirement System

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby establishes the following as a standard workday for appointed Planning Board Members for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System:

Planning Board Members- One workday per month, with each day an eight-hour day. (Works out to 4 hours per meeting)

Hardaway motioned to approve this resolution. Bullmer seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

General Comments

Bullmer and Ainslie had nothing to report.

Greenwald asked for some clarification on attending Planning Board & Town of Lansing meetings. The Board had previously decided that Ainslie would attend all the Planning Board meetings for the next year. The Town of Lansing meets once a month on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. The following is the schedule of who will cover the Town of Lansing meeting:

Hardaway-October – December 2023
Greenwald-January-March 2024
Riedl-April-June 2024
Bullmer-July-September 2024

Greenwald stated that she will be attending the Town of Lansing Trails Community meeting tomorrow.

Reidl stated that he could not do the Thursday Climate Smart Community meeting either.

Volunteer Recognition

The volunteer recognition is Sunday, October 22nd from 12pm-2pm. The weather is supposed to be rainy so we will be moving it indoors to the Community Room. If we do not receive any more responses, we may cancel the recognition and reschedule it for the spring. At this point only four volunteers have responded. The decision will be made by Friday.

Mayor's Comments

Hardaway stated that he and Mike Scott will be meeting with the Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH). VCH is concerned with all the projects coming forward and the number of sewer units. It's a planning session to decide how we want to proceed. Hardaway is interested in finding out how they plan to serve us and the rest of the communities involved. He wonders what their long-term plan is to increase capacity. Greenwald wondered how many prenegotiated units there are left. Dake stated that there is not a prenegotiated number. In the past we have had a moratorium on sewer units but that is no longer the case. It was brought up that the Village of Lansing paid to install the Kline Road bypass but were never reimbursed for it. This was to take sewage to the Ithaca Plant. We need sewer units for potential developments. Hardaway will have more to report in November.

Ainslie asked how many sewer units are already spoken for. Dake stated that until a developer has a building permit and pays the sewer unit fees, it's on a first come first served basis. The Beer's, Uptown Road and Bomax projects are all in the early stages and will want sewer units. This does not really affect the individual homes, it is the multi units. Hardaway stated that there is a potential for a third phase at the Cayuga Heights plant but he is unsure what that means.

Riedl stated that he has comments on work force housing which he will email to the Board. Riedl also called the Village of Cayuga Heights about trash pickup. He was inquiring about the cost, which he feels is not that compelling. For the Village of Lansing the scale is not big enough to have million-dollar trash trucks. Riedl does not think there would be a cost benefit. There is not the competition to get the price down.

Greenwald would really like to see the Village do a bulk pick up. She suggested maybe we contract with the VCH to do a bulk pick up for us.

Adjournment

Motion- To Adjourn

Greenwald motioned to adjourn. Bullmer seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Drew Riedl-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer