Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, March 3, 2025, in person at 2405 N. Triphammer Road and via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees: Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer(zoom), Carolyn Greenwald, Kathleen Yen; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney Natalie French; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; Code & Zoning Officer, Mike Scott

Public in attendance at the meeting-John Dennis; James Gensel, Fagan Engineers & Land Surveyors, PC; plus 1 other unidentified person.

Zoom: Aleksandr Mergold, Patrick Gillespie, Mike Baker, Lorraine Capogrossi, Wolfgang Bullmer, Tim Crilly from Fagan Engineers & Land Surveyors, Thaut

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

Hardaway opened the public comment period.

John Dennis, 893 Cayuga Heights Road, stated that they got plenty of resolutions regarding the salt mine and apologized for badgering the Trustees. Community Science Institute (CSI) just did sampling of Cayuga Lake and for the first time they got chloride (salt) over 500 parts per million which is above the drinking water standard. Dennis would like us to continue to look at the amount of salt we use on the roads. Dennis left the meeting.

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 Kathleen Yen-Aye Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from February 13, 2025

Motion - To Approve the Minutes from February 13,2025

Hardaway moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Consider Proposed Local Law A(2025)

This proposed local law would amend the Village of Lansing Codification Chapter 125-Subdivision of Land to include provisions for a lot line adjustment.

Motion - To Open the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law A (2025) Amending Chapter 125

Hardaway to open the public comment period. Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

This proposed local law would amend the Village of Lansing Codification Chapter 125-Subdivision of Land to include provisions for a lot line adjustment. The Code Officer can approve simple lot line changes as long as it does not create a new lot or create a non-conforming parcel. There were no comments from the public.

Motion - To Close the Public Hearing

Hardaway moved to close the public hearing. Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Resolution #7124-To Adopt Proposed Local Law A(2025) as Local Law 1 (2025)

WHEREAS:

- A. This matter involves consideration of the following proposed action: Adoption of Proposed Local Law A (2025), to be designated Local Law 1 (2025) upon its adoption, to amend the Village of Lansing Chapter 125: Subdivision of Land to include provisions for a lot line adjustment; and
- B. On January 13, 2025, and February 3, 2025, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees preliminarily discussed the purpose and intent of Proposed Local Law A (2025), and thereupon scheduled a public hearing thereon for March 3, 2025; and
- C. On March 3, 2025, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees held a public hearing regarding this proposed action and thereafter discussed and reviewed (i) the Proposed Local Law A (2025), (ii) all other information and materials rightfully before the Board, and (iii) all issues raised during the public hearing and/or otherwise raised in the course of the Board's deliberations; and

D. The Village of Lansing Board of Trustees determined that the proposed action is a Type 2 action for purposes of Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law - the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"), not requiring review; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOW:

The Village of Lansing Board of Trustees hereby adopts the attached Proposed Local Law A (2025), to be designated Local Law 1 (2025).

Hardaway moved to adopt the proposed law and Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The following is Local Law 1 (2025):

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF LANSING CHAPTER 125: SUBDIVISION OF LAND TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing as follows:

SECTION I. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

It is the intent and purpose of this Local Law to create a distinction between a subdivision of land, which is subject to full scrutiny, review, and approval by the Village Planning Board, and a lot line adjustment between adjoining owners for which the Village wishes to create standards and a procedure that will allow consideration and approval of a lot line adjustment with minimal burdens imposed upon the involved property owner(s).

SECTION II. AUTHORITY.

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and Article 7 of the Village Law of the State of New York.

SECTION III. AMENDMENTS.

1.Chapter 125 (entitled "Subdivision of Land") of the Village of Lansing Code is hereby amended to add or modify the following definitions to Section 125-2:

Lot Line Adjustment – the change of property lines of adjacent parcels which does not result in the creation of additional lot(s), nor creates a zoning deficiency in either lot.

2.Chapter 125 (entitled "Subdivision of Land") of the Village of Lansing Code is hereby amended to add Section 6.1 entitled "Lot Line Adjustment" as follows:

§ 125-6.1. Lot Line Adjustment.

A. Criteria for Lot Line Adjustment.

- (1) Lot line adjustments may be granted by the Village Code and Zoning Officer, without the need for Planning Board review or approval, where the following conditions and requirements are met.
- (2) The proposed lot line adjustment:
 - (a) Would not create an additional lot.
 - (b) Would not create a non-conforming parcel or cause any other parcel to become non-confirming.
 - (c) Would comply with all applicable zoning requirements as to distances from parcel boundaries and setbacks, and applicable New York State Department of Health regulations that pertain to wells and septic systems.
 - (d) Would not create the need for a new street.
 - (e) Would not create the need for new, modified or additional public improvements (such as water or sewer infrastructure).
 - (f) Does not create or maintain land locked parcels.
- (3) No more than two (2) lot line adjustments on a tax map parcel may be requested per calendar year.
- (4) A lot line adjustment may include the consolidation of two or more parcels, provided that ownership of the parcels is identical, and all above criteria are met.

B. The application for Lot Line Adjustment shall include:

- (1) A Lot Line Adjustment application on the form provided by the Village Code and Zoning Officer.
- (2) A survey map of all parcels affected by the proposed adjustment, showing all existing buildings, the location of existing utilities or other easements or rights and, where applicable, the location of the wells and septic systems of the parcels involved. The map shall show the existing lot lines and location of the proposed new lot lines, and existing and proposed setbacks and distances to existing buildings.
- (3) Copies of the deeds to the properties in their current configuration, a proposed deed for the parcel to be conveyed as a result of the lot line adjustment and metes and bounds descriptions of the properties in their present configurations and in the proposed new configurations.
- (4) Payment of such fees in accordance with the provisions of § 125-18 of these Regulations.

C. Procedure for Lot Line Adjustment.

(1) Upon submission of a complete application, the Village Code and Zoning Officer shall determine whether the application meets all the requirements set forth in this section.

- (2) The Village Code and Zoning Officer may request additional information or documentation to make the determination.
- (3) If the proposed lot line adjustment meets all requirements of this section, the Village Code and Zoning Officer shall grant the lot line adjustment.
- (4) If the Village Code and Zoning Officer determines that lot line adjustment does not meet all requirements of this section, the application shall be denied. In such an instance, the applicant may proceed with a subdivision application pursuant to Village Code, with review by the Planning Board and Board of Zoning Appeals, as necessary.
- (5) If the lot line adjustment is granted, the applicant shall record the deed affecting the lot line adjustment and file the survey map with the Village Code and Zoning Officer's signature of approval with the Tompkins County Clerk Office within sixty (60) days of the approval date shown on the map or plat.
- 3. Chapter 125 (entitled "Subdivision of Land") of the Village of Lansing Code is hereby amended to add the following fees to Section 125-18:
 - a. Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of Section 125-18 shall be amended to include a new subparagraph (d) as follows:
 - (d) For submission of an application for lot line adjustment in accordance with §125-6.1 of these Regulations, one hundred dollars (\$100.).
 - b. Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (2) of Subsection C of Section 125-18 shall be amended to include a new subsection (4) as follows:
 - [4] One hundred dollars (\$100.) for review of an application for a lot line adjustment.

No

c. The chart at Subsection E of Section 125-18 shall be amended to include the following line:

Type Lot Line Charge Adjustment **Application Fee Review Fee Inspection Fee** \$100.00 \$100.00

Section IV. **SUPERSEDING EFFECT.**

All local laws, resolutions, rules, regulations, and other enactments of the Village of Lansing in conflict with the provisions of this local law are hereby superseded to the extent necessary to give this local law full force and effect.

Section V. VALIDITY.

The invalidity of any provision of this local law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this local law that can be given effect without such invalid provision.

SECTION VI. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall be effective ten (10) days after publication and posting as required by law, except that it shall be effective from the date of service as against a person served with a copy thereof, certified by the Village Clerk, and showing the date of its passage and entry in the Minutes of the Village Board of Trustees.

Proposed Local Law B (2025)-Zoning Change

The minor subdivision of the BorgWarner lot was approved by the Planning Board at their January 28th meeting. Attorney French has prepared a Local Law B for rezoning the new parcel entitled "Amendment of the Village of Lansing Code/Zoning Law to Rezone an Existing Portion of the Business and Technology District Located on Bomax Drive to a High-Density Residential District."

This Code change is to amend the Village of Lansing Zoning Law and Zoning Map to re-zone a portion of the Business and Technology District ("BT"), being Village of Lansing tax parcels # 44.1-1-53.32 and 44.1-1-53.31 (owned by BorgWarner Ithaca, LLC) into the High-Density Residential District ("HDR"). The parcels in question border Bomax Drive to the south, Medium Density Residential ("MDR") parcels along Nor Way to the west, tax parcels # 44.1-1-53.13, 44.1-1-53.121 and 44.1-1-53.12 to the north (being part of the BT District, owned by BorgWarner Ithaca, LLC), and tax parcel #44.1-1-53.11 to the east (being part of the BT District, owned by BorgWarner Ithaca, LLC). The re-zoning of these parcels is intended to allow for continuation of the contiguous HDR District on the south side of Bomax Drive directly across from the affected parcels and provide a buffer between the MDR and BT Districts. The proposed re-zoning action is consistent with the Village Comprehensive Plan and compatible with the surrounding land uses.

Motion - To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law B (2025) to Rezoning the New Parcel C-Minor Subdivision of the Borg Warner Lot for March 17, 2025, at 7:35pm

Hardaway moved to set a public hearing. Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Scott stated that at the next meeting we may not be able to pass that proposed local law. The proposed law gets sent to Tompkins County for a GML 239 Review and they have 30 days to review it. Since it is a Type I Action, the Board will need to do a full EIF because it is changing the zoning for an area over 25 acres. Scott will have the EIF prepared for that meeting. Hardaway stated that if we have not heard back from Tompkins County, we will just extend the public hearing until the next meeting.

Proposed PDA to Consider

The next item on the agenda was to consider a proposed Planned Development Area (PDA) for 20 Bomax. James Gensel from Fagan Engineers was in attendance to present along with Aleksandr

Merigold who attended via Zoom. Gensel is a civil engineer out of Elmira who is working with the property owner.

Merigold stated that they presented the original project back in June 2023 which was to create a PDA to turn Transact into an apartment complex (now called Parcel A). There has been an amendment to the proposed PDA which includes adding the adjacent property on Warren Road (Parcel B). They plan to also develop Parcel B with a similar size residential area and would like to include it in the proposed PDA.

Fagan stated that now the proposed area for a PDA is 11.14 acres. which would consist of 500 units with 681 parking spaces. They have already done a traffic studies and they feel there is no impact. There is a signalized intersection at Bomax and Warren Roads. They plan to have an additional exit to the south of the light for a right turn only onto Warren Road.

Fagan stated that another big issue is the sanitary sewer. They anticipate developing the area in two phases. They have discussed with Brent Cross, Village of Cayuga Heights Engineer, the possibility of metering the site to monitor the sewer flow. Fagan feels we are above the theoretical EDU approach with 200gpd per unit. They propose that they build Phase I and meter the new building to make sure they are giving us good data on actual flows. Phase I would be developing the vacant Parcel B. This would need to be a discussion going forward.

Parcel A was the original PDA proposed. Greenwald asked what the height would be. The tallest part would be 57 feet or 4 stories. Hardaway stated that there is a 35 ft height limit on all structures in the Village. Hardaway feels the height is problematic. Merigold pointed out that when we first discussed the Transact Building being turned into apartments, the Board entertained a possible 45 feet. Hardaway pointed out that a PDA is a hybrid development, and it is up to the Trustees to decide if we want to break our code requirements for a PDA.

Merigold stated that when the project was originally presented for Parcel A the Trustees did not see the height as a big issue. French stated that the presentation to the Trustees was a very initial proposal which was not even presented to the Planning Board so she would not lay any precedent on the one meeting.

Hardaway stated that the Trustees agreed to let them go out and investigate but did not agree to changing the village's height requirements. High rises are not something we want to see in the Village. We are more of a pocket neighborhood, green space type village rather than a high rise industrial looking residencies. Hardaway stated that he also has other concerns.

Merigold feels the industrial look of the proposed new building goes along with the Transact Building and the industrial businesses around it. Hardaway stated that the original plan had a tree line to the east that might conceal the height. With this planned project the entire tree line is now being consumed. Hardaway feels this would destroy some of the look and feel of the village to allow higher density. Hardaway is concerned with too much height and density because it changes the characteristic of the entire neighborhood.

Greenwald was curious from a design perspective as to why the second building was designed like the first building. She understands the first design because it was converting a factory to a residential building. She wondered if there were other designs for the new building. Merigold stated that there were several different schemes considered. It is more economical to build one bigger building instead of 10 smaller ones. Warren Road is an industrial corridor, and it seemed characteristic of that zone to have the design they were presenting.

Fagan stated that they wanted to build the parking inside the building to keep it from looking like one big parking lot.

Greenwald asked about the size of the apartments. She feels that 360sq. ft. for a studio apartment is really small. Ainslie asked if a washer and dryer were included in each unit. Merigold stated that it is standard practice to have one common laundry room per building. Each apartment does not have a washer or dryer.

Greenwald asked Scott to go over the details of the number of units in a PDA. The following is what Scott had previously sent to the Trustees:

Here are some interesting density numbers to mull over for the proposed 20 Bomax PDA:

- 1. As per Appendix A-2 (PDA) Section 3C: Density. A proposed PDA may include an increase in residential density of up to twenty-five percent (25%) over the maximum density achievable through application of the minimum lot size dimension of the underlying basic district(s).
- 2. If you were to use the density for a multi-unit building in the High-Density Residential District (HDR), you would be allowed 6,000 square feet per dwelling unit.
- 3. As per the attachment, Parcel A has 261 units on 7.54 acres and Parcel B has 239 units on 3.61 acres.
- 4. Parcel A calculates out to 1,258 square feet/unit which is approximately 79% more dense than HDR and;
- 5. Parcel B calculates out to 658 square feet/unit which is approximately 89% more dense than HDR.

From a different angle;500 units at 4,500 square feet (25% more dense) would = 51.6 acres needed.

Scott pointed out that this is way more density than is allowed in our Code. This is the biggest problem.

Hardaway stated that the third issue is sewer capacity. For each dwelling unit we have to allow for 200gpd. There has been one exception that hasn't been tested yet. It is metered. Hardaway would be reluctant to drop below 200gpd per EDU based on past experience. We have to allow for the entire flow that goes from the Village of Lansing into the Village of Cayuga Heights. Putting a meter on an early development to measure flow may give you good number, but if it does not then does the current Transact building become a zombie property because you can't build any more.

Fagan stated that was one of the reasons they looked at developing the new building first. This way you would be able to utilize the commercial element of the Transact Building at a lower wastewater generation rate. Fagan did talk to his client about the offering of an engineer planning Grant offered by New York State EFC to look at I&I issues across the whole village. If this was done the client would pay the 20% cost sharing and the study would look at the system as a whole. This would be a whole separate discussion.

Hardaway stated that without data we just do not know. We are going to require developments over 10 units install a sewer meter so that we can track flow information. We periodically exceeding maximum capacity at Cayuga Heights. We are reluctant to allow a development that does not use 200gpd. Currently there is no plans to change this.

Fagan sees the biggest issue as new sewer not being properly tested and he would recommend that study. Hardaway stated that grants are a gamble. Fagan stated that you can only get the grants if you have good data.

Courtney asked if the grant is to study the I&I. It is and then you have to have funds to fix the I&I. Courtney stated that 1.6million gpd is triggering a bypass. Each dwelling unit is equivalent to a sewer unit. This development would need 500 sewer units. Another issue is the fire flow, which is available water off the Village Circle tank for firefighting. That tank is in the Town of Lansing. It is not a village tank. The final thing that Courtney had was it didn't appear that the traffic study included going out the other way (west). They could expand the study if it was necessary. Courtney stated that there are only 3 connections to the Triphammer corridor, so people do cut through the Lansing Trails development.

Courtney stated that Building B might have a problem with the entrance and exit because of the proximity to the traffic light. Fagan thinks it will only be a right slip lane.

Greenwald thinks the whole project would need to be reconfigured because of the density. (Zoning Code Chapter 145, Appendix A-2)

Yen was concerned with the Full EIS they did. A full SWPPP would also need to be done. Fagan stated that they want to work with the on-site pond. Drainage is an issue. Repurposing the existing factory as a PDA is a great idea. It's the density and the disturbance of the 2nd parcel that is an issue for her. Greenwald agreed that using the factory is more desirable and adding this additional building is a totally different ask.

Fagan wanted the temperature of the room. A developers' conference would happen when it gets to the Planning Board. The Planning Board will be reluctant to take this on if the trustees are not willing to establish a PDA for the development.

Hardaway stated that the main concerns are traffic flow, height, density, stormwater and sewer. These are the areas that should be worked on by the developers. The biggest issue seems to be density because the developers stated that the density was required for the project to work. Hardaway wondered if there was any way to bring the density down to 25%. Hardaway suggested working on the density. Sewer also needs to be worked through.

Solid Waste Management

Yen sent a resolution from Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Committee to basically acknowledge what the Village is already doing to help the Village get points towards Bronze Level. Getting to that level can potentially help with grants in the future. Dake stated that this is just formalizing what we already do. Yen stated that the resolution is saying this is something that is important and we support.

Bullmer stated that it does nothing to reduce waste. However, the resolution is fine if you need it to get grants. Otherwise, he is not supporting this resolution. Hardaway asked if we had any issues with rodents at the outside food scrape drop off. Courtney stated that the biggest issue is the smell. Bullmer stated that it is a known fact that food scrapes attract rodents and ants.

Yen stated that food scrape recycling reduces the organic food waste that goes into the landfill. To reduce overall waste, one should switch from consumables to durable products to reduce overall waste. Bullmer stated that that is a different situation that he is all for. He feels the resolution does nothing to reduce waste because it only discusses management of the already existing waste.

Resolution #7125- Solid Waste Management: Setting a Solid Waste Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink Policy for the Village of Lansing NY Government Buildings

WHEREAS the Village of Lansing, NY is working towards bronze certification as a Climate Smart Community, and

WHEREAS solid waste reduction, increased reuse, and an increased rate of recycling reduces energy use and makes efficient use of limited resources, and

WHEREAS rethinking the use of consumables and switching to durable reusable items, when feasible, will reduce solid waste, and

WHEREAS people are more likely to recycle when it is easy and convenient, and

WHEREAS the Village of Lansing, NY collaborates with Recycling and Materials Management of Tompkins County to reduce waste by recycling food scraps at the Lansing Village Office Drop Spot, and

WHEREAS placing recycling bins next to trash receptacles and food scrap bins in the kitchen area makes recycling easier, and

WHEREAS recycling and food scrap bins provides a visual reminder to recycle when possible and reminds government employees and the public that the Village of Lansing NY government is committed to the goals of the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Lansing, NY establishes a policy requiring placement of labeled recycling bins in the Village office building and a food scrap bin in the kitchen area, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Village of Lansing, NY will implement that policy by providing recycling and food scrap bins in common areas in local government buildings.

Trustee Greenwald moved this resolution. Mayor Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Nay

Budget

Dake had previously sent out the unofficial tentative budget to the Trustees last week so they could start reviewing. There were a couple of updates since then and the current tentative budget was emailed earlier today, and each Trustee was provided with a printed copy at the meeting. The following changes were requested this morning by Courtney and incorporated into the tentative budget:

G8120.4 was increased from \$63,000 to \$143,000. Courtney had \$35,000 budgeted for I&I last year, but he would like \$115,000 to repair manholes, sewer laterals and mains which TG Miller will find. This is in addition to the \$28,000 for electric and yearly software fees. This increases the total budget from \$1,742,700 to \$1,822,700.

Also added to the "projects that will still get completed this year" was \$40,000 for A8140.4 Storm-cleaning various storm ponds.

Hardaway suggested that a track changes version be provided since he spent two hours trying to find the changes after previously spending four hours reviewing the tentative budget. Dake stated that she can note the changes when she sends an updated copy in the future and requested that if there are any questions one should just call and ask. If one person calls with an issue, she would then contact the whole Board with an answer.

Greenwald asked if these are the final numbers. Dake stated that this is just the first round of budget talks so of course it can be changed.

Greenwald wanted to have a discussion regarding the mayor's salary. Greenwald feels that the mayor's salary should be more commensurate with someone who needs to work being able to serve as the mayor. She thinks it's elitist to have a position that just pays a token amount, and you can't actually have that job if that is how you want to serve. She pointed out that the mayor and supervisors' salaries in the Village of Cayuga Heights and Town of Lansing are approximately \$50,000. They do more of a full-time job so she doesn't think the VOL should have a \$50,000 mayor. Last year the mayor's salary was raised from \$12,000 to \$18,000 and she would like to see it increased again by \$2,000 until the salary reaches \$24,000. She thinks this would be more equitable for the citizens of the village to decide that they want to run for office and also live in the Village of Lansing. It is a part time job. Ainslie agreed. Hardaway abstained from commenting. Yen thinks it is worth entertaining with an incremental increase. The 2025-26 budget amount will

be increased from \$18,000 to \$20,000. Last year all Board salaries were increased. Bullmer did not want to be included in this discussion because he is leaving the Village in April.

*Changes to budget tonight noted in highlight.

Expenditures/Revenues for 2025-26

Board of Trustees

A1010.1 **\$28,000**- Trustee Salary (\$7,000 each)

A1010.4 \$ **4,000**- Contractual expense-Send 2 to training

Mayor

A1210.1 **\$18,000**- Mayor Salary

Increased by \$2,000 from \$18,000 to \$20,000. If we are doing this because it takes more time, we should again keep a log of the time the Mayor works for the next 3 months for NYS Retirement.

A1210.4 \$ 2,000- Misc. Contractual & Mayor to NYCOM

<u>Auditor</u>

A1320.4 **\$5,300**- for a preparation (\$7,500 for review or \$12,700 for full audit)

Assessment

A1355.4 **\$500**- Prepare Village Tax Bills

Clerk

A1410.1 \$103,725- Clerk/Treasurer-3.9% staff increase-across the board

A1410.2 **\$0**-Equipment

A1410.4 \$13,000- Includes copier lease, misc. office supplies for whole office, maintenance agreements for

software, legal ads, training, postage, NYCOM Conference.

<u>Law</u>

A1420.4 \$32,500- Hancock Legal fees remain the same @ \$260/hr. (Last increase was 2024)

Same recommendation for 2025-26.

Engineer

A1440.4 **\$165,500**- Engineering (From TG Miller)

\$8,000-General Engineering

\$2,500- Storm- General consultation expenses

\$15,500-Stormwater Repairs of Village Owned Stormwater Practices

\$2,500-General Transportation Planning Consultation

\$15,000-Survey, design, attorney and construction phase services for public works project

\$122,000-Sidewalk project out to bid

Elections

A1450.4 \$2,150- increased by \$200, last year was \$1,949 (Tompkins County & Lake Country for moving

machines)

Village Office

A1620.2 **\$0**-Building improvements

A1620.42 **\$27,000**-FLTG \$1,700 internet/ Phone- Axxess Network \$3,000 /Water-\$2,000(\$103.55 minimum

bill we have 3 accounts)/NYSEG-\$12,600-Electric more- add \$2,000/ IT for Website-\$3,000

A1620.44 **\$9,000**- Village Office

\$2,100- Repair/Maintenance to current building

\$5,000- Weekly Cleaning-plus cleaning of carpet & windows \$1,900- Sprinkler/Fire Alarm inspection and cell data for 1 year

Buildings-Garage

A1640.2 \$30,000-24'x24' sign shop replacement and some additional materials to finish

lean-to

Hardaway asked about the sign shop. The sign shop was torn down because of the chemical spill and this is replacing it.

A1640.4 \$3,000- Miscellaneous building repairs and maintenance.

Special Items

A1910.4 **\$67,000**-Total Unallocated Ins.

\$20,000- Workers Comp -Comp Alliance

\$47,000- Insurance (increase by \$2,000 new stuff)

A1920.4 **\$5,800-** Municipal Dues

\$2,074- NYCOM (Same as last year)

\$1,860- Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO) for 2025-26

(Due in June)

\$1,500- Stormwater Coalition-same

\$ 300-Planning Federation

A1990.4 **\$20,000**- Contingency

Traffic control

A3310.2 **\$45,000**- Mio-vision vehicle detection system w/ additional doghouse head for left turn lane for

Graham Rd to east

A3310.4 \$4,500- Traffic signal repair & maintenance. Pedestrian button replacement, flash transfer relay,

ped switch, loop card. The additional cost to run cameras to check weather is \$40/month for each

sim card or \$480.

Animal Control

A3520.4 **\$2,000**- Animal Control-Deer-remaining the same

Code

A3620.11 \$41,545-½ Code Officers Salary -3.9% staff increase A3620.12 \$15,875- Electrical Inspector -3.9% staff increase

A3620.13 \$8,312- Fire Inspector -being done by Code & Zoning Officer-3.9% staff increase

A3620.4 \$9,000- Misc. contractual, clothing allowance, training and mileage for Mike & Floyd, support for

WLB code program/mobile application AT&T cell & iPad, ICC membership

Street Maintenance

A5010.1 **\$103,317** John's salary-3.9% staff increase

A5110.12 **\$80,210** Chris-3.9% staff increase current rate \$31.43 to \$32.65 A5110.13 **\$67,261**-Nick-3.9% staff increase-current rate \$26.33 to \$27.35

A5110.2 **\$334,500**

\$310,000- to purchase a snowplow. In 2023-24 we transfer \$175,000 to reserve for this so will need to do a permissive referendum to get that out of General Reserve. Delivery expected in 2026. Proposing that in 24-25 we purchase the volvo excavator for \$215K

\$24,500-Purchase Auto Flaggers

A5110.4 **\$120,000** -increased by \$10,000

\$20,000- Striping of miscellaneous roads \$40,000- Crack sealing various roads

\$60,000- Repair weak spots, fuel, equipment repair etc

Permanent Improvements

A5112.2 **\$409,600** Capital Projects

\$81,600 Cayuga Hills Rd replace cross culverts & pave-490 ton \$66,000 and mill road

due to roadside gutter \$15,600

\$47,000 Hampton Hills Rd 300 ton \$37,500 and mill road due to roadside gutter \$9,500

\$36,000 Pembroke Lane-285 ton

\$118,000 Esty Drive (widen, add turnaround and pave)-768 ton

\$57,000 Cinema Drive 368 ton-\$46,000 and milling for curb reveal \$11,000 \$55,000 Sheraton Drive 350 ton-\$44,000 and milling road for curb reveal \$11,000

\$15,000 Striping

Snow

A5142.2 \$0

A5142.4 **\$90,000**-1,000 tons salt, blades, plow bolts, etc. The current price is \$70/ton.

Street lighting A5182.2 **\$82.640**- \$28.240 Underground infrastructure for streetlights on Uptown Ext. Village provided -\$54,400 Underground infrastructure for Craft Rd. Village provided A5182.4 \$48,000- Average maintenance and electricity costs. Increased because we are adding Streetlights on Dart and increased energy costs. Sidewalks A5410.2 \$5,000 Greenway- trail extension at Oakcrest Fire Station A5410.21 **\$913.000** Project out to bid -1485' Sidewalk Uptown Road from Global Park to Nissan -2160' sidewalk on Craft to Ned Hickey Park A5410.4 \$15.000 Sidewalk Maintenance **Public Transportation** A5680.4 **\$6,500**- Gadabout (Been the same for years) Playgrounds A7140.2 \$0 A7140.4 \$6,000- Miscellaneous park purchases & repairs, e.g., picnic tables, receptacles, pavilion repairs, soccer nets, park maps, reseeding and fertilizer. Youth Programs A7310.4 \$39,593 -\$21,474- Recreation Partnership (Was \$21,548 in 24-25) -\$18,119- Joint Youth Commission Town of Ithaca (2% increase) Celebrations A7550.4 **\$400**- Volunteer Recognition Picnic (same) Zoning A8010.1 \$41,545-1/2 of Mike salary -3.9% staff increase \$ 2,400- BZA- increase last year from \$75 to \$100 per meeting A8010.12 A8010.41 \$ 500- Contractual \$ 3,300- Legal fees remain the same as last year (same rate of \$260/hr.) A8010.42 Planning A8020.1 **\$30,000**- Planning Board Salary-chair from \$8,000 to \$10,000 and 4 members from \$4,000 to \$5,000 last year. No change this year. \$27,500- Legal same as last year. (same rate of \$260/hr.) A8020.41 A8020.43 \$10,000- Planning Eng.- Brent Cross (same) A8020.44 \$ 3,000- Contractual- Sending 2 Board members to training. Legal ads. Storm A8140.2 A8140.4 \$60,000-Install storm on west side of Janivar Drive with 3 cross culverts with sidewalk is included in sidewalk going out to bid \$30,000-Storm water and retention pond maintenance \$30,000-Replace failing bricks on 50 frames Beautification A8510.4 \$17,000 \$2,000-Tree planting program (5 person planted a tree in 2024-25) \$12,000-Maintain 8 Village flower beds plus around office by Cayuga Landscaping. Will have more regularly in summer. Jim & Dianne Orcutt plant our flower boxes. \$3,000- bulb planting – applying for grant for \$2,500 **Employee Benefits** \$85,000- Retirement - We still have the 2004 deficiency payment through 2029 in the amount of A9010.8 \$16,578. There are different rates for Tier 4 & 6. Dean was reinstated to Tier 4. NYSR is increasing employer contributions for 2025-26 by 1.3%. It is based on how much an employee makes. NYSR sent us an estimate. A9030.8 \$34,400 -Social Security .062 of salary-3.9% staff increase **\$8,100**-Medicare .0145 of salary-3.9% staff increase A9030.81 A9045.8 \$1,200 Sun Life Insurance (Current \$92.08/mo) increased by \$200

\$2,800-Shelter Point Disability & Paid Family Leave (based on salary)

A9055.8

A9055.83	\$2,900 -Long Term Disability-Guardian (currently \$223/mo.) increase by \$100
A9060.8	\$103,000-Scott's \$14,000 (He has insurance through his wife)-Rate for 3 family & 1 single
	employees on insurance thru Consortium including a rate increase in Jan 2026- \$87,000, & 1 retiree
	\$2,400, BCBS Dental \$2,900. Rates increased in January 2025 by 14%. Reduced Dake to single &
	Nick is changing to family. Retiree may increase from \$2,400 to \$4,000 but no additional costs yet.
A9089.8	\$3,900- longevity (Chris & Nick increase by \$200 each)
A0962.4	\$0-Budgetary Provisions for Other Uses-Transfer to Reserve

General Reserve is \$3,300,867 as of January 2025. Park & Rec Reserve is \$625,670 as of January 2025

General Revenue

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A1001	\$1,027,608-Real Property Tax rate if it remains the same as last year @ \$1.50.
	-Taxable Assessed Value-increased from \$623,037,107 to \$685,071,928
	-Last year's tax revenue was \$934,103 which is an increase of \$93,505
A1081	\$10,951-In Lieu of Taxes- \$7,300,400 @ \$1.50 tax rate. There are only 3 properties in the In Lieu
	of Tax category. The rest have gone back onto the tax roll.
A1090	\$2,500 -Penalties on taxes being late. \$3,169 in 2024-25. Increased by \$500
A1120	\$882,000-Sales Tax-11/25/24 Mayor told us that TC says sales tax will decrease by 2% next year.
	\$900,000-\$18,000=\$882K 2023-24 collected \$920K
A1130	\$50,000- Utility Gross receipts Tax-NYSEG/Phone/other energy suppliers
	(Thru December we are at \$29K) Increased by \$8,000
A1170	\$18,000- Cable Franchise Fees-Have received \$8,667 for 2 quarters. Decrease by \$4,000
A1230	\$500- Treasures Fees - Tax searches are \$20 each. Same as last year.
A1560	\$15,875 -Electrical Inspection Fees- Same as Floyds salary
A2110	\$50- Zoning Fees (\$200 so far for 24-25)
A2115	\$250-Planning Board Fees (\$3,342 so far for 24-25-Taco Bell)
A2401	\$2,000-Interest has increased on General savings.

Bullmer wondered why we didn't budget for more interest income. Dake stated that we do not budget for reserve income which is where most of the interest comes from. We do not know what the rates are going to do so we are very conservative with this number. If there is a surplus of interest it just becomes part of your appropriated cash surplus in the next year. It is not guaranteed. Lately we have been receiving a large amount of interest because of a large amount we had in the general savings account that was put into a CD and we are making a good amount of interest income. However, we will be using most of that as appropriated cash surplus.

\$1,000-Rental of Real Property -renting old conference room (\$25 daily rental fee) Bridge club no longer grandfathered in at \$10 of \$500.

Greenwald asked if there were any restrictions on how much money a municipality can make from renting their property. French does not think there is a restriction on how much you can charge to rent but she would have to verify. Currently the Village charges \$25 per day to rent the Community Room. Dake stated that that does not even cover the electric costs. French stated that the idea is that it is the villagers building. Hardaway wondered if we should consider raising the charge. The Community Room is only part of the building so this helps pay the costs which we would have to pay anyways.

A2550	\$500-Sign Permits-same as last year (\$406 so far for 24-25)
A2590	\$60,000-Building Permits-East Pointe (\$32K so far for 24-25)
A2655	\$ 25-Minor sales (copies) \$0 so far this year
A2665	\$2,000- Sale of message board sign. Because we do not know when the new truck is coming there
	is nothing allotted this year for the sale of the IH we are replacing

A2701	\$0 -Refund of Prior Years-Used to be State Insurance Fund but no longer with them.
A2705	\$0 -Gifts and Donations
A2816	\$10,000- Transfer from Water Fund
A2818	\$15,000- Transfer from Sewer Fund
A2850	\$0 -Transfer from General Reserve
A2850P	\$0 -Transfer from Park Reserve
A3001	\$11,652- State Aid -OSC AIMS
A3005	\$48,000-Mortgage Tax - receive twice a year and have received \$24,722
A3501	\$150,000-CHIPS –Courtney thinks it will be close to what we received this year without extreme
	weather. (Includes Pave NY, Pave potholes and Extreme Weather) We ended up getting \$171K in
	2024-25.
A3989	\$2,500 Grant from TC Beautification Proposal for bulb planting again this year.

Hardaway did not submit the grant for bulb planting but will contact them to see if we can slide in since the deadline was March 1st.

Transfer from Capital Reserve

A5031 **\$0** -Transfer from General Reserve

Appropriated fund balance \$1,111,862. (Increased by \$2,000)

Water Expenses

F1990.4	\$10,000- Contingency
F8320.41	\$4,000 - Electricity increased by \$500
F8320.44	\$911,217 -Water Purchases- last 4 quarters of consumption 133,613,224 gal*\$6.73= \$899,217 plus
	other charges that Bolton Point charges for sprinklers and other water charges (\$12,000).
F8320.45	\$15,500- Engineering -from TG Millers
	\$5,000-General Engineering
	\$6,500-Review Bolton Points work plan and budget for future improvements
	\$4,000-Water System modeling and future development demands
F8340.2	\$12,000-Build a new 16'X16' pump house building
	This past year was larger than normal with the Dart Drive Project (\$1.2M) and Lead
	service line investigation (\$85K)
F8340.4	\$30,000- Contractual- Have spent \$9,152 so far this year.
F9962.2	\$10,000- Transfer to General Fund
F0962.4	\$592,000- Budgetary Provisions for Other Uses or Transfer to Water Reserve
	-with Dart Project we depleted our reserves, and they need to be increased in
	anticipation of another big project.

Dake stated that all money that is transferred to reserve is usually done at the end of the year.

Water Reserve is \$111,694 as of January 2025.

Water Revenue

F2140	\$1,540,535- Meter Sales- The current Bolton rate of \$6.33 has increased to \$6.73. VOL sure		
	has increased to 70% with the July 2024 Billing (\$4.71). \$6.73 * 70% = \$4.71 VOL Share		
	This number is based on the total consumption from the last 4 quarters.		
	133,613,224 gal. @ \$11.44=\$1,528,535 Budget a little more because more than likely there will be		
	a rate increase in the new year.		
F2144	\$12,000- Service Charges-sprinkler charges by SCLIWC put on the bill as "Other Water" and we		
	pay them. (Just a pass through. See F8320.44.)		
F2148	\$20,000- Late fees (At \$33K now but new owners of apartments.)		
F2401	\$100- Bank interest earnings (Thru January have received \$108.32.)		
F5031	\$ 0- Transfer from Reserve Fund (Reserve balance \$111,698.39 as of Jan 2025)		

*Appropriated cash surplus \$12,082.

Sewer Expenses

Sewel Expenses	
G1440.4	\$110,000 - Engineering - TG Miller
	\$10,000 General Consultation
	\$65,000 Cedar Lane/Railroad Bed sewer project out to bid
	\$35,000 Sewer I&I Repairs & Investigation-repair roughly 1,000 feet of sewer main,
	coordinate flow monitoring to further investigate I&I
	-Future Sewer Extension-Burleigh Dr. to Uptown Village Apt. not included because the
	developer is not ready. \$35-40,000 would be a charge back to the developer.
G1990.4	\$10,000- Contingent Account
G8120.2	\$431,000 Capital Projects
	Repair saggy line at Railroad transmission main and the two sewer suspension bridge
	Repairs & Cedar Lane-Out to Bid
G8120.4	\$143,000 I and I repair
	\$28,000 Increase electric (\$3,000), cell data, and Yearly software fee for the sewer
	benefit area pump stations. This increased with new sewer pumps with the expansion to
	the Town of Lansing.
	\$115,000-Actual I&I Repair manholes, sewer laterals and mains and investigation
G8120.42	\$ 0- Video & Flushing
G8189.4	\$1,113,700 - Intergovernmental charge for sewer \$6.96/1,000gal. increased to \$7.59)
	*not all water customers are on sewer (should equal G2374)
	Last 4 qtrs. BW used 28,137,800 gal. @ \$7.59/1,000=\$213,566
	Last 4 qtrs. Village used 118,596,600 gal. * \$7.59/1,000=\$900,148
G9710.6	\$ 0- Bond Principal Paid Off!!
G9710.7	\$ 0- Bond Interest
G9901.9	\$15,000- Transfer to General Fund
G0962.4	\$305,500- Transfer to Capital Reserve (130 East Pointe Sewer Units)
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Sewer Reserve is \$500,183 as of January 2025.

Sewer Revenue

G1030 **\$0**- Sewer Bond Paid Off

G2120 **\$263,000** VOL share of sewer-currently 25% surcharge of water rate which increased from

\$1.58 to \$1.68/1,000 gal

Not all water customers are on sewer. There are 3 components of this line item:

- 1. Borg Warner-Last 4 qtrs. BW used 28,137,800 gal which is less than last year's estimate of 30,536,200 gal. So @ \$1.68/1,000=\$47,271
- 2. Village Residents-Last 4 qtrs. Village used 118,596,600 gal. which is less than the 122,683,800 gal. we estimated. \$1.68/1,000=\$199,242
- 3. Town of Lansing-Maintenance fee from Town of Lansing was \$16,683 but may increase from half our rate to the same VOL rate \$33K.

Bullmer wondered if we should talk to someone at Borg Warner regarding water and sewer numbers. There has been speculation that they will be moving some of their operations out of the country. Dake stated that water numbers are not affected because the Borg Warner building is in the Town of Lansing and they get the water revenue. We had heard from them a while ago that they may be moving their operations but have not heard anything more. Dake asked if Bullmer had an inside scoop. Bullmer stated that as far as he knew they are moving the ETC Plant to Mexico. It could be that this gets extended a little more because the EV market is not taking off. Hardaway wondered if the proposed tariffs starting tomorrow morning will change their decision. Bullmer did not think so because parts are being exported to other countries as well. Bullmer stated that this is just speculation. Hardaway will contact the plant manager regarding moving their

operations out of Lansing. Courtney stated that he may have some contact information that he will forward to Hardaway.

G2122	\$305,500 - usually do 5- East Point for 130 units @ \$2,350=\$305,500.
	(A new agreement is being drawn up to charge connection fees for outside of village.)
G2128	\$14,000- Interest and penalties increased by \$2,000 (\$24K this year so far but the
	apartments and businesses that were usually late have been sold)
G2374	\$1,113,700-VCH gets their share of sewer-previous rate of \$6.96/1,000 gal. increased to \$7.59
	-VCH sewer charge on VOL sewer billing & from Borg Warner
	Last 4 qtrs. BW used 23,137,800 gal. @ \$7.59/1,000=\$213,566
	Last 4 qtrs. Village used 118,596,600 gal * \$7.59/1,000=\$900,148
G2401	\$200- Interest (\$238 thru January 2025)
G2770	\$0- Income from other Company for expansion to TOL. Project completed.
G4089	\$0 -ARPA Funds was a one-time thing.
G5031	\$0 -Transfer from Reserve (Reserve Balance as of January 2025 is \$500,183)

^{*}Appropriated cash surplus is \$420,050.

The total budgets being proposed for 2025-26 are:

General-\$3,420,273 increased to \$3,422,273	(increase by 6.35%)	last year \$3,215,938
Water-\$1,584,717 (decrease by 31.63%)		last year \$2,317,950
Sewer-\$1,822,700 (decrease by 8.46%)		last year \$1,991,340

*The following is what DPW plans to get done before May 31, 2025:

GENERAL FUND

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1.	A1440.4 Engineering		
	-general engineering	\$ 1,500	
	-repairs of stormwater infrastructure	\$ 5,000	
	-Uptown/Craft/Janivar Sidewalk Ext.	\$15,000	Total \$ 21,500
2.	A1640.2-salt barn tin	\$10,000	
	-garage boiler \$	8,200	Total \$ 18,200
3.	A3310.2-purchase and hard wire radar signs	\$ 8,500	
	-Uptown signal controller	\$ 5,050	Total \$ 13,550
4.	A5110.2-Ordered new pick up	\$77,000	
	(A2665-\$48,500 revenue from sale of 2020 Che	evy 2500HD that is be	ing replaced)
	-Volvo since IH truck 12 months ou		
	-excavator ripper shank for rock or as	sphalt	
	near utilities	\$ 1,210	Total \$293,210
5.	A5110.4 Street maintenance		
	Crack seal/Street sweeping		
	(will need a budget transfer from A5112.2)		Total \$ 60,000
6.	A5112.2 Dart Dr remaining on RB Rob. Contra	ct \$147,941	
	Graham Rd. Mill & Pave	\$157,500	Total \$305,441
7.	A5142.4 Salt, blades, shoes	\$ 38,000	Total \$ 38,000
8.	A5182.2Streetlighting on Dart Dr.	\$ 3,000	
	Spare parts on rebate program	\$ 1,000	Total \$ 4,000
9.	A5410.2 Sidewalks Pave Trail Lansing Trails I	\$52,000	
	Add split rail to Shannon Park trail	\$ 1,000	Total \$53,000
10.	A5410.21sidewalk 3 driveways at 134 Graham	\$13,200	Total \$13,200
11.	A8140.4 Storm cle4an various storm ponds		Total \$40,000
12.	A8510.4 Community Beatification		
	Spring Cleanup-Cayuga Landscape	\$ 5,000	
	Limbwalkers- trees down	\$ 3,800	Total \$8,800

WATER FUND

13. F8320.44 January water purchased from Bolton Point Total \$190.024

14. F8320.45 Engineering-Dart Dr. and Graham Rd Water Main Replacement

-Project close out and as-builts. **Total \$ 5,000**

15. F8340.2 Airport Ground Tank paint rust portion Total \$ 3,000

SEWER FUND

16. G1440.4 Engineering

-close out Sewer Expansion Project Total \$7,000

17. G8120.2 Graham Rd repair & replace 8 sanitary sewer manhole

frames prior to paving Total \$ 6,000

Basically, all that was changed for the next round of budgeting was increasing the Mayors Salary by \$2,000. The bulb planting may be removed if we were too late to apply. Hardaway will let us know.

Dake stated that she would still like there to have a discussion regarding her compensation package. Dake had spoken to Hardaway and Greenwald, and they did not give any explanation. Dakes total compensation packet was reduced last April when she went from family to single health coverage which saved the VOL \$16,000. She had requested an increase last year but was told it was only considered at budget time. She feels she has more than proven her dedication to the village by

- -working through her husband's ailments and made sure that the Village had everything they needed during that time. There was no one to step in and do her work.
- -initiated updating the Codification, which we could have let someone else do it and it would cost the village \$20,000.
- -helping to update the Comprehensive Plan again
- -if there is something that needs to get done she jumps in and does it

Dake stated that she is not normally one to ask for more but because it is not costing the taxpayers any more money and your salary and benefits make up your total compensation package she feels it is justified. She is not asking for the whole amount, but she would like the Board to discuss it. An employee has a whole compensation package made up of health insurance, clothing allowance, truck, gasoline and insurance for some. Dake feels like she gives the Village 120% and her compensation package is health insurance and salary. The Board agreed to discuss this in executive session.

Mayors Comments

Hardaway apologized for not applying for the grant. He will do that tomorrow. Hardaway stated that Mike Baker, Planning Board Chair, sent an email regarding their eCode discussion. Dake read the following email into the minutes:

At the Planning Board meeting last week, they discussed the General Code presentation that Todd gave at our February 10 meeting. Ultimately, while the Planning Board would love to recommend that we move forward with this right now, we feel that there is work to be done on our code prior to any future engagement with General Code.

From our discussion, it seems that the biggest detractor was the high initial cost given the size of our village, and the ongoing costs that we would incur with code changes. There were many more positives however:

- Reduced burden on village staff. (Dake stated that she was not sure how this would reduce the burden, it would only add a middleman. It still has to be created by the lawyer or clerk, local laws still need to be published, public hearings held, still has to be filed with NYS by the clerk. The only difference is they put it into the text.)
- Enhanced searching for village staff of local and neighboring municipalities. This would be very beneficial when creating/revising codes. (Natalie would have access if we grant it to her to search for them. Dake looked into the website that was recommended by eCode and you can go right on their website and get information. Natalie thinks it is a different functionality)
- Up to date online code for constituents and village staff to utilize.

We do recommend that Village staff members reach out to their counterparts in other municipalities to get their feedback on General Code. Also, I'll be at both Trustee meetings this month and I'm happy to chat about our discussion more if the trustees would find that useful.

Greenwald thinks we should just keep thinking about it.

Yen thinks it is helpful to have a periodical comprehensive review. ECode has a lot of features that are positive. It would be fully ADA Compliant in terms of the public interface. The comprehensive review for inconsistencies is something that is good to do periodically.

French stated that the Planning Board was having a discussion on clear cutting, and they wanted information from different municipalities. ECode would provide this from their database. Dake pointed out that NYCOM can be contacted, and they will send different sample laws from other municipalities. Ainslie stated we do need to think about budget, time and energy. We need to get it done. Dake stated that the next person that comes in may not be able to handle it so then they may consider it. Dake feels it is a waste of taxpayers' dollars. Dake has already cleaned up Part I of our Codification and it was a little time consuming, but it wasn't that bad. As the Planning Board and Code Officer are using the code and find discrepancies, they should take care of them right away. Ainslie stated that they have been talking about this for a long time. Dake pointed out that we are a small village, we don't have a police department, fire department, court system or a recreation department. If we did have all those she would say yes, go with eCode but we are pretty small. French pointed out that there were a lot of unknowns in the presentation.

The consensus was that we should put this on hold, and it is something we can consider in the future if we feel a need. Currently it is not worth the cost and resources to get it done. Hardaway stated that he appreciates the Planning Board reviewing and giving input. Potentially down the road we may consider it.

General Discussion

Ainslie reported on the Planning Board meeting. The tree law is going to be done. The Youth Services Board continues to work on their budgets. They currently fund Family and Children's

Services but they may not fund them in the future. CWIO met and talked a lot about grants. CWIO has new energy and more municipalities are involved.

Greenwald reported that the Recreation Partnership met, and they have 7,000 registrations for various programs. The Youth Bureau continues to be their service provider. It is a successful organization. While trying to get B&T Park maps for the Comprehensive Plan, Greenwald spoke with Christine Hass with Cornell Realty. She asked Hass to fill out the village survey and she agreed to. They continued to have a conversation about how they feel the B&T Park as it was designed is not really how people are working any more. If we are open to changes, they would love to meet with the village to talk about it. We should think about zoning in the B&T Park.

Yen stated that EPA public comment deadline was extended to March 18th. The draft letters and supporting documentation were also sent out in the agenda packet. NYSDEC public comment period was extended to March 11th. The Core Advisory group met February 18th regarding Code Blue and issues specifically related to people with disabilities and the need for permanent long-term sheltering. Tompkins County Office of the Aging Advisory Group met Feb 24th. They discussed the impact of federal and state budgets.

Hardaway stated that the Town of Lansing, Village of Cayuga Heights and Village of Lansing OL/VCH/VOL met to discuss sewer capacities, planning and design. They will meet again in a month. We are trying to align future sewer line work between the town and village, so the connections are correct.

Executive Session

Motion- To Go into Executive Session to Discuss Specific Employee Record and Salary

Hardaway motioned to go into executive session. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The Board went into executive session at 9:22.

Motion- To Come Out of Executive Session

Yen motioned to come out of Executive Session. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The Board came out of executive session at 9:45.

Adjournment

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer