

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, held at the Village of Lansing 2405 N. Triphammer Road.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Susan Ainslie, Wolfgang Bullmer, Carolyn Greenwald, Kathleen Yen; Code/Zoning Officer, Mike Scott; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; MEO, Chris Zavaski and Nick Dean

Zoom:

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

Scott stated that the MS4 Annual Report is completed. He is now focusing on fire inspections and reviewing Section 145 of the Code to find items that need to be updated. East Pointe North will be sending in preconstruction plans which he will review if the Board approves the zoning change. There have not been a lot of building permits.

Bullmer stated that he had someone call him to voice his concerns with East Pointe.

Ainslie would like to be sure that everyone is kept up to date throughout the East Pointe North planning and construction.

Courtney stated that they have finished up snow removal for the year. He has been taking time off. They will be to finish up current budget items that are incomplete in April and May.

Greenwald canvased her neighborhood and heard their issues. One suggestion was chevron signs on the curve between Shannon Park and Oakcrest Cayuga Heights Road be installed. Courtney will look into this. There are also concerns with brush growing and decreasing visibility. Courtney stated that they trim with sensitivity because of our easement area. They are due to be prune in that area in the spring. Greenwald asked about the lights on the new path to the back of the mall. Courtney stated that they are still working with the mall to get the light at the entrance to the trail.

Greenwald stated that other concerns were flooding and fire. A resident was wondering if the Village could do ditching along the road. Courtney stated that roadside ditching only control surface water. Otherwise, it can be underlying issues. Another resident was concerned with brush fires. Greenwald told her about SIREN and also that we have a fire station on Oakcrest. There is a burn ban every year.

Greenwald would like to see a playground structure in Shannon Park. Hardaway stated that a problem is that you need a fall space around playground equipment. Something small may be able to be installed. Hardaway suggested we research this more.

Scott thought that if the residents' back yard is wet and there was a swale behind houses when it was built, it could be an issue if it is overgrown. We have no easement and there are area with a lot of growth that has slowed the water flow. Courtney stated that we need to be cautious of

perimeter drains. The Mall cleaning their drainage swale should have helped Shannon Park. Courtney stated that the retention pond will be cleaned this spring. Hardaway suggested that we have an article in our newsletter about what property owners should do around their property. Yen stated that when the mall went in there were many underground streams that were covered up. Courtney stated that drainage improvements behind the mall have helped.

Yen asked if there is anything we can do about the potholes at the Shops at Ithaca Mall. There is nothing we can do since it is private property. The ECCR Agreement hasn't helped the situation. Scott will look into it to see what can be done.

Hardaway asked about Dart Drive streetlights. It is progressing. He also asked for an update on the North Wood intersection lighting. Courtney has gotten a great price for directional drill. We just need to get them here to do it.

Zavaski stated that he has been taking a lot of time off.

Dean stated that he has been pulling wire on Dart Drive and cleaning equipment.

At our annual Organization Meetings, we have included a resolution to appoint Trustees to the Climate Smart Communities Task Force. NYS requires that we also appoint a coordinator for the task force. The coordinator is the Village's point person for the task force and is primarily responsible for any documentation submitted to our CSC application for CSC certification.

Resolution #7126-To Appoint Climate Smart Cities Coordinator

Be it resolved that the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees hereby appoints Ronny Hardaway as Coordinator of the Village of Lansing Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Task Force with a term ending May 5, 2025.

The coordinator will be a member/co-chair of the CSC task force and serve as a liaison between the CSC task force and Village of Lansing staff and board members. The coordinator will also be responsible for submitting or reviewing the Village of Lansing's application documentation to the New York State CSC online website.

Yen moved this resolution. Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Hardaway has been acting as coordinator for years and he has to be appointed annually. We will appoint him again during the Organizational Meeting in May.

Dake has handed out the Preliminary Budget. The only change was increasing the mayor's salary by \$2,000 and an increase in appropriated fund balance by \$2,000. The explanation of

Expenditures/Revenues for 2025-26 document was updated. Changes in yellow were updated amounts, items discussed further with Greenwald and Hardaway are in green and blue is an action item we need to do. Dake went over each highlighted item. In the 2024-25 Budget we are purchasing an excavator and the plow truck purchase is being moved to the 2025-26 Budget. Dake stated that Tompkins County is predicting that our sales tax will be going down by 2% but we are currently not seeing that in the Village.

Hardaway stated that a sewer discussion will happen in April with the Town of Lansing and the Village of Cayuga Heights. Dake would like to call Ruth at the Town of Lansing to discuss how they bill their residents for sewer.

Every year as a safeguard our attorney advises us to do a Local Law to allow the override of the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-C.

Resolution # 7127-To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law C- To Allow the Override of the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C for April 7, 2025 at 7:35pm

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Dake asked if there were any questions before approving vouchers. Hardaway asked for clarification on a couple of vouchers.

Resolution #7128- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$83,847.17 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$2,018.69 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 10 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$191,449.25 is hereby approved for payment.

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye
Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye

Articles for the Spring Newsletter need to be given to Dake by Monday March 24th. Courtney agreed to do a housing article for 1st time homeowners.

Ainslie stated that the sound kept cutting out on zoom at the last Planning Board meeting.

Bullmer stated that Josh Jahani would like to be the Village representative on the Joint Youth Commission. We have two seats, one for a board member and the other can be a resident.

Yen requested an official certified resolutions for the solid waste resolution and coordinator resolution be sent to both Jerry Sheng, CCE-TC CSC Taskforce Coordinator and liaison working for the Village and Hardaway. Dake will get them to Hardaway.

Dake stated that a resolution was needed to set the Village elections.

Resolution#7129- To Set the Village of Lansing Election for April 22, 2025, from 12-9pm in the Village of Lansing Community Room

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye
Trustee Wolfgang Bullmer-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:09pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer