

## Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at the Village of Lansing 2405 N. Triphammer Road.

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

Zoom: none

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:01pm.

Greenwald is on a college tour with her son today so she will not be attending. Bullmer is out of town.

Courtney stated that he has been taking some time off. The guys finished the siding on the salt barn. The Shops at Ithaca Mall finally installed the light at the trail and last week the DPW crew put in the split rail fence. Crack sealing will be done in two weeks. Street sweeping will also be done in a couple of weeks. Next week they will be doing the electrical for the streetlights on Dart Drive.

Monday there was a water break in a field between Brown Road and Route 13. There is a hydrant about 500 feet off the road. In 24 hours one million gallons of water escaped through a broken hydrant. The stem snapped and made a mess. That line was installed in 1990. Courtney does not think the hydrant has been checked in a few years. It appears that the hydrant was open. 750 gallons a minute were lost.

Cross and Courtney have had several communications about Sewer District I expansion. Cross sent the Town of Lansing (TOL) an urgent email expressing his dissatisfaction with the lack of communication. Hardaway will be sending out an email to let everyone know when there will be a meeting. Courtney asked about the letter that went to the Town of Lansing and Village of Cayuga Heights stating that they had 30 days to respond to changes. Hardaway stated that there is a 6-month negotiation period according to French. The increase in the sewer rate to 25% will go into effect with the June 1<sup>st</sup> Town of Lansing billing.

The community room heater stopped working. An inductor blower is being ordered. Carrier Furnaces does not have a good local supplier. The cost of the part was \$185 on Amazon, compared to over \$700 at HEPS. It is an order only part and won't be in for a few days. Courtney does not feel that the heater needs to be replaced. When we had the air conditioning installed, they didn't see any issues with it. Courtney stated that we may have to have the heater replaced in a few years. Dake suggested getting a space heater to use until the heater is fixed. There are groups scheduled to be in the community room on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Yen asked if there was any more on the issue of the diameter of the sewer line in the town of

Lansing. The TOL told Courtney that they would prefer a smaller pipe. To move the line to the road right of way would require the TOL to redraw the sewer district lines.

A few people have been in contact with the DPW regarding getting the Dart Drive streetlights installed.

We have a License agreement with the Shops at Ithaca Mall to maintain the streetlight at the trail entrance.

The DiKat invoice is to replace the control box at the corner of Craft Road. A car hit it so it will be an insurance claim.

Zavaski stated that they ordered filters to service the equipment. They have taken the plows off the trucks and will be getting the mowers out soon.

Hardaway stated that he spoke with Lynn Leopold, and she said that we should wait until the bulbs we planted completely turn brown before we mow over them. This year we did not receive a grant to plant more bulbs, but we can apply for more bulbs again next year. Hardaway stated that the bulbs are starting to come up and they look nice. Dake suggested that the next time we plant bulbs that we also plant them at the Village office.

Dean had nothing else to report.

Scott stated that the electrical application for Dart Drive streetlights is in Ferris's box so he can get an EOS number. Scott is working on R-2 fire inspections which are hotels, motels and multi-unit dwellings. He will continue this for the next couple of weeks. After that he will continue checking stormwater infalls and outfalls. They are already mapped out, but he likes to take pictures each year. East Point North information should be here tomorrow so they will be able to present at the Planning Board meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The 20 Bomax PDA will be coming to the Trustees on Monday. They are supposed to be getting Scott packets for distribution to the Trustees. Scott stated that the plan does not look much different than the original plan. They are trying to add the corner lot to the PDA but not build on it yet. It's possible that they will come back once there are more sewer units and build on that lot that is on the corner of Warren/Bomax. Dake pointed out that the first page of their packet tells their plan.

Ross Dress for Less is going into the old Joann Fabric store in the Cayuga Mall. Community Bank has been gutted and they are looking to open by July. This is the old Key Bank building. Colonial Vet is redoing their elevator shaft.

Scott asked Hardaway to sign the agreement for services with Discover Cayuga Lake, Inc. (Also known as the Floating Classroom) As an MS4 there are certain criteria that are needed for educating the community. The Stormwater Coalition pays but this agreement is to repay Town of Ithaca (TOI) because they already paid. Now we need to reimburse TOI. There is no additional cost. It's just how it was routed this year.

**Resolution #7135-** To Allow the Mayor to Sign the Agreement for Services with Discover Cayuga Lake, Inc

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye

The Trustees were given a copy of the adopted 2025-26 Budget. It is also available on the Village website.

Dake stated that our intercom system was installed last week. This will enable us to lock the door when there is only one person here. From our desks we can see who is at the door, talk to them and unlock the door if we want to allow them to come in. Covert Security was great to work with.

The Spring Newsletter went out at the end of March. April water bills are due by the 20<sup>th</sup>. The Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH) has notified Hardaway that they will be increasing the sewer rates again by 25% starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. This will take effect on the Village's October Billing. The current VCH rate is \$7.59, and it will be increasing to \$9.48/1,000 gallons. However, the Village of Lansing surcharge will not change because it is based on the water rate. Linda Woodard, VCH Mayor, stated in her email that over the past eight years, they have spent close to \$14 million on sewer upgrades. Some of that was covered by grants (~\$4 million) and another portion is being paid with a subsidized loan they are beginning to pay back (~\$8 million). They applied and expected to be awarded a grant for Phase 3 of this work but were not successful. Some of that proposed work is critical and cannot be postponed. They have taken out a million-dollar loan and dipped into their fund balance to finance this work.

Dake stated that the Village elections are on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dake has arranged with the TC Election Board to have one of the workers take the bags down to them at the end of the night. Dake will be out next week. Our Organizational meeting will be May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dake is meeting with John Brehm of HPM on Friday to discuss having them taking over our IT and helping us switch our website to .gov. Hardaway will attend that meeting also. The Village of Cayuga Heights uses HPM.

Mayor Don Hartill passed away last night. He fell last Friday and was taken to Sayre Hospital which is a Trauma 1 hospital. He had two cracks in his skull and two brain bleeds. He was a brilliant man who will definitely be missed. Dake stated that Don did not have any family here. His brother is coming in today to take care of arrangements. He wanted to be buried with Marion in California and Dake was unsure if there would be any services here. Hardaway stated that this was sad news.

Dake asked if there were any questions before approving vouchers.

**Resolution #7136- Abstract of Audited Vouchers**

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$57,871.47 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$204,988.96 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the Trust & Agency Fund, in the amount of \$6,881.72 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 11 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$203,466.03 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 Susan Ainslie-Aye

Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Ainslie had nothing to report.

Yen stated that Earth Day tabling is Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5pm.

Hardaway stated that there will be a final public meeting on the draft on the Safe Streets for All Plan. A concern Hardaway had was regarding why there were no comments on the intersection of Warren Road and Route 13. It was because they are State and County roads. This meeting will be the last chance to read through and comment on the Plan.

Courtney voiced his concern over the study. Hardaway will forward them the email that Courtney sent him and Hardaway will voice our concerns. All the municipalities pay for the study. Courtney feels we didn't get a fair shake for our \$6,400. We need to make sure Cayuga Heights Road and East Shore Drive intersection is included for future grant opportunities. Courtney feels that we know our roads and the company that did the study are not from here and don't really know. Hardaway thinks that they really had to scratch to find issues in the Village of Lansing. Hardaway stated that we participated in this study because if we hadn't, we couldn't apply for the grants. Hardaway will send an email with our concerns.

Hardaway stated that he has not heard anything on the Lansing Meadows easements and dedications. Dake stated that it is on the agenda for Monday. Yen asked if the release of information and the corrected recorded easement were done. Courtney stated that they did get the water and easement corrections. Courtney recommended that we move forward with the recommendations. Once this is approved on Monday, this will allow Scott to give Goetsman the final Certificate of Completion for his four buildings.

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 Susan Ainslie-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer