

## Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at the Village of Lansing 2405 N. Triphammer Road.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Susan Ainslie, Pat Gillespie, Carolyn Greenwald, Kathleen Yen; Code/Zoning Officer, Mike Scott.

Zoom: none

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00pm.

The DPW staff did not attend the meeting. Courtney emailed the following report to the Trustees:

*We have cleaned the Shannon Park retention pond hauling out about 300 cubic yards of silt out. This pond needs a little updating as far as a possible forebay to handle the first flush during a rainstorm and a weir install to slow the exit of rainwater as now it just passes through with no retention abilities. It has plenty of freeboard capacity and overflow structure to allow a 30-50 year flood per say.*

*We removed the driveways at 134 Graham Road and installed the walk through the drive to be ADA compliant. We will be repaving the driveway entrances next week if the plants are open and the weather permits. Dodging the rainstorms and vehicles in and out of the apartments has been challenging to say the least. While doing so, we are inspecting and rebuilding sewer manhole frames and risers as necessary. One of the jobs we always like to do as engineers love to put these as targets for the travel path of a goodyear.*

*While doing these larger projects we have been patching the roads, mowing, and hauling in stock material from winter use. Also had a water break at 844 Cayuga Heights Road.*

*After this next week we should be able to pave the trails up in Janivar where we installed a culvert tearing out the old bridge.*

*We anticipate the paving to start on Graham Road after Memorial Day along with crack sealing various roads. Since we had such a dry spring, LOL, and such a short construction season, they are already off to a late start.*

*Robinson, who did the walks and water line on Dart and Graham have mobilized to complete the punch list items. It is not overly complicated but expect a few delays or so.*

*Ronny orchestrated a sewer meeting with Cayuga Heights and the Town of Lansing about the design for sewer District #1. The young's (developer) participated in the meeting as well. It went okay with 3 large items being the size of the line, connection point, and location or inaccessibility issues with the anticipated path. We are scheduling another meeting with the engineers and department heads to try to reach a compromise. I have mentioned some suggestions to Brent, and*

*he feels they are reasonable. For instance, 8" pipe, Geotextile grids throughout the easement to support a commercial jetter truck which will allow vegetation to grow, mandate spring and fall photo inspections of the manhole lids and inverts.*

Scott reported that he is working on fire inspections for R-2's. He met with Goetzmann, Cross and NYSDEC representative to close out the SWPPP for Lansing Meadows on Oakcrest. Scott explained the Flood Plan law that the Trustees will receive on Monday. The Bolton Point Pump House is the only Village property in the flood plain.

The Shops at Ithaca Mall received a letter to remedy for their parking lot on April 8<sup>th</sup>. They have had 30 days to reply, and he has not heard from them, and no work has been done. He asked the Board if they would like him to take the next step of giving them an appearance ticket. They all agreed that this should be done.

Scott briefly explained the situation at 15 Catherwood involving Alina Kim, K-House owner. She complained to the Department of State Oversight Committee that he had not done his job to her satisfaction. They sent a FOIL request for all the information regarding the situation at 15 Catherwood Road and the documentation was sent to them.

Scott updated the Trustees on what the Planning Board was doing with the Chart of Uses. The Planning Board is going to also work on reviewing all the uses in each district.

**Resolution #7177**-Appointment of Susan Ainslie as the Second Elected Member of the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission for a Period of One Year

Be it RESOLVED, that Susan Ainslie is hereby appointed as the second elected Village representative to the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission for a period of one year.

Mayor Hardaway moved to appoint Ainslie as the elected S.C.L.I.W.C representative. Trustee Gillespie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Patrick Gillespie-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

**Resolution #7178-Adopting a Vision Zero Policy and the Tompkins County Joint Safety Action Plan**

WHEREAS, the life and health of everyone living and traveling within the Village of Lansing are of utmost priority, and no one should die or be seriously injured while traveling our village streets; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all road users while increasing safe, healthy, and accessible mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, traditional streets' and transportation systems' designs primarily move cars efficiently, and Vision Zero supports designing streets and transportation systems to move everyone safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, scooter riders, motorcyclists, and vehicular drivers and passengers; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero acknowledges that human errors occur, and it aims to design road systems and policies to prevent severe injuries or fatalities from those human errors; thus, transportation planners, engineers, and policymakers should enhance the roadway environment, policies, and related systems to reduce crash severity and injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing's transportation infrastructure serves an increasing number of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, making streets safer for all people using all modes of transportation will encourage people to travel on foot, by bicycle, and by public transit, which supports a healthier, more active lifestyle and reduces environmental pollution; and

WHEREAS successful Vision Zero programs require collaboration among all levels of government, industry, non-profit organizations, researchers, and the public to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways; and  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Lansing adopts a goal of eliminating traffic deaths and a 50% reduction in serious injuries within the Village by 2040 and endorses Vision Zero as a comprehensive and holistic approach to achieving this goal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Lansing adopts the Tompkins County Joint Safety Action Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A, as a collaborative, comprehensive, and holistic approach to achieving Vision Zero.

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye  
Trustee Patrick Gillespie-Aye

Greenwald commented that she hoped that we would soon see some benefits from our participation in this intermunicipal effort.

The Vision Zero Policy is a Federal Highway Administration policy:  
<https://highways.dot.gov/safety/zero-deaths/vision-zero-cop/vision-zero-community-practice>

The draft Tompkins County JSAP document is available online (awaiting final release): <https://safestreetstompkins.com/review-plan>

The Trustees discussed and finalized the Planning Board and Town of Lansing meeting assignments. Each Trustee will cover 3 months.

The Trustees all liked the idea of renaming Marian Hartill Park to Donald & Marian Hartill Park. Hardaway will contact Vacker Signs for a quote on a new park sign plus shipping/handling.

Recommended contribution to Remington Road bypass engineering report completion. Trustees were informed of the incomplete report and are waiting to receive an estimate from TG Miller on the remaining cost of completing this report. The Village will contribute a portion of the final cost which is still to be determined.

Hardaway gave an update on the sewer meeting that took place on May 12<sup>th</sup> between the Town of Lansing, Village of Lansing and Village of Cayuga Heights. Subsequent meetings are now being scheduled to drill into the sewer project's details.

Motion- To Go Into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Pat Gillespie-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

The Trustees went into executive session at 1:23pm.

Motion- To Come Out of Executive Session

Yen moved to come out of executive session. Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye  
Trustee Pat Gillespie-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

The Trustees came out of executive session at 1:56pm.

**Resolution #7179-** Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$54,276.28 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$52,130.03 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Trust & Agency Fund, in the amount of \$242.16 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 12 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$10,389.20 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 Pat Gillespie-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-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 Pat Gillespie-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:57pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer