Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, May 19, 2025, in person at 2405 N. Triphammer Rd. and via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees, Susan Ainslie, Pat Gillespie, Carolyn Greenwald, Kathleen Yen; Attorney Natalie French; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; public-1.

Zoom: Mike Baker, Planning Board Chair.

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

Hardaway opened the public comment period. There were no comments.

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 Pat Gillespie-Aye Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Hardaway entertained a motion to approve the minutes from May 5, 2025.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes of May 5, 2025

Hardaway moved that the draft meeting notes, as reviewed and revised by the Board, are hereby adopted as the official minutes. Trustee Greenwald 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

Proposed Local Law D

The next item on the agenda was to set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law D (2025) Amendment of the Village of Lansing Code, Chapter 145: Zoning Law, Section 27 "Tree Conservation and Planting", Section 3 "Terms Defined", and Zoning Appendix H for June 2, 2025 at 7:35pm

Resolution #7180- To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law D (2025) Amendment of the Village of Lansing Code, Chapter 145: Zoning Law, Section 27 "Tree Conservation and Planting", Section 3 "Terms Defined", and Zoning Appendix H for June 2, 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 Pat Gillespie-Aye Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Proposed Local Law E

The next item on the agenda was to set another public hearing for Local Law E.

Resolution #7182- To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law E (2025) Amendment of the Village of Lansing Code, Chapter 78: Flood Damage Prevention Law to Meet the Standards of Section 60.3 of the National Flood Insurance Program for June 2, 2025, at 7:36pm

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

Gillespie & Yen pointed out a couple of formatting issues and typos. French will fix these friendly amendments and send an updated copy. French added that NYSDEC has approved the form. They had to review it before we could propose it as a local law. Any substantive changes would have to be resubmitted and approved by NYSDEC. French added that these kinds of clerical changes can be submitted to her ahead of time.

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

Tax Warrant Approval

Each year we have to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to collect taxes.

Resolution #7183- To Approve the Following Warrant to Collect Taxes

WARRANT TO TREASURER TO COLLECT TAXES

To: Jodi L. Dake

Treasurer of the Village of Lansing

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive and collect from the several names in the assessment roll, hereunto annexed, the several sums named in the last column thereof opposite their respective names, altogether a total of \$1,237,804.59, for the following purposes:

For the General Fund 1,027,607.92 For Delinquent Water Rents 123,338.89

For Delinquent Sewer Rents	86,857.78
For V Lansing 520 (Prior year move tax)	0

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive as much thereof as may voluntarily be paid to you from June first to and including July first of this year, without additional charge, and after expiration of the time mentioned to proceed forthwith to collect the residue of the sums not so paid in as aforesaid, with five per centum charge for the first month and an additional one per centum charge for each month and fraction thereof thereafter, and you are to file the tax roll and warrant in your office on or before the 15th day of November 2025, at which time the taxes will be returned to the County tax roll.

Hardaway moved to approve this resolution. 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

Hardaway signed the warrant.

20 Bomax PDA

Hardaway originally had wanted to have an executive session to discuss how we want to proceed with the proposed 20 Bomax Planned Development Area, but French advised him that it was not an appropriate topic for executive session. Hardaway asked to have this subject on our June 2nd agenda. This will give us a chance to notify the public and let the developers know. The developers are hoping for a decision to go forward with their Parcel A development. The Trustees need to decide if they want to forward the developers' plans to the Planning Board for the next phase. Hardaway asked the Trustees to be thinking about what they want to do and hopefully at that meeting we can come to a decision one way or another. Dake advised everyone to look at the attachment to that email because it is totally different. The attachment shows a daycare and mixed use.

Mayor's Comments

Hardaway reminded everyone that the school board elections are tomorrow.

General Comments

Dake asked the Board if they would like to renew our Worker's Compensation Insurance with Comp Alliance for 1,2 or 3 years. All three options (1, 2, & 3-years) are the same premium. (\$15,211) Hardaway believes that in the past we have locked it in for three years. Dake stated that the advantage to this is cost certainty for budgeting as the rate will stay the same for the term you choose. The only change would be if the payroll changes. They have been seeing workers comp rates steady or even decreasing so that should be kept in mind as well when choosing the term. Ainslie thought a three-year lock in would be more efficient. Gillespie agreed. Greenwald thought three also until she heard the decrease statement from our insurance agent. Greenwald & Yen were okay with two or three years. Hardaway feels with the chaos nationally and globally he does not see rates going down. The Board decided to renew it for 3-years.

Resolution#7184-To Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Comp Alliance Member Participation Agreement for 3 Years at an Annual Rate of \$15,211 for 7/1/25-6/30/28

Hardaway moved this resolution. Yen 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

Hardaway signed the agreement.

Ainslie stated that she sent the Trustees the packet for the youth services meeting. They are working on budgeting. Greenwald saw that the budget came from Kate Shanks Booth who is also the head of the Recreation Partnership who also does their budget. Seeing that the same person is the head of two organizations even more locks in her point of questioning why are there two organizations. Greenwald wondered why there wasn't just one youth services umbrella organization. Ainslie thought it was because of budgeting and money. Greenwald stated that Kate told her that it is more territorialism. Hardaway thinks the focus areas are not quite the same for both groups. There is some overlap when it comes to social skills.

Greenwald stated that on Thursday she briefly discussed community outreach. Dake stated that the meeting video did not save so she has no reference to that. Hardaway added that the video looked like it was loading but he does not know what happened to it. Greenwald is building an email list and asked Dake if she had any lists to share. Dake can send her the agenda receiver and newsletter recipient emails. She would like to have a list so that when we have positions available, we can reach out and get more community involvement. Dake warned that both of those lists also have people from outside the Village.

Greenwald emailed Christine Hass from the Business and Technology (B&T) Park, and they are very interested in talking with the Village. It has settled down in the B&T Park since some of the parcels have been sold. Greenwald and Baker will meet with Christine to talk about some things we can do for the B&T Park to help it move forward.

Greenwald stated that she emailed Courtney to get an update on the Shannon Park retention pond so she could share the information with her neighbors. Courtney has some further ideas for the park which Greenwald wants to meet with him about. They found where the water goes in and out and also found the bottom of the pond. The banks of the pond were also cleared, and they are quite baren so she would like to speak with Courtney about hydroseeding. After the work was done it was left quite messy which has since been cleaned up. It still needs a little attention.

Greenwald stated that after the discussion on Curtis's retirement, she asked if the Trustees were okay with French cleaning up the language in our Employee Handbook regarding retirement. The Board agreed.

Lastly, Greenwald stated that the first draft of the Comprehensive Plan update is done. Greenwald and Yen will have one last meeting with Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding clean energy.

The boards will have it in plenty of time to review before the July 21st joint meeting. The current Comprehensive Plan is 21 pages, but additional charts and survey information were also added so now it is 56 pages. It can still be revised and shortened. It is close to the original in format and content.

Yen reported that she emailed out a report for the meetings she attended and gave a brief summary of what she reported on Thursday.

Hardaway stated that Baker sent an email that Fournier has taken Gillespie's spot on the Planning Board as appointed at the organizational meeting, and they have now put forward Jonathon Jeske as a proposed alternate member. Jeske will attend the June 2nd meeting to introduce himself and the Trustees will vote on appointing him as alternate.

Adjournment

Motion – To Adjourn

Ainslie motioned to adjourn. Gillespie 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 was adjourned at 8:03PM.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer