

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the Village of Lansing 2405 N. Triphammer Road.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Susan Ainslie, Carolynn Greenwald, Kathleen Yen; Clerk/Treasurer, Jodi Dake; Code/Zoning Officer, Mike Scott; DPW Superintendent of Public Works, John Courtney.

Zoom: none

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00pm. Gillespie is traveling and will not be attending today's meeting.

Courtney stated that they have been taking time off. The guys have been mowing when they can. The Graham Road Sidewalk is finished.

Due to the weather, paving projects have not been completed. Graham Road has not been paved so this will be encumbered. They didn't have a chance to pave the trail in Lansing Trails. There are also four areas of water breaks to fix when the local asphalt plant opens. These projects will be completed before they start their summer work.

NYSEG will be connecting Dart Drive streetlights next week.

R.B. Robinson is finishing up their punch list items. There is a tree at 52 Dart Drive that didn't make it which they will be replanting.

Speed signs are ordered. There was a mix up because the Town also ordered a speed sign. They are being shipped this week.

A resident has requested that a streetlight be installed at the corner of Wakefield /Churchill.

There was another issue with the magnetic contactor in the streetlight box on St. Joseph Lane.

TG Miller is working on the design for this year's sidewalk improvement projects.

Courtney stated that he had a sewer meeting with the Town of Lansing (TOL). They made some recommendations regarding the installation of a geogrid. This allows trucks to drive to the sewer infrastructure. The discussions are positive, but Courtney feels there is still some resistance from TOL. Courtney is now treating them as a customer since they are paying us.

Hardaway asked Courtney if he could get him information on the cost of time & material for replacing the old streetlights with new LED. Hardaway stated that this information was requested from NYSERDA. Courtney estimates that it took about 48-man hours to convert the streetlights. Dake will look back through the Friedman Electric vouchers and get that information to Courtney.

We should be seeing the insurance money from the Craft Road traffic signal repair coming soon. The cost to repair the control box was \$32,826.20.

Greenwald wondered if the village would be saving on their gas budget this year since the price of gas is down. Dake explained that all vehicle expenses come out of A5110.4. Jodi will send a copy of the gas log from the last 3 years to the trustees. Greenwald asked when the ditching was going to get done on Wedgewood. Courtney stated that the ditching will be in the fall.

Scott stated that he has been checking on projects since he got back from vacation. Scott is currently checking on the progress of all the fire inspections he had done for R-2. He is making sure that all the issues have been resolved. Scott expects issues with the Econ Lodge fire inspection coming up.

Scott attended the STBOA meeting on Tuesday regarding energy code. They are looking to start the new cycle in January 2026. It should have started this year, but it has been delayed a year. The new energy code will be this year's stretch code. Scott feels it's a pretty good code. They want the buildings to be tighter. Next year's new residential buildings will be required to be all electric. New buildings for commercial buildings will be the next year. In 2028 the new cycle NYS law will require homes to be all electric. If you have a gas furnace and it needs replaced, you will be required to go all electric. This is going to be very expensive for customers.

Code officers from around the State are still battling the requirement of all homes having to have sprinklers systems. If a resident is on a well it will be a problem. Most municipal lines are ¾" which will not handle that. Scott stated that the Code officials are getting together to express potential problems. Greenwald pointed out that this is contrary to creating affordable housing. The cost of upgrades to all electric will put a huge stress on families. Scott pointed out that it will get even worse for commercial buildings that run off gas or propane. Hardaway asked if it would be beneficial for the municipalities to pass a resolution to support STBOA. Another issue is the infrastructure being able to handle the increased electrical use.

Courtney was contacted by NYSEG, and they will be doing some tree trimming in the area. Dake suggested that we do a SIREN announcement when we find out when they will be doing tree trimming in the Village. NYSEG also sends a card to let residents know they will be trimming their trees.

Scott stated that the Planning Board approved a daycare facility at the Lama Building. There will be a 6-foot privacy fence around the outside play area. Scott has a meeting on Monday regarding the Borg Warner parcel on Bomax. Scott stated that the Trustees had asked to give the mall an appearance ticket regarding their potholes. French advised giving them another 30 days since weather has also been an issue.

Scott stated that the K-House oversight committee said they will be wrapping up their case. He stated that there isn't much of an issue. There is an ugly court case going on between the tenant and owner of the building. The tenant complained to the labor and Department of State Oversight Committee.

Ainslie stated that she heard the East Pointe north property is back on the market. Scott will find out on Monday.

Greenwald asked about the chevron signs and pedestrian crossing signs. There were 6 chevron signs ordered to have three signs in each direction. The two pedestrian signs were for Graham Road/Dart Drive.

Dake stated that the tax bills went out and she has had a lot of people stopping in to pay them. There was a problem at Tompkins County Assessment Department where they printed the bills before updating the owners from last year. Dake has had to send out over 30 new bills so far. Dake is being proactive about getting the word out by placing ads in the newspaper and having the sign out front state that taxes are due by July 1st. It is the owners responsibility to know that they have to pay taxes. Not getting a bill is not an allowable reason for not paying your taxes. This also happened in the Village of Cayuga Heights. Hardaway suggested sending an email to our different lists. Dake has contacted the assessment department to see if they could provide a list of tax parcels that have had changes.

Ruth Groff, Town of Lansing Supervisor, has been in email contact with Hardaway and Dake regarding how the Town of Lansing Sewer Districts are billed for sewer O&M annually. It is unclear in the Agreement as to how the sewer is billed so that needs to be clarified in the updated agreement. It currently says to continue billing as in the past. Groff thinks that switching to the method that is consistent with the Intermunicipal Agreement would not have a material impact on our revenue. Dake agreed that it would be easier to create the invoice for the TOL by using the Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH) consumption report each quarter instead of listing each users water bill. Jessie plugged in our sewer rate to the spreadsheet from the VCH, and the calculation actually came out to about \$200 more than our invoice.

Dake stated that since this is year-end there are two abstracts. Abstract # 13 is for all the expenses that happened during the 2024-25 budget year and Abstract #1 is for expenses that happened in June. The accounting program will take everything on abstract #13 and load it in as accounts payable.

Resolution #7189- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$57,379.12 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 1 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$67,869.89 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$2,165.14 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 13 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$2,244.48, 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 Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Dake ask the Board if they would like to approve the minutes from June 2nd. The text of Chapter 78 was added as suggested by Yen and all typos were corrected.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes of June 2, 2025

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Since there will be only 3 trustees at the meeting on Monday and there are no agenda items, Dake asked if the Trustees wanted to cancel the meeting for Monday.

Resolution #7190- To Cancel the Monday, June 16, 2025

Greenwald moved to cancel the June 16, 2025, meeting. Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Ainslie stated that we are not doing our job if we are not meeting. Dake pointed out that there are no items for the agenda. If there were we would have a meeting.

The representatives from 20 Bomax have requested to come to another Trustee meeting with yet another plan. Dake informed them that the next time we have a full board would be July 21st, which is our joint meeting. Greenwald did not think we would have time at that meeting. Hardaway will not be at the July 7th meeting, but the board agreed to have that date offered also. Yen pointed out that the board will be discussing the draft Comprehensive Plan at the July 7th meeting before the joint meeting. Dake stated that she would not be at that meeting, but Scott will be here for that meeting. Scott will get the new plan from Alek and offer him the two dates.

Hardaway thanked Dake for her discussions with the TOL on sewer billing. We want the easiest and most efficient way to bill.

Greenwald sent a google doc of the draft Comprehensive Plan to everyone to review. Comments and corrections can be made right on the document. Dake has been working with us throughout the process. The more we can get ironed out before the meeting the more efficient the meeting will be.

Recreation Partnership met on Tuesday. The budget for next year was approved, which will be ~\$1,000 more for us. Greenwald didn't care for the way the presentations went and the amount of time they gave each municipality to take the information back to their boards. This was due to the new county administrator changing the timeline. They did a good job of analyzing their programs. Next year they will get the information sooner.

Greenwald and Baker met with representatives from the B&T Park. They showed them the Code of Uses and asked for their opinion. The biggest limiting factor is their B&T design guidelines. Greenwald talked about mixed use and adding residential up in that area. Dake stated that there are height and other restrictions within a certain area around the airport. Hardaway stated that the FAA has guidelines. The Village could change the Code and allow restaurants and other uses to help the B&T Park. Courtney stated that a restaurant would take some traffic off Dart Drive because they could go there for lunch. The Village could also allow food trucks. The Village is open to lifting limiting code restrictions to help the B&T Park. Greenwald stated that now we are waiting to hear back from them.

Ainslie had nothing to report. She attended the Bolton Point meeting where Donald Hartill was well remembered.

Yen, attended the Conservation Advisory Council for the town. One concern with the amount of agricultural land going to solar.

There is a clean water series in June & July which she will be attending. NYCOM is putting it on. Yen feels we need to educate the public of the financial and health impacts of chemicals. NYCOM went over options to protect the municipality and ways to limit exposure.

Yen informed the board of the different meetings happening around the county which she will be attending. July 9th there is a presentation on harmful algae blooms. June 17th is the Core Advisory Group meeting. July 18th is the next Town of Lansing Board meeting. July 23rd is the wetlands overview by NYSDEC. Environmental Management Council is meeting tonight.

Climate Smart Communities -village was certified bronze. We get signs and can advertise that we are certified. NYS Consolidated Funding Allocations are open. The deadline is July 31st.

Greenwald stated that the B&T Park would be an excellent ally for dealing with wastewater restrictions. They are interested in how to expand capacity.

Hardaway stated that he was reviewing our website and our procedures for using video conferencing law says that it expired July 2024. It was extended by NYS until July 21, 2026. Hardaway has asked Attorney French to confirm this. If it is correct we need to update the Video

procedure. Update Procedure to say acting in accordance with state law that way we don't have to change it when the State extends it.

Bolton Point is approaching their 50th anniversary and Bolton is planning a celebration. Riddle wants to open a 6-month BOCE intern program. They did a demonstration at BOCE and the kids were enthusiastic.

Hardaway stated that he ordered the new park sign which should be here before Don Hartill's celebration of life. The sign will be the same size as the current sign so it should go right into the posts.

Motion- To Adjourn

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

The meeting adjourned at 1:16pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer