

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, July 7, 2025, in person at 2405 N. Trihammer Rd. and via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Carolyn Greenwald; Trustees, Susan Ainslie, Pat Gillespie, Kathleen Yen; Attorney Natalie French; Code & Zoning Officer, Mike Scott. Public-none.

Zoom: Lisa Schleelein & Lorraine Capogrossi, Planning Board Members

Absent: Ronny Hardaway

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

Greenwald opened the public comment period. Lisa Schleelein stated that she is the Planning Board Liaison. There were no other comments.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

Greenwald made a motion to close the public comment period. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Pat Gillespie-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

The next item on the agenda was to approve the June 12<sup>th</sup> minutes, however they did not approve them.

**Consider Proposed Local Law F (2025)**

As of June 1, 2025, the Village of Cayuga Heights has increased their sewer rates by 25%. The Village of Cayuga Heights portion of the sewer rate is increasing from \$7.59/1,000 gallons to \$9.48/1,000 gallons. This will be seen on our October Billing.

Motion - To Set Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law F (2025)- Amendment to Village of Lansing Code-Sewer Rents for July 21, 2025, at 7:35pm

Greenwald made a motion to set a public hearing. Yen seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Pat Gillespie-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

**Equipment Surplus**

It is being requested that the Village surplus the WomCo Message Board and the 2020 GMC Sierra 2500 Pickup so that they can be sold. We have received the new flagger and new pickup truck.

**Resolution #7191-** To Surplus the WomCo Message Board and the 2020 GMC Sierra 2500 Pick Up

Greenwald made a motion to surplus the two pieces of equipment. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Pat Gillespie-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

**Comprehensive Plan Discussion**

Greenwald stated that everyone has received the google doc of the Draft Comprehensive Plan. Greenwald explained that this is a precursor to our discussion we will be having at the joint meeting with the Planning Board on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Yen, Greenwald and Capogrossi are all part of the committee reviewing the Comprehensive Plan. Greenwald thanked Gillespie for going through the Plan today and making his suggested changes. Globally it was rewarding to look at the current Comprehensive Plan and see that most of our goals were accomplished. She thinks it is interesting to see how the Village has changed in the last ten years. Greenwald took comments from the group.

Schleelein stated that she is not prepared to get into too much. She hasn't been through the whole document but will before our joint meeting.

Gillespie did a proof reading. He thinks the committee did a great job putting it together. He thinks it is going in the right direction. Ainslie agreed. She had no specific changes.

Greenwald thinks that we should consider banning the use of fertilizers. Hardaway and Gillespie thought that this would be extremely unpopular when she first mentioned this. Gillespie stated that we should educate the community on this. Schleelein wondered if she meant fertilizer or pesticides. Greenwald wants to see the poisons banned. Schleelein stated that it ultimately affects our water. Consider the impact may be better wording. Greenwald suggested taxing the Greenway Committee with coming up with studies and how we want to proceed on this matter. Ainslie suggested using CWIO information. Yen would like to have an educational campaign. NYCOM is also a good source for information. Scott stated that if you ban it there is also the enforcement issue. Who would do that?

Greenwald stated that from a more global perspective, the direction of the Village is making sure that we take care of our built environment in a way that the Planning Board has been pursuing for the last ten years. She thinks the proactive approach that we have been pursuing towards keeping an eye to the aesthetics and the practicality of the Village and the accessibility of walking spaces is all in the right direction. She wondered if we should form a committee to be a better liaison between the government and the businesses. Greenwald does not think we would have a problem forming more committees. Gillespie suggested getting business owners on these committees also. She feels we should do more outreach, and this should be an additional theme in the Comprehensive Plan. Another suggested committee was a capital plan and finance committee.

There were no additional changes proposed.

It was pointed out that the demographics have changed over the last ten years. The village used to be mainly seniors but now it is different. Yen wondered why seniors were leaving the village. Was it because we don't have the services they need. Schleelein stated that the people on her road have either died, moved out of the area or moved into assessed living. Almost all of these houses have been replaced with young families. Home ownership is something we need to focus on.

French did not think there was any concerns from a legal perspective. One comment she did have was relating to the sewer bypass reference on page 18. Greenwald removed the reference.

Gillespie wonder what was meant by multimedia distribution in 11.4. Greenwald stated that we want to reach people through multiple channels such as our website, a true village list, and SIREN. Multimedia distribution was changed to a variety of communication modalities. Gillespie has volunteered to do Village Facebook and Instagram pages. Schleelein is concerned with someone updating this information.

Greenwald stated that another issue we never had before is disaster relief. We had the fire in the village this past year. Schleelein stated that it has increased over the years, but we did consider it in the past. Yen stated that risk factors such as pandemics, climate change, disease, food systems and sustainability in general are all concerns.

Communication is a big concern, and this was added as a goal to the Comprehensive Plan. Yen stated that the newsletter is basically a summary of your accomplishments and what is coming next.

Once we have a final draft we will convert it from google docs to a word document and published on the website. Gillespie stated that we have to have an ADA compliant website.

### **General Comments**

Yen would like to have Roxanna Johnston from Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Organization visit on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm during our noon meeting. The Board agreed. Yen gave an update on the last Planning Board meeting and also the Town of Lansing meetings. Since there was a heat advisory today, Yen reminded everyone of the two cooling centers in the village which are the YMCA and Shops at Ithaca Mall. In the future, for all the committee meetings that are attended a written bullet point report by email would be sufficient.

Scott is trying to schedule a BZA meeting. We have four members now since we have not been able to find Devin Walker. Michael Wallish would like to join the BZA. Leopold and Baker both recommended Wallish.

Ainslie gave an update on all the meetings she attended at Bolton Point. Hartill used to serve on the committees. There is a 50-year celebration coming up. There is an expansion to Bolton Point coming in the future.

Greenwald stated that she has a meeting for trails tomorrow.

**Adjournment**

Motion – To Adjourn

Greenwald motioned to adjourn. Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye  
Trustee Pat Gillespie-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye  
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer