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Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the Village of Lansing, 2405 N. Triphammer Road.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees Susan Ainslie, Carolyn Greenwald, Kathleen Yen; Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney; Code/Zoning Officer, Mike Scott.

Zoom: none

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00pm. He asked Courtney if Dean and Zavaski would be attending. Zavaski is off today, and Dean is mowing.

Courtney stated that they have been working on the trail at Lansing Trails. They are almost ready to blacktop. There were 300 feet of storm sewer added with a couple of drainage structures on the Craft Road side. There was a water break on Cedar Lane. They have been doing roadside mowing and cleaning the parks.

Roy Hogben is retiring from being the liaison for Lansing Trails. Eric Steinschneider of 26 Janivar Drive is taking over for him.

Cornell is having moving in at The Shops at Ithaca Mall. They had a message board in our right of way which was not allowed so they moved it.

Courtney is working on the sewer variance application. He had the residence from 3 Sun Downs ask if they could connect. It is a private road, but Courtney is looking into it. 1604 & 1606 East Shore Drive just got their permit to hook into the sewer.

Greenwald asked if there were any speed signs like the ones on Dart Drive available to put in different locations. Courtney stated that we have the two old speed signs that used to be on Dart Drive. Possible locations would be near the Meadows, on Bomax near Nor Way and Janivar and at the Graham Road curve. Courtney stated that Nor Way does not make sense because of the amount of stop signs there and the length of runs. The goal is to slow down traffic cutting through between Warren and N. Triphammer Roads. Courtney stated that curves and stop signs are the traffic calming mechanism used in the Lansing Trails area. Courtney would be more concerned with traffic on Oakcrest Road. Courtney will put the speed signs on Bomax and Oakcrest. Yen also suggested Cayuga Heights Road at Shannon Park's entrance. Right now, we will target areas where there are pedestrians.

Greenwald would like an internal requirement that we will not use herbicides or pesticides on Village property. Courtney did not agree. There is poison ivy where there are signs to go in and they had to use herbicides to take care of that. The highway department uses the minimum they can, but they had to use it on the sidewalks and curb edges up Triphammer Road. Hardaway asked if they have tried any natural solutions. Courtney stated that they have but it doesn't work on all

weeds.

Greenwald also stated that one of the objectives of the Comprehensive Plans was creating more of a community. One of the ways they want to do it is with more visual recognition. She wanted to talk about putting signage on our trucks. Courtney stated that we already have window decals on most of our trucks. Greenwald asked if he was opposed. He is opposed to the larger signs on the doors but not to the window stickers. He claims that it affects the resale value. Ainslie asked if people are expecting to see them on the truck doors instead of where you are placing them. Courtney doesn't understand the issue since the Village of Lansing is also written on the license plate. Greenwald is only thinking about increasing our visibility.

Greenwald would also like to redesign our Village logo.

Hardaway suggested labeling the new traffic arm we have to show people that it is the Village of Lansing. Courtney stated that he can put one of those stickers on it.

The Board discuss having more signage and designing new logo.

Hardaway asked Courtney where we stand with changing the speed limit on Dart Drive. Courtney stated that we talked about doing it when we update the Vehicles & Traffic section of the Codification. Courtney will not do that until fall. He would like to keep everything consistent in the Village and raise that speed limit on Dart Drive to 30mph. Hardaway stated that with the new sidewalk we have people off the street so there is no reason for anything lower than 30mph. Courtney will pull the speed data from the signs on Dart Drive.

Yen requested that the fleet inventory be updated with the surplus vehicle and the new vehicle purchased. Yen asked what the process is when there is a water main break. The process is:

- Customers notify the Village or Bolton Point when they see abnormal water.
- Bolton Point investigates the complaint.
- Then they notify the Village to fix the break.
- Courtney calls Dake to help put up SIREN alerts. Courtney feels that the SIREN website is very unfriendly.
- Bolton Point will notify residents if they see an unusual increase in a resident's water meter reading.

Scott stated that he has been spending time with Megan Kirby from the Stormwater Coalition on how to go out and monitor outfalls in the village. DEC has requirements that this has to be done every 5 years. There are approximately 220 outfalls in the village. It was suggested that we do not try and do all 220 in one year but instead break it down and do 45 areas each year. Kirby is setting the Village up with a program to work off Scott's cell phone. They also created a map that shows where all the outfalls are.

There haven't been a lot of building permits or code activity, so Scott is trying to get some fire inspections done. He has also been sending out notices to the people that have not closed out their building permits.

The Planning Board is working on the Chart of Uses in the Codification. This past meeting

Fournier and McCauley gave their suggestions for their section. Scott feels this has been a good exercise because we have a lot of definitions that do not make sense. These are also being updated.

Ross is looking to open next month. Community Bank would like to open next week.

Scott stated that the 2025 Code is basically finalized except for the energy code. In 2025 all new residential homes built in New York must be all electric. However, if you have a gas furnace that breaks down you can replace it with another gas furnace this cycle. Next cycle (in four years) you will not be able to. This will create a hardship for people. They did eliminate making each resident have a sprinkler system. Now only townhouses have to have sprinkler systems. The new energy code is going to be very strict.

Scott has spoken with the gentleman that wants to develop the lot across the street from our office that includes the vacant Asian restaurant. He wants to put a drive-thru there that would not come out onto Triphammer Road. It is not an allowed use in the Commercial Low Traffic District (CLT). The three options he has are trying to get a use variance, have the parcel changed to Commercial High Traffic (CHT) or have high food traffic added to CMT or create a Planned Development Area (PDA).

A use variance is hard because the developer would have to show hardship. The Planning Board would not be in favor of the second option. The Trustees did not want to have a project in mind and change to PDA because that is spot zoning. Scott stated that the possible developer has already secured Chipotle and Caines. Greenwald could see the Village changing that area to CHT. She would like to see the Village clean up vacant properties with creative ideas. McDonalds is already grandfathered in as CHT and the offices next to them would not be negatively affected if they were changed to CHT. Scott will talk to the Planning Board about this.

Greenwald asked Scott to get density numbers for the Transact property for Monday night's meeting.

Hardaway stated that Dake had left a few items that needed to be addressed. He asked if anyone had any questions on the vouchers.

Resolution #7203- Abstract of Audited Vouchers

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$244,853.92 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$64,090.01 is hereby approved for payment, and

Be it RESOLVED, that Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 3 for the Water Fund, in the amount of \$2,285.58 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

The variance application that Greenwald and Courtney are working on will not be ready until the September meeting.

Three people will be attending the NYCOM Conference in September and the Trustees needed to set the rate for meal reimbursement that is not included in the conference package. Dake went online and suggested that we use the meal and incidental expense breakdown that is used by the U.S. General Services Administration. This is what New York State uses. They have you input the zip code of where you are attending the conference and give you the rates. The following rates are for Lake Placid: Breakfast-\$22, Lunch-\$23, Dinner- \$36, Incidental-\$5

Resolution #7204-To Set the Meal Reimbursement for NYCOM Conference to Be the Same as the U.S. General Services Administration as follows:

Breakfast-\$22
Lunch-\$23
Dinner- \$36
Incidental-\$5

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Abstain

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Greenwald abstained because she was going to NYCOM.

Resolution #7205- Appointment of the Village of Lansing (NY) Climate Smart Communities Taskforce Coordinator and Description of their Responsibilities

Be it resolved that the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees hereby appoints Mayor Ronny Hardaway as the Village of Lansing Climate Smart Communities Taskforce Coordinator (CSC Coordinator) for a term ending May 2027.

The Village of Lansing Climate Smart Communities Taskforce Coordinator (CSC Coordinator) will serve as a liaison between the Climate Smart Communities Taskforce (CSC Taskforce), Village of Lansing staff and Board of Trustees, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC). The CSC Coordinator will review and submit the Village of Lansing's data and supporting documentation to the New York State Climate Smart Communities online municipal dashboard.

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

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

There is a Soccer Shots camp in September -Oct 23rd. They are charging and none of that money is coming back to the municipality. Hardaway thinks this is a good cause.

Greenwald would like to take a friendly approach and reach out to zombie properties and at least find out what their intentions are. Yen thinks it is a good idea to open dialogue and discuss issues and concerns with local businesses and non-profits. Greenwald wants to start a commercial area advisory committee. Hardaway stated that we need a mission and a goal for the committee. This would then have to be approved by resolution. Greenwald feels the main goal would be to help collaboratively enhance the Village present and future. To also make sure the village is operating in a way that is consistent with today's lifestyle. Scott can get Greenwald contact information for businesses. She would like the village to be more connected to our business community.

Greenwald asked where we are with creating a job description for a new part-time position. The job description would be similar to the clerk/treasurer. NYS Clerks Institute would be a place to start looking for a candidate. Hardaway thinks there is New York State Association of Clerks. We do not have to reinvent the wheel. For next budget we would allocate a budget item and figure out hours. We have some time. Hardaway would like Dake to write what she does on a daily. We may want to have a Clerk and a Treasurer in the future.

Ainslie stated that she attended the Health Consortium meeting. She also attended the Bolton Point meeting and there was nothing much new to report. They approved their rate increases for next year, which was 6%. This will cover cost of building reserves for the raw water treatment.

Yen reported that the Town Conservation Advisory Council met and gave an update on their Climate Smart Communities Program status. They are discussing whether to convert to a board from an advisory council. Their next meeting is on September 4th with the Town of Ithaca Conservation Board to discuss this. The County Core Advisory Group is meeting on August 18th. The Lansing Community Sustainability picnic is on August 24th at Myers Park from 12-4pm.

Hardaway stated that he attended a meeting with Cornell University President who stated that Cornell is not paying \$100 million to the Federal Government. They will not pay to play. They are in negotiations. Cornell requires the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officers that come on campus to follow Cornell's rules for entering buildings and apprehending individuals. A lot of the discussion at the meeting was about the airport. They also discussed the growth of AI and how it will drain our electrical infrastructure.

This morning Hardaway had a sewer group of six meeting. There are two agreements that need to be updated, the Ithaca Plant to Cayuga Plant Agreement and the Intermunicipal Agreements that we update every five years. They briefly discussed the purchase of the property next to the Village

of Cayuga Heights Sewer Plant. Courtney wondered if the plant would be subject to the Town of Ithaca Code since the property is in the Town of Ithaca. Ainslie added that CWIO has been discussing this for several years.

Hardaway stated that Brent Cross got permission from Dave Herrick to present to the municipalities engineering department the Remington Road Project that is not completed to get a feel for what they are proposing to be done. Hardaway would like Courtney to identify any issues he sees. Cross will be scheduling this with Courtney in the next few weeks. They want to collect each municipalities I&I work that has been done so that they can present that as a group to NYSDEC.

Hardaway was having problems with the HPM people getting back to him. Dake called and they will be getting back to us.

Hardaway has finished our public service form for our website. Yen tested the program. The form will go live on our website. Yen suggested adding a tab for all presentations.

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 2:02 pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer