

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, March 2, 2026, 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; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney Natalie French; Public-1 (He did not provide his information).

Zoom: Supt. of Public Works, John Courtney

Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:30pm. Hardaway opened the public comment period. There were no comments.

Hardaway thought that John Howell would be attending tonight's meeting to discuss the Village's participation in the Lansing celebration of our country's 250th anniversary. Lansing will celebrate on Saturday June 13, 2026, at Myers Park from 10am to 5pm. There will be a parade at noon, a Declaration of Independence signing reenactment, patriotic songs, bands all day, food, games, hose wagon rides and much more. Hardaway stated that they have not asked us for any money.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee Yen made a motion to close the public comment period. 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

Approve Minutes

The next item on the agenda was to approve the draft minutes from February 2 & 12, 2026. Suggested changes have been incorporated. Approval had to be done separately since Gillespie and Yen were not at the February 12th meeting.

Motion - To Approve the Minutes of February 2, 2026

Trustee Ainslie 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

Motion - To Approve the Minutes of February 12, 2026

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

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Waive Water & Sewer Late Fees

Dake stated that N4310 is requesting we do a one-time waiver of late fees. They process their payment through their bank, and the bank notified them that they were crediting the payment they sent because it had not cleared. Dake suspects it was lost in the mail and suggested we waive the penalties for the October billing.

Resolution #7246-To Waive the October 2025 Late Fee for Account N4310 in the Amount of \$45.43 (Water Penalty \$23.00 and Sewer Penalty \$22.43)

Trustee Gillespie moved this resolution. 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

Authorize ACH Payment to GTCMHIC

Dake stated that the Consortium is requiring all its members to be ACH transfers.

Resolution #7247-To Authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to Make ACH Payment Transfers to Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium.

Trustee Ainslie moved this resolution. Trustee 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

Public Hearing on Updated Comprehensive Plan

Motion-To Open the Public Hearing on the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update

Trustee Ainslie moved to open the public hearing. Trustee Gillespie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye

Trustee Pat Gillespie-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

The Trustees and Planning Board have both had a chance to review the proposed Comprehensive Plan. It has been up on the website for people to review. There were no comments.

Hardaway asked if we should keep the public hearing open for one more meeting. French stated that it has been posted for over a month. As Comprehensive Plan Committee Chair, Greenwald thanked everyone that was on the Comprehensive Plan Committee for their outstanding work throughout the whole process. (Yen, Lorraine Capogrossi, Susan Lustick, and Dake) Hardaway also thanked Gillespie for doing the formatting. Greenwald added that a lot of people helped a little bit which is appreciated. Hardaway thinks it looks good and reads well. It is longer but has lots of good information. Greenwald hopes it meets its goal of guiding the Boards with the choices that they make.

Yen also thanked all the businesses and residents that responded to the surveys. Hardaway asked how many responses we got from the survey. Greenwald stated that there were over 150 resident responses and about 40 responses from businesses. Hardaway thought that was a decent amount.

Motion-To Close the Public Hearing

Trustee Greenwald moved to close the 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

Resolution #7248-To Adopt the 2026-2036 Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Hardaway moved 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

Set Public Hearing

The next item on the agenda was to set a public hearing for Proposed Local Law B (2026)-Amendment to Village of Lansing Code-Zoning Law. It is the purpose and intent of this local law to amend Chapter 145 (entitled “Zoning”) of the Village of Lansing Code to set density, set back and height requirements for multiunit residential buildings in Section 145-44 [entitled “Business and Technology District (BTD).”] and Section 145-46 [entitled “Health and Human Services District (HHSD).”] of Chapter 145 [entitled “Zoning”] of the Village of Lansing Code.

French stated that Scott has also looked over the proposed law.

Motion - To Set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law B (2026)- Amendment to Village of Lansing Code- for Monday, March 16, 2026, at 7:35pm

Trustee Greenwald 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

There was technical difficulty with the meeting link. Once it was resolved, Courtney entered the meeting.

DMAP Properties

There is a new property (45.2-1-45.2) that has authorized hunting on their property as part of DMAP. We have also received an updated landowner agreement from the new owner of 46.1-1-20 that allows all activities of the program. That property was already part of the program.

Resolution #7249- To Authorize the Following Properties to Participate in the DMAP Program: 45.2-1-45.2 and 46.1-1-20

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

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Dake stated that a resolution was needed to set the Village elections.

Resolution#7250- To Set the Village of Lansing Election for Tuesday, April 28, 2026, from 12-9pm in the Village of Lansing Community Room with Compensation for Election Inspectors Set at \$18.45/hr.

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

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Waive 30-Day Advance Notice

There has been a request to waive the 30-day advance notice requirement for an on-premises liquor license to be used at 2255 N Triphammer Road. Hardaway stated that this type of request is not a new thing.

Resolution#7251- To Waive the 30-day Advance Notice Requirement for an On-premises Liquor License to be used by Nounou’s Authentic LAO-Thai LLC at 2255 N Triphammer Road, Suite #7.

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

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

Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Trustee Carolyn Greenwald-Aye

Greenwald thinks they have moved over from Tamarin so she feels they are experienced restaurant owners and she wishes them the best. She will be supporting them.

Budget

Hardaway stated that as part of starting the budget discussions, he would like to have an executive session at the end of the meeting. The Trustees went through the budget line by line.

Expenditures/Revenues for 2026-27

GENERAL EXPENDITURES

Board of Trustees

- A1010.1 **\$28,000-** Trustee Salary (\$7,000 each)
- A1010.4 **\$ 4,000-** Contractual expense-Send 2 to training (Ainslie & Yen would like to go)

Mayor

- A1210.1 **\$20,000-** Mayor Salary-Increased last year by \$2,000 no change for this year
- A1210.4 **\$ 0-** Misc. Contractual (lowered from \$2,000 to \$0 since he will not be going to NYCOM)

Auditor

- A1320.4 **\$5,600-** for a preparation

Hardaway wondered if the Village should consider hiring on outside human resource service. Ainslie suggested we save this for our executive session. Dake pointed out that we already have Tompkins County HR Department.

Assessment

- A1355.4 **\$500-** Prepare Village Tax Bills (same as last year)

Clerk

- A1410.1 **\$108,912-** Clerk/Treasurer-5% staff increase Hardaway would like to discuss this in executive session.
- A1410.11 **\$ 75,000** hire a Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Hardaway asked to also discuss this in executive session. Greenwald wondered where this number came from. Hardaway stated that he did a search for a New York State Deputy Clerk not within New York City. Dake added that Hardaway gave a range between \$60-75,000 and the higher amount was used. The number can be changed, especially if they do not hire someone right away. The budget number is not necessarily the job offer. Dake stated that when someone gives her a range she has put in the highest number for the budget. Greenwald stated that once we discuss the job description, we can fine tune that number. Greenwald thinks it was smart to include the equipment/ computer for a new hire.

- A1410.2 **\$ 3,000-**Equipment / new computer for Deputy
- A1410.4 **\$ 13,500-** Includes copier lease, misc. office supplies for whole office, maintenance agreements for software (5% increase), legal ads, training, postage, NYCOM Conference.

Law

A1420.4 **\$32,500-** Hancock Legal fees increased from \$260/hr. to \$270/hr. but same total amount

Engineer

A1440.4 **\$128,500-** Engineering (From TG Miller)
\$8,000-General Engineering
\$2,500- Storm- General consultation expenses
\$20,000-Stormwater inspection & Repairs of Village Owned Stormwater Infrastructure
\$98,000-General Transportation Planning Consultation
\$6,500 general consultation
\$5,000 pavement striping bid for multiple roads
\$2,500 equipment rental rebid (Spring of 2027)
\$84,000-Sidewalk Grant Project survey, design, construction phase

Elections

A1450.4 **\$3,000-** elections by TC and inspectors- last election was \$1,770. Moving expense is increasing from \$255 to \$1,524. Dake stated that we received a letter from the TC Election that the price to move the election equipment was increasing. Hourly rate is \$18.45/hr.

Village Office

A1620.2 **\$0-**Building improvements

A1620.42 **\$20,000-**Firstlight \$1,700 internet/ Phone- Axxess Network \$3,000 /Water-\$2,000(\$122.55 minimum bill we have 3 accounts)/NYSEG-\$13,000-Electric buildings/ (removed IT to it's own line item)

A1620.44 **\$9,000-** Village Office
\$2,000- Repair/Maintenance to current building
\$5,000- Weekly Cleaning-plus cleaning of carpet & windows
\$2,000- Sprinkler/Fire Alarm inspection and alarm cell data for 1 year

Buildings-Garage

A1640.2 **\$30,000-**24'x24' sign shop replacement (re-budgeted from 2025-26)

A1640.4 **\$3,000-** Miscellaneous building repairs and maintenance.

IT (New)

A1650.4 **\$15,000-**IT Support-

Hardaway stated that this is a recommendation from OSC. It includes transferring the website and email maintenance to a third-party vendor. Hardaway has managed the website for years, but they seem to have a problem with this because they feel it is a conflict. This also includes having a forensic IT audit of Village IP blockages. Hardaway stated that he has documentation on how he maintains the site and he will share that with whomever takes over. Hardaway thinks if we keep our current website this amount is a little high, but if we decide to change the design of our website this would be a good amount.

Greenwald stated that she was looking at the Village of Cayuga Heights website and she likes the overall look of their website and it is user friendly. Greenwald thinks we may want to consider a redesign. Dake stated that she contacted HPM about getting an estimate for doing this for the Village but she has not heard back yet. HPM is who does the Village of Cayuga Heights website. HPM is also who we use when we need computer help.

Special Items

A1910.4 **\$72,000-**Total Unallocated Ins.
\$20,000- Workers Comp -Comp Alliance
\$52,000- Insurance

A1920.4 **\$5,800-** Municipal Dues
\$2,074- NYCOM (Same as last year)
\$1,661- Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO) for 2026-27 (Due June) Yen will confirm the number.
\$1,500- Stormwater Coalition
\$ 300-Planning Federation

A1990.4 **\$20,000-** Contingency
Traffic control
 A3310.2 **\$0**
 A3310.4 **\$5,000-** Traffic signal repair & maintenance. Pedestrian button replacement, flash transfer relay, ped switch, loop card.

Animal Control
 A3520.4 **\$2,000-** Animal Control-Deer-remaining the same It is used for corn or mailing of antlers.
Code
 A3620.11 **\$43,623-**½ Code Officers Salary -5% general staff increase
 A3620.12 **\$16,669-** Electrical Inspector -5% general staff increase
 A3620.13 **\$10,165-** Fire Inspector -being done by Code & Zoning Officer-25% increase

Hardaway stated that Mike has proven that he can create a system to manage, track and plan the fire inspections that are required by NYS. Hardaway feels he has done a great job with that. Dake pointed out that the numbers that were given to her by Hardaway were transposed so that number will increase from \$10,165 to \$10,390 to equal 25%. Yen questioned how his salary was split. Dake explained that Scott's salary consists of A3620.11, A3620.13 and A8010.1.

Hardaway asked if we updated the clothing allowance from \$600-\$700. Dake stated that that would need to be done by updating the Employee Handbook. Hardaway stated that we will do that. The extra \$100 would go under each department's contractual line item. Dake stated that there is no need to increase each department's contractual line for this.

A3620.4 **\$9,000-** Misc. contractual, clothing allowance, training and mileage for Mike & Floyd, support for WLB code program/mobile application AT&T cell & iPad, ICC membership

Street Maintenance

A5010.1 **\$111,583** John's salary-8% increase Hardaway would like to discuss this in executive session.
 A5110.12 **\$86,729** Chris-5% staff increase current rate \$32.65 to \$34.28*2,080hrs.= \$71,303
 (OT rate \$51.42*300 hrs.= \$15,426)

Greenwald asked if we know what the actual overtime hours are for DPW. Dake stated that we have that information for each year. She took the average of the last five years to come up with the 300 extra overtime hours. The average amount of overtime for Dean was 309.3 hours, Zavaski was 366 hours and Courtney's was 62.4. This number largely depends on how much snow we have in a given year. It used to be that we only had overtime for snow or emergencies. If this amount is not enough, we can always transfer from contingency.

A5110.13 **\$72,662-**Nick-5% staff increase-current rate \$27.35 to \$28.72*2,080hrs.= \$59,738
 (OT Rate \$43.08*300 hrs.= \$12,924)

A5110.2 **\$98,000**
 \$70,000- to replace Bobcat T595 Skidsteer
 \$28,000-Mulcher for Volvo for Rails & Intersections(Town is doing the mulching this year)

A5110.4 **\$130,000** -increased by \$10,000
 \$20,000- Striping of miscellaneous roads
 \$40,000- Crack sealing various roads
 \$70,000- Repair weak spots, fuel, equipment repair etc. (increased by \$10K)

Permanent Improvements

A5112.2 **\$486,000** Capital Projects

1.	Arrowwood Dr	350 Ton @ \$125	Total \$44,000
2.	Brentwood Dr	275 Ton	Total \$35,000
3.	Warren Rd	630 Ton	Total \$79,000
4.	Esty Dr (widen, add turnaround, and pave) Re-budget from 25-26. Rock and right of way. Mostly done with Village resources with no contract to encumber. 768 Ton		
5.	Uptown Rd	1,445 Ton	Total \$181,000
6.	Striping on above roads	\$4/lf	Total \$ 29,000

Snow

A5142.2 **\$0**
A5142.4 **\$90,000-** 1,000 tons salt, blades, plow bolts, etc. The estimated price of salt is \$80/ton.

Street lighting

A5182.2 **\$147,060-** Underground infrastructure for streetlights on Uptown & Craft as part of the sidewalk project (rebudget from 2025-26 because we got a grant)
A5182.4 **\$53,000-** Misc. streetlight repair. Maintenance and electricity costs.

Sidewalks

A5410.2 **\$110,500-** Greenway -2,500' Trail in back of across from Hartill Park \$4.90 per sf
Includes fence for Klepack's easement.
A5410.21 **\$862,963** Project going out to bid
1485' Sidewalk Uptown Road from Global Park to Nissan
2160' sidewalk on Craft to Ned Hickey Park (rebudgeted from 2025-26)
Michele Palmer grant administrator (\$15,000)
A5410.4 **\$40,000** Miscellaneous Sidewalk Repair

Greenwald stated that this amount is primarily for two projects. One on Oakcrest by the fire department and the other is a missing piece over by Hartill Park. Dake stated that Oakcrest was in the 2025-26 budget so that is a rebudget.

Public Transportation

A5680.4 **\$6,500-** Gadabout (Been the same for years)

Playgrounds

A7140.2 **\$0**
A7140.4 **\$4,350-**
-Bike Rack Hartill Park Total: \$ 600
-Memorial Trees (Hartill Park) Total: \$1,750
-New Signage (Hartill and others) Total: \$1,000
-Misc park purchases and repairs Total: \$1,000

Greenwald asked for some clarification. Dake stated that these items are booked as an expense but there will not be a revenue from the grant listed in the budget because that was received in a previous year.

Youth Programs

A7310.4 **\$22,503-** Recreation Partnership (Was \$21,474 in 25-26)-paid to TCYS in June
A7310.41 **\$18,663-** Joint Youth Commission – paid to Town of Ithaca in Sept.

Celebrations

A7550.4 **\$400-** Volunteer Recognition Picnic

Hardaway stated that we need to schedule this.

Zoning

A8010.1 **\$43,622-** ½ of Mike salary -5% staff increase

Hardaway wants to also discuss this in executive session.

A8010.12 **\$ 2,400-** BZA- (\$100 per meeting)

Greenwald asked how much of this we have used this year. There has been one meeting- \$300. French stated that there is another BZA meeting this month.

A8010.41 **\$ 500-** Contractual
A8010.42 **\$ 3,500-** Legal fees increased \$200 (rate of \$270/hr.)

Planning

A8020.1 **\$30,000-** Planning Board Salary-chair \$10,000 and 4 members at \$5,000 each. No change this year.

A8020.41 **\$18,000**- Legal (rate of \$270/hr.)
 A8020.43 **\$10,000**- Planning Eng.- Brent Cross (same)

Greenwald asked if Hardaway had spoken with Cross about being our engineer. Hardaway stated that he will be doing it remotely from Florida. He will be coming to New York a few times during the year so if we need him, he will schedule around that. The Village of Cayuga Heights is looking for an engineer to replace Cross and once they find one we can move towards having that person help us. Cross has a lot of institutional knowledge, so it is beneficial to have him.

A8020.44 **\$ 3,000**- Contractual- Sending 2 Planning Board members to training. Legal ads.
Storm
 A8140.2 **\$ 0**
 A8140.4 **\$60,000**
 -Storm water inspections and retention pond maintenance Total: \$30,000
 -Vacuum out catch basins Total: \$30,000

Beautification

A8510.4 **\$22,000**
 Tree planting program Total: \$ 2,000
 Maintain 8 Village flower beds plus around office Total: \$12,000
 Bulb Planting at SW of Triphammer & Route 13 NB exit Total: \$ 3,000
 Pollinator Garden. Site prep. Total : \$5,000
 Jim & Dianne Orcutt volunteer to plant our flower boxes each year.

Employee Benefits

A9010.8 **\$120,254**-Retirement - We still have the 2004 deficiency payment #24 of 25 in the amount of \$16,578. There are different rates for Tier 4 & 6. NYSR sent us an estimate of \$100,342, this # includes salary increases and new Deputy Clerk.
 A9030.8 **\$40,261**-Social Security .062 of salary (\$649,365)
 A9030.81 **\$9,416**-Medicare .0145 of salary (\$649,365)
 A9045.8 **\$1,600** Sun Life Insurance (Current \$110/mo.) increased for new employee
 A9055.8 **\$3,500**-Shelter Point Disability & Paid Family Leave (based on salary)
 A9055.83 **\$2,900**-Long Term Disability-Guardian (currently \$223/mo.)
 Last year we were going to look into increasing the amount from \$50,000 maximum salary to \$100,000.

Hardaway stated that he did not remember that. This is something that also needs to be looked at this year.

A9060.8 **\$191,000**-Scott's \$15,000 (He has insurance through his wife)-Rate for 3 family & 1 single employee on insurance thru Consortium \$97,000, & 1 retiree \$2,400, BCBS Dental \$3,600. Dake single & Dean is changing to family. Also added in for Deputy Clerk/Treasurer (Family health & Dental add \$36,500) Retiree may increase from \$2,400 to \$? but no additional costs yet.

Hardaway stated that it has been requested that we remove the \$2,400 cap on retiree insurance reimbursement. Hardaway wants to come to a decision this year on what we want to do. We will need to update the employee manual when Board decides what they want to do. Previously, Randy Smith put together a spreadsheet of what all the different municipalities were doing for their retirees. We will take that into consideration when we have our discussion.

A9089.8 **\$3,900**- longevity (same)
 A0962.4\$ **0**-Budgetary Provisions for Other Uses-Transfer to Reserve

Dake stated that once we have more set numbers, we may have more money left over from 2025-26 that we could then plan to go to the reserve fund.

General Reserve is \$3,438,197 as of January 2026.
 Park & Rec Reserve is \$652,544 as of January 2026.

Greenwald wondered why there was so much money in the Park Reserve Fund after we purchased Marian Hartill Park. Dake stated that we have budgeted money into that reserve for years for future capital park projects. Dake added that we have also gained a lot of interest on the reserve accounts.

GENERAL REVENUES

- A1001 **\$1,038,052**-Real Property Tax rate if it remains the same as last year @ \$1.50.
-Taxable Assessed Value-increased from \$685,071,928 to \$692,035,146
-Last year's tax revenue was \$1,027,608
- A1081 **\$4,815**-In Lieu of Taxes- \$3,210,000 @ \$1.50 tax rate. There are only 2 properties in the In Lieu of Tax category. The rest have gone back onto the tax roll.
- A1090 **\$3,000**-Penalties on taxes being late. Increased by \$500.
- A1120 **\$900,000**-Sales Tax-11/25/24 Mayor Hardaway told us that TC says sales tax will decrease by 2% next year. \$900,000-\$18,000=\$882K but in 2024-25 we actually ended up collecting \$927K /2023-24 collected \$920K. Increase back to \$900K
- A1130 **\$55,000**- Utility Gross receipts Tax-NYSEG/Phone/other energy suppliers
(Thru January we are at \$35K) Increased by \$5K.
- A1170 **\$16,000**- Cable Franchise Fees-Have received \$8,300 for 2 quarters. Decrease by \$2,000
- A1230 **\$500**- Treasures Fees - Tax searches are \$20 each. Stay same. (At \$480 for 25-26)
- A1560 **\$13,000**- Electrical Inspection Fees- only \$6,830 so far in 2025-26.
- A2110 **\$50**- Zoning Fees (\$175 so far for 2025-26)
- A2115 **\$250**-Planning Board Fees (\$4,948 so far for 25-26 with Chipotle)
- A2401 **\$2,000**-Interest (Earned \$15K on General CD but a lot is moving to reserve fund))
- A2410 **\$1,000**-Rental of Real Property -renting old conference room (\$25 daily rental fee)
- A2550 **\$500**-Sign Permits-same as last year (\$587 so far for 25-26)
- A2590 **\$30,000**-Building Permits (\$15K so far for 25-26)
- A2655 **\$ 10**-Minor sales (copies) \$0 so far this year
- A2665 **\$30,000**- Sale of skidsteer
- A2701 **\$0**-Refund of Prior Years-Used to be State Insurance Fund but no longer with them.
- A2705 **\$0**-Gifts and Donations
- A2816 **\$10,000**- Transfer from Water Fund
- A2818 **\$15,000**- Transfer from Sewer Fund
- A2850 **\$0** -Transfer from General Reserve
- A2850P **\$0**-Transfer from Park Reserve
- A3001 **\$11,652**- State Aid -OSC AIMS
- A3004 **\$572,139**-Climate Smart Communities Grant (Still waiting to hear on correct code)
- A3005 **\$48,000**-Mortgage Tax - receive twice a year and have received \$30,131-last years total was \$54k
- A3501 **\$150,000**-CHIPS –Courtney thinks it should remain the same
- A3989 **\$0** Grant from TC Beautification

Greenwald stated that she applied for that grant and we should know by April 1st.

Transfer from Capital Reserve

- A5031 **\$0** -Transfer from General Reserve

Appropriated fund balance \$691,568. Depending on what the final numbers come in at this could be more.

WATER EXPENDITURES

- F1990.4 **\$10,000**- Contingency
- F8320.41 **\$5,000**- Electricity increased by \$1,000
- F8320.44 **\$910,000**-Water Purchases- last 4 quarters of consumption 116,320,800 gal*\$7.13= \$829,367 plus other charges that Bolton Point charges for sprinklers and other water charges (\$16,000). Last year was \$911,217.
- F8320.45 **\$48,500**- Engineering -from TG Millers
\$5,000-General Engineering
\$2,000-Review Bolton Points work plan and budget for future improvements

- \$4,000-Water System modeling and future development demands
- \$2,500- Craft Rd. new valves near Security Mutual Building & adjustment services for new sidewalk
- \$35,000-Preliminary design & survey for water main replacement on N. Triphammer from Burdick Hill to Oakcrest Road
- F8340.2 **\$37,000**
 - \$12,000-Build a new 16’X16’ pump house building (rebudgeted from 2025-26)
 - \$25,000-Add valving at Craft Rd. near the Security Mutual building to reduce customer outage. Complete during Uptown/Craft Sidewalk Project
- F8340.4 **\$30,000**- Contractual- Have spent ~\$11K so far this year.
- F9962.2 **\$10,000**- Transfer to General Fund
- F0962.4 **\$395,600**- Budgetary Provisions for Other Uses or Transfer to Water Reserve
 - Transferred \$592,000 in 2025-26
 - Planning for future projects

Dake explained that this keeps your water rate steady, and you don’t see much of up and down in rates.

Greenwald asked what the next big water project was going to be. Dake stated that this year they are engineering for water main replacement on N. Triphammer from Burdick Hill to Oakcrest Road for next year.

*Water Reserve is \$111,754 as of January and we are transferring \$592,000 to reserve in 2025-26.

WATER REVENUES

- F2140 **\$1,410,000**- Meter Sales- The current Bolton rate is \$7.13. VOL surcharge is 70% -\$7.13 * 70%= \$4.99 VOL Share (\$7.13 + \$4.99=\$12.12/1,000 gallons)
 This number is based on the total consumption from the last 4 quarters. 116,320,800 which is down from 124,364,100 gallons previous 4 quarters.
 116,320,800 gal. @ \$12.12=\$1,409,808
 Budget a little more because more than likely there will be a rate increase in the new year.
- F2144 **\$16,000**- Service Charges-sprinkler charges by SCLWIC put on the bill as “Other Water” and we pay them. (Just a pass through. See F8320.44.)
- F2148 **\$20,000**- Late fees (At \$35K now but new owners of apartments.)

Dake stated that we had talked about offering an option to pay by credit card. If we do that we may see a decrease in the income we receive from late fees, and we would also see an increased expense for the service. There were 68 people out of ~900 customers that we bill that have requested they be able to pay with a credit card. This is still something the Trustees need to decide if they want to do it or not.

- F2401 **\$100**- Bank interest earnings
- F5031 **\$0**- Transfer from Reserve Fund (Reserve balance \$111,698.39 as of Jan 2025)

Appropriated fund balance \$0. Depending on how much Fund balance we want in our new policy this may increase.

SEWER EXPENDITURES

- G1440.4 **\$129,000** - Engineering - TG Miller
 - \$10,000- General Consultation
 - \$44,000- Survey, design, construction phase services for Cedar Lane/Railroad Bed sewer project which is going out to bid
 - \$35,000- Sewer I&I Repairs & Investigation-repair roughly 1,000 feet of sewer main, coordinate flow monitoring to further investigate I&I
 - \$40,000- Future Sewer Extension-Burleigh Dr. to Uptown Village Apartments for survey, design & construction phase services (this project has not materialized yet)
 - G1990.4 **\$15,000**- Contingent Account
 - G8120.2 **\$23,000** Capital Projects
 - Add mower head on E60 for right of way
- Total \$ 23,000

The total budgets proposed for 2026-27 are:

General-\$3,422,273 increased to **\$3,592,535** (+\$170,262)
 Water-\$1,584,717 decreased to **\$1,446,100** (-\$138,617)
 Sewer-\$1,822,700 increased to **\$2,321,250** (+\$498,550)

***The following is what DPW plans to get done before May 31, 2026:**

1. A1440.4 Engineering
 - Stormwater Total \$6,000
 - Uptown/Craft Sidewalk \$25,000
 - Total \$31,000

2. A1640.2 Buildings-Overhead Door routine service
 - Total \$ 5,000

3. A3310.2 Traffic Signals
 - Mio-vision vehicle detection system at Uptown/Warren and Craft/Triphammer.
 - Total \$60,000

4. A5110.2 Highway Equipment
 - Truck on order
 - Total \$294,498

5. A5110.4 Street maintenance
 - A. crack seal
 - B. Street sweeping
 - Total \$60,000

6. A5112.2 Permanent Improvements
 - A. Cayuga Hills Rd replace cross culverts and pave
 - 490 Ton Total \$66,000
 - Milling road due to roadside gutter Total \$15,600
 - B. Hampton Hills Rd 300 Ton Total \$37,500
 - Milling road due to roadside gutter Total \$9,500
 - C. Pembroke Lane 285 Ton Total \$36,000
 - D. Cinema Dr 368 Ton Total \$46,000
 - Milling road for curb reveal Total \$11,000
 - E. Sheraton Dr 350 Ton Total \$44,000
 - Milling road for curb reveal Total \$11,000
 - F. Substation Alley 160 Ton Total \$20,000
 - Milling road for curb reveal Total \$4,500
 - Striping on Cinema, Sheraton, Substation Total \$15,000
 - Total \$316,100

7. A5142.4 Snow
 - Salt, Blades, shoes
 - Total \$10,000

8. A5410.2 Sidewalk
 - Concrete piece from the fire dept. to Blue Heron and concrete crosswalk at Northwoods.
 - Total \$4,000

9. A5410.21 Greenway
 - Add handrail to split rail to Shannon Park trail behind mall
 - Total \$1,000

10. A7140.2 Park
Receptacles for parks. Current are rusted and falling apart. Total \$5,000

11. A8140.4 Storm
A. Clean Various storm ponds mostly at Blackchin
Total \$15,000
B. Replace failing pipes at Cayuga Hills, Hampton Hills, and Janivar Dr.
One at Janivar about 15' deep. Total \$73,150
Total \$88,150

12. A8510.4 Community Beautification
A. (Cayuga Landscape)
Spruce up Village gardens and office Total \$ 5,000
B. Remove 38 Pear Trees and Replace. Total \$40,000
Total \$45,000

SEWER

13. G1440.4 \$17,000 Engineering for Cedar Lane & general Total \$17,000

14. G8120.2 Sewer
Cedar Lane Project almost out to bid Total \$494,799

WATER

15. F8340.2
Paint rusted areas on tank Total \$3,000

General Discussion

Gillespie attended last month's Joint Youth Commission meeting. They are still looking for volunteers and one at large person. He plans to put something in the Spring Newsletter about getting someone from the Village. Hardaway stated that we can also list a news item on our website.

Josh Johani has not attended a meeting since last June. Hardaway stated that we need a new community representative for that board.

Greenwald reported that there was grant meeting with Michele Palmer. It was a preliminary meeting. Palmer will be reaching out to NYSDEC to get them to get us a contract. This will be a long process. We have to get easements that will be needed. Courtney and Dondi Harner will be working on this. We have to get the paperwork before we send the project out to bid.

Greenwald reported that the Greenway committee met. Courtney was there to answer the committee's questions. They talked about finalizing the beautification grant from cooperative extension. They thought the ideal tree to replace the invasive pear trees on N. Triphammer Road would be a hawthorn or something similar. The Greenway Committee also talked about the items that were added to the budget.

Greenwald stated that the Recreation Partnership had their 1st meeting of the year. Our annual uses usually exceed our number of youths. Youth services are so important to help kids be on the right track.

Greenwald attended the Community Choice Aggregation meeting. She was very disappointed because she thought we as a community would get energy at a better price but with the extra administration cost there is not much saving. There are talks that the NYSEG delivery fees are going up by 30%. NYSEG is not a for-the-people organization and this is not the solution she was looking for. They are not actually manufacturing something green; they are just buying credits.

This was the last meeting for Greenwald to represent the Village at the Town of Lansing (TOL) meeting. The meeting was 3.5 hours long. There were a lot of public comments relating to the alternate planning board position. TOL decided to pass a law to change the number of alternates on the Planning Board and BZA. There were a lot of questions about democracy. TOL had a big water main breaks in Ludlowville which was due to the use of stainless-steel valves which rust in our soil. They are talking about updating their remote work policy. They adopted a statement against ICE. Sometimes municipal governments should address primarily the work that they can have an impact. The TOL is going to have some money from Yellowbarn, a solar project, and they plan to use it to increase their fund balance. They also plan to fix up the bathrooms in Myers Park, a Ludlowville trail and fix up some things in the town hall.

Lastly, Greenwald reported that this morning she met with Scott and the engineer that would map out the trail from the VOL to TOL. They talked about the VOL portion of it. The engineer is being paid out of the grant that the TOL got. Greenwald would like to get the 2014 trail map updated. We may even want to add future trails.

Ainslie stated that she attended the Bolton Point personnel committee meeting. They talked about staffing issues that went to the level of union grievance. They let the employees work out their schedules. It is a union shop. At the Engineer & Apps meeting they mentioned all the infrastructure that needs to be brought up to code.

Ainslie met with the Youth Services Board. There was a presentation by a youth ambassador. This was the first time she saw enthusiasm within the group because the youth are talking to youth. There is space in the school to have youth talk to youth about mental health issues. We will not have thriving adults if we do not take care of our youth. Since Covid it has changed a lot with kids needing each other for support.

Yen stated that the Cayuga Lake Fact Sheet that the water resource council put together was sent out. Cayuga Lake Watershed met January 26th. They are meeting every other month. Next meeting March 26th. Issac Walker, watershed manager, is always available to help if we need to write a grant.

Climate Smart Communities met. There is a request for information from each locality. Hardaway stated that he will do that.

The Earth Day event is April 18th on the commons.

Hardaway will customize the form and bring it up at the Thursday Meeting. Yen doesn't think it will be ready. It is noncompetitive. They are looking at the policies and procedures. One of the items was to resubmit the Government Operation Climate Action Plan. Gillespie will convert the PDF to a word document. We need a word version for the VOL so we can review and edit it each year.

The Environmental Management Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The council is now focusing on unique natural areas.

Hardaway stated that he also attended the Community Choice Aggregation presentation, and he agrees with Greenwald in that it is cumbersome. He does not have much optimism about it.

Hardaway also attended the TOL PB Meeting where Terawolf made their initial formal presentation about the new data center. They will not be taking water from the lake for their closed-circuit cooling system. The water will come from Bolton Point. It is unknown how much water the data center will use. TOL will have to work with them to set up the appropriate water supply line. This is only phase one of three buildings. Phase 2, which will probably happen in 4-5 years, is doubling the size of their data center. They plan to leave the coal plant there. There was no question-and-answer period at the Planning Board meeting.

On March 12th Hardaway will be attending a training for the county's Emergency Management Plan. Hardaway will attend a one-hour session on how to fill out the Village's portion of that plan.

Greenwald stated that the TOL is going to have town halls quarterly. Since no one can say anything at the Planning Board meetings this will give them a chance to converse back and forth.

Hardaway stated that a closed loop system could be here in the VOL. Greenwald stated that the Town of Dryden already has a model banning data centers. French will look at Dryden's new local law.

Executive Session

Hardaway stated that he would like to have an executive session to discuss personal information for several employees as allowed under Public Officers Law 105-1-f. for medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion- To Go into Executive Session to Discuss Specific Personal Information

Trustee Yen motioned 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 9:29pm.

Motion To Come Out of Executive Session

Trustee Ainslie motioned to come out of executive session. Trustee 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

The Trustees came out of executive session at 10:35pm. There were no actions taken.

Adjournment

Motion – To Adjourn

Trustee Ainslie motioned to adjourn. Trustee 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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer