REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING June 15, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Lansing Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, NY, and streamed live on YouTube on the above date at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Edward LaVigne, Supervisor, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call by Deborah K. Munson, Town Clerk, showed the following to be

PRESENT:

Andra Benson, Councilperson (left 9:26pm) Ruth Groff, Councilperson Bronwyn Losey, Councilperson

Joseph Wetmore, Councilperson

Edward LaVigne, Supervisor

ABSENT: No one absent

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Tyrrell, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Mike Moseley, Highway Superintendent, Mitch Quine and Sage Ezell, C.S. Energy, Greg Mezey, and a few other attendees

ALSO PRESENT REMOTELY: Guy Krogh, Town Counsel, C.J. Randall, Director of Planning, and Mary Ellen Albrecht, Bookkeeper

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2022 – VIDEOCONFERENCING LAW FOR TOWN MEETINGS

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore, moved to **OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2022 – VIDEOCONFERENCING LAW FOR TOWN MEETINGS** at 6:32 pm.

 $\label{eq:councilperson} \begin{array}{ll} \text{Councilperson Ruth Groff seconded the motion.} \\ \text{All in Favor} - 5 & \text{Opposed} - 0 \end{array}$

No one addressed the Town Board.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Councilperson Andra Benson, moved to CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2022 – VIDEOCONFERENCING LAW FOR TOWN MEETINGS at 6:35 pm.

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore seconded the motion.

All in Favor -5 Opposed -0

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING VIDEOCONFERENCING LOCAL LAW #5 of 2022 and ADOPTING AND APPROVING TOWN POLICY THEREUNDER

RESOLUTION 22-97

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING VIDEOCONFERENCING LOCAL LAW #5 of 2022 and ADOPTING AND APPROVING TOWN POLICY THEREUNDER

The following Resolution was duly presented for consideration by the Town Board:

WHEREAS, Public Officers Law ("POL") Article 7, being the Open Meetings Law ("OML"), was amended in 2022 to amend and update rules for members of public bodies to allow, under certain defined conditions, a limited number of members thereof to attend public meetings remotely by videoconferencing, and in order to implement POL § 103-a the Town of Lansing is required to adopt such rules by local law and implement a town policy for the same; and

WHEREAS, this local law gives the town board, the planning board, the board of zoning appeals, the conservation advisory council, the board of ethics, and the other public and non-public bodies and committees of the town the authority to participate in meetings via videoconferencing in a manner consistent with the town's videoconferencing policy and the authority granted in POL § 103-a; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed and deemed a Type II Action under SEQRA such that no further environmental review is mandated or required; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly noticed and held at the Lansing Town Hall on the 15th day of June 2022, whereat all persons interested in the subject matter of this local law were duly heard, and after due deliberation thereupon, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. Local Law Number 5 of 2022, being a local law entitled as the "Videoconferencing Local Law", be and hereby is approved and adopted in the form as presented to this meeting, and in such form "be it so enacted."
- 2. In accord with the Municipal Home Rule Law, the final adopted version of this local law shall be filed with the Town Clerk, and the said Town Clerk shall file the same within 20 days hereof, electronically or otherwise, with the New York State Department of State, Division of Corporations, State Records and Uniform Commercial Code, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12231, as required by Municipal Home Rule Law.
- 3. The videoconferencing rules and policies as presented to this meeting entitled "Videoconferencing Policy of the Town of Lansing" be and hereby is adopted effective immediately this 15th day of June 2022.
- 4. The town board may hereafter amend such videoconferencing policy from time-totime by resolution of the town board, including whenever mandated by good practice or further amendments to or interpretations of the OML. All boards, committees, councils, and other public bodies of the Town of Lansing are encouraged to implement these policies and report upon any changes or amendments as may be recommended or needed for their respective body.
- 5. Non-public advisory committees that fall outside of the mandates of the OML may continue to meet remotely in any manner as is permitted or not prohibited by law.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Joseph Wetmore, duly seconded by Councilperson Andra Benson, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Andra Benson – Aye
Councilperson Bronwyn Losey – Aye
Supervisor Edward LaVigne – Aye

Councilperson Ruth Groff – Aye
Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on June 15, 2022.

VIDEOCONFERENCING LOCAL LAW

Local Law No 5 of the year 2022 Town of Lansing, County of Tompkins, New York

A local law authorizing the Town Board, and other boards, agencies, councils, and committees of the Town of Lansing to use videoconferencing technology to participate in public meetings pursuant to Public Officers Law § 103-a, the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Law, and other provisions of New York State laws and regulations, rulings, and authorities thereunder.

Section 1. Legislative Intent. It is the intent of this local law to give the town board, the planning board, the board of zoning appeals, the conservation advisory council, the board of ethics, and the other public and non-public bodies and committees of the town, be they advisory in nature or otherwise, the authority to participate in meetings *via* videoconference in a manner consistent with the town's videoconferencing policy and the authority granted in Public Officers Law § 103-a.

Section 2. Authority. This local law is adopted pursuant to Public Officers Law § 103-a, which expressly authorizes the town board to adopt a local law giving the town board, and all public bodies and agencies of the Town of Lansing, the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference from locations not accessible to the public, so long as, when required by the Open Meetings Law (Public Officers Law Article 7), or other requirements of New York State law: (i) a quorum of the board/body participates from locations where the public may be physically present; and (ii) all other requirements of the Public Officers Law are met and the conditions of this local law and the Town Videoconferencing Policy are properly met.

Section 3. Videoconferencing for Public Meetings. The Town Board of the Town of Lansing hereby authorizes members of the town board, the planning board, the board of zoning appeals, the conservation advisory council, the board of ethics, and the other public and non-public bodies and committees of the town, be they advisory in nature or otherwise, to participate in meetings using videoconferencing technology in a manner consistent with Public Officers Law § 103-a and the town's videoconferencing policy, as adopted and amended, from time-to-time, by the town board.

Section 4. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order was rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect immediately.

<u>PRESENTATION – YELLOW BARN SOLAR UPDATE – CS ENERGY – MITCH QUINE</u>

Stated the following:

- Generate wholesale electricity
- 160 mega watts
- Power for 30,000 homes
- About 800 acres 25% Town of Lansing, 75% Town of Groton
- Map given to Town Board showing current plan
- Received award from New York State Energy Resource and Development Authority (NYSERDA)
- Goals next steps
 - New York State permitting process
 - Coordination meeting with Town Supervisor
 - Public engagement
 - o Coordinate meeting with Town of Lansing and Town of Groton together
 - o Submit information to New York State by end of 2022
 - o Construction 2024
 - o Operational 2026

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – GUIDELINES

Available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

The public shall be allowed to speak only during the Public Comment / Privilege of the Floor period of the meeting, or during public hearings, or when they have reserved and been granted time upon the agenda.

Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer (or his or her designee) and step to the front of the room.

Speakers must give their name and state whether they are speaking as a resident, a member of the public, or for any other person or organization.

Speakers must limit their remarks to 3 minutes, and comments unrelated to the subject matter of the public hearing are not allowed.

Speakers may not yield any remaining time they may have to another speaker.

With the permission of the presiding officer a Board or committee member may interrupt a speaker for the purpose of clarification or information (and not for any other reason or to debate or disagree). Such time shall not be counted against the speaker's 3-minute limit.

All remarks shall be addressed to the Board or committee as a body and not to any member thereof, nor to any member of the public whether present at such public hearing or not.

Speakers shall observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste.

Interested parties or their representatives may address the Board by written communications. Written documents and evidence may be submitted as part of the record of the public hearing.

Persons who exceed 3 minutes, violate rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity or good taste, or deliberately or by their behavior interfere with other person's right to comment or participate in the public hearing, or who deliberately or by their behavior interfere with governmental administration will be cut off, removed, or have non-recognized comments removed from the record, or any combination of the above. Before a comments or statements will be excised from the record, the speaker will be verbally warned that they are in violation of the rules for this public hearing.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – COMMENTS

(Available in person and via Zoom)

<u>Lansing Harbor – Greg Mezey</u>

- Request waiver for mass gathering permit and fees
- Hosting eleven (11) concerts for their boaters
- Band last summer 25 to 50 people attended
- Attendance should be below mass gathering of 200 people
- Potential fees could total \$2,200

<u>LANSING COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT – CHRISTINE EISENHUT</u>

Submitted the following report to the Town Board and it was included in the meeting packet which was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

TOWN BOARD UPDATES
FROM THE LANSING COMMUNITY LIBRARY
June 15, 2022

- 1. The kickoff for summer reading is Saturday, June 18th at 11:00 am. The theme this year is Oceans of Possibilities. There will be many different activities planned throughout the summer. Please check the library's website for details.
- 2. On display throughout the month of June will be the artwork of Patrisha Heaton. There will be an artist reception on June 14th from 5-6pm.
- 3. Instructor John Burger will be hosting T'ai Chi classes at the Community Center on Fridays from 10:30-11:30am.
- 4. Story time will be held on Thursdays at 11:00am at the Community Center.
- 5. Pages to Projects Book Selection *The Trouble with Chickens* by Dorren Cronin.
- 6. The Tween Book Club selection is *-The Great Treehouse War* by Lisa Gruff.
- 7. The library continues to provide free delivery to Woodsedge.
- 8. Book donations are now being accepted during open hours. Exceptions textbooks, encyclopedias, Readers' Digest Books, or magazines. Donation receipt forms are available.
- 9. The library has an Empire Pass and passes to the Museum of the Earth and the Cayuga Nature Center available for check out. Board games, puzzles, story time kits, and STEAM kits are also available.
- 10. The library is distributing free self-test COVID-19 kits, antibacterial wipes and N95 masks to Lansing households.
- 11. The LCL's Wi-Fi is not password protected. The community is welcome to park in the lot to access the Internet.

<u>LANSING YOUTH SERVICES REPORT – MEGHAN LYONS</u>

Submitted the following report to the Town Board and it was included in the meeting packet which was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

Lansing Youth Services Town Board Report June 2022

LYS's next meeting will in-person on June 16^{th} at 6pm at Salt Point. The group will not meet in July or August. September 15^{th} will be the first meeting after the summer. No town reports will be sent until then.

- 1. **Flight Fanatics:** Participants in Flight Fanatics have been busy making paper airplanes, as well as launchers for them. They have participated in competitions, enjoyed free flying and challenging each other. The history of gliders was introduced prior to making all aircraft. Final projects of solid fuel rockets are in process and launch day is highly anticipated. *8 youth served*.
- 2. **Outdoor Adventure:** Outdoor Adventure has been building shelters, specifically debris huts. The group shelter is also being carefully attended to, with everyone participating at their own pace to help the group. One skill practiced most days is identifying fish observed migrating up Salmon Creek. 8 youth served
- 3. **Photo Voice:** A unique opportunity for youth, participants have engaged in discussions about their community and gave thought to what it could benefit from. The group brainstormed ideas and dreams for Lansing and have been taking

pictures and writing to represent their ideas. The group is excited to see their ideas be passed along and shared. *13 youth served*

- 4. **Fish Finders:** Fishing on the shore of Cayuga Lake takes place every day. Participants have been testing different bait types, locations, and loving every moment of it. Although fishing is the focus, the sport allows for lots of time for conversation and jokes. Lots of jokes. *7 youth served*.
- 5. LYS met on May 19th at All Saints. The group reviewed the Spaghetti Supper. So far, this event has raised \$1129.
- 6. **Upcoming Event:** LYS Fishing Derby June 18th at Myers Park 7:30am-11:00am. Volunteers are needed. Please email Travis Judd if there is any interest ttj22@cornell.edu
- 7. Travis worked with youth on a DEI statement. It reads, as the following: "LYS is for anyone, including LGBTQ+. We try to make everyone feel chill, have a chance to get away from siblings and enjoy a break from life. LYS benefits us because it is a place for people/humans who want to have fun, laugh, and try new things."
- 8. Meghan Guerra Lyons (TCYSD Liaison) reviewed the survey questions and edited the survey to fit the needs of Lansing. The survey will continue to be pushed throughout the month of June via the school and Town. The link for the survey is: https://forms.gle/JCHpNAU4WRGxMw899. Currently Lansing has 27 responses. The survey is for any adult who lives or works in Lansing.

QR Code for survey:



9. Meghan has drafted a guideline for Youth Focus Groups. Coordination with Stacy Kropp at the school has begun.

LYS 2022 Goals:

- 1. Create orientation packet for new members outlines of fiscal revenue and funded programs. Set expectations to visit programs/uniform template to monitor programs.
- 2. Conduct community needs assessment (focus on impacts of the pandemic).
- 3. Use DEI statement to track metrics and funded programs. ✓
- 4. Incorporate more youth input at meetings for feedback into program decisions. ✓

TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT - MIKE SIGLER

Submitted the following report to the Town Board.

Tompkins County Legislator Michael Sigler June 15, 2022

Hello! I'm sorry I cannot be with you tonight. The elementary school is having a coral concert my daughter is in. I want to thank Daniel Recckio whose reports I draw liberally from.

As you likely know, the bridge on 34B is expected to open next month! Brickyard Road was heavily used during the last two years and is showing it. The County plans to repave that next year and will widen the shoulders so it's safer for walking etc.

NYSERDA approved funding for the Yellow Barn Solar project you'll be hearing about tonight. I've been talking with the company all along. I'll be interested in seeing their map and will watch the board meeting on YouTube later.

The County recognized LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Tompkins. Our proclamation celebrated "the equal dignity of all Tompkins County citizens," and instructed all County flagpoles to fly the Pride/Rainbow flag during the month of June. Legislator Greg Mezey (D-Dryden) stated, "We have a lot of work [to do] toward equality and progress. I'd encourage people to have an open heart and mind, be willing to learn and listen, and ask tough questions — it's okay to ask questions, it's okay to not understand, it's okay to give support and gain understanding. We should do that the next 11 months out of the year as well."

We are also celebrating Juneteenth this month and will be closed Monday. For more information on the Juneteenth week activities,

visit: https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NYTOMPKINS/bulletins/31a15d6.

Tompkins County Sheriff Derek Osborne and Community Justice Center Project Director Monalita Smiley joined the meeting to share updates on Reimagining Public Safety. Smiley shared an update that the Collaborative is continuing to work through details on the Community Justice Center contract and is resuming work on several plans including the Community Healing Plan. Sheriff Osborne shared a presentation detailing his office's unarmed pilot program, one of the nearly twenty Reimagining Public Safety plans. This is a three-year pilot program to handle several non-emergency calls for service with unarmed Sheriff's Clerks. Call types included in the program are car v. deer motor vehicle accidents, traffic issues and complaints, property complaints and lost DMV items such as driver's licenses, intakes of vacant property check requests, fraud and telephone scams, larceny or thefts with no suspects, and noise complaints. The Sheriff's Clerks are scheduled to start in mid-June and will be trained over the next month leading up to the launch of the program.

A public hearing was held regarding a local law allowing the County to continue to hold virtual public meetings. The local law passed (13-1, Legislator Henry Granison (D-Ithaca) opposed) and will allow for Legislators to join the meetings remotely only in extraordinary circumstances while a quorum of members must be physically present but will allow for staff and members of the public to join meetings remotely via zoom. A resolution declaring support for the New York State Draft Climate Action Council Scoping Plan passed 11-3 with Legislators Mike Sigler (R-Lansing), Randy Brown (R-Newfield), and Lee Shurtleff (R-Groton) opposed, with Sigler citing the "unrealistic goals" in the document and a lack of protection for active farmland and little information on nuclear power. The scoping plan would commit New York State to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and "ensure a just and equitable transition that leaves no one behind, and dedicate up to 40 percent of the benefits of clean energy investments to Disadvantaged Communities." Legislator Anne Koreman (D-Ulysses) defended the plan stating, "I think we need to do something really ambitious because we have a short amount of time to address this crisis." The main reason I voted against this is it's not as ambitious as Legislator Koreman suggests. Its thoughts on power generation are severely lacking and will not get us anywhere near where we need to be. An energy plan without realistic energy generation is not a plan.

Thank you for having me again and I hope to see you all soon.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT – PATRICK TYRRELL

Submitted the following report to the Town Board and it was included in the meeting packet which was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

Parks & Recreation 6/15/22
Town Board Meeting

RECREATION

- LBP (youth baseball) and LSP (youth softball) wrapped up the season on Super Saturday June 11th.
- Myers Park Day Camp is set to begin at the end of the month, it is going to be the biggest ever.
- Travel baseball and softball begin this week.
- The new website is up and running, we have had several people give us positive feedback that it is much simpler to use and navigate. It is also much easier on the back end for us to change and add to.
- Field usage has been in high demand this Spring, we have hosted several soccer groups as well as lacrosse. We are planning to increase our field space next to the old town barn by the end of the year.
- It has become increasingly difficult to find shirts, uniforms, and hats for our teams to wear, everything is backordered.

PARKS

- We had an amazing car show at Myers Park on June 5th, we had 108 cars enter the show. It was a great fundraiser for our youth cheerleading. Thank you to Lisa Munro for organizing this event.
- On August 13th we will have THE DESTINATION BAND in Myers Park for a huge fundraiser for Lansing Lunchbox Program.
- We have been dealing with several water issues at Myers Park that you may have noticed because we have had to dig up several water lines. We have finally resolved the issue by by-passing one section of pinched line. Thank you to Bolton Point for all your assistance.
- Our marina channel lights have finally arrived (after being backordered several months) we installed those this week.
- We have reviewed the bids for the Myers Park Project and have made our decision. We ended up receiving 5 proposals.
- Lansing Center Trail has had a couple volunteers come forward to help with mowing, they started last week.
- Camping and pavilions continue to be in high demand, pavilions more so over the last few weeks.
- Backorders on equipment and supplies continue to be frustrating for our team.
- Congratulations, to the Finger Lakes Land Trust on the closing on the Bell Station property.

Pat also reported:

Fundraiser

• Destination Band at Myers Park - August 13th benefit is for Lansing Lunchbox and St. Georges Church.

Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan

• For special events vehicles will still be able to drive around the circle in Myers Park.

HIGHWAY REPORT – MICHAEL MOSELEY

Submitted the following report to the Town Board and it was included in the meeting packet which was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

HIGHWAY REPORT June 15, 2022

Water & Sewer

• Repaired water main breaks and repaired inflow and infiltration issue at the manhole on Warren Road, across from NYS DOT facility.

Road Maintenance

• Salmon Creek project of adding medium and light stone fill to protect road

- Surfaced/treated 13.4 miles of road with stone and oil
- Hot mix patch work
- Ongoing roadside mowing
- Shoulder repair
- Hydroseeding

Myers Park

• Working with Tompkins County Soil & Water and D.E.C to repair damage in Myers Park caused by ice jam.

Mike also reported:

Supplies

• Black top – budgeted \$75 per ton, currently \$93.50 per ton

Myers Park damage from ice jam

• Have permit to do the repair work, hope to start next week

Snake Road (Ludlowville Road)

• Waiting to hear from Engineering firm

<u>DIRECTOR OF PLANNING REPORT – C.J. RANDALL</u>

Submitted the following report to the Town Board and it was included in the meeting packet which was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

CORE PLANNING FUNCTIONS

- Data and GIS Services
 - Discontinued coronavirus outbreak virtual meeting protocol for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings, respectively; virtual meeting option continues for all advisory committees
 - Staff reviewed General Building Permit Application and Inspection Information for inclusion on new website on 5/17
 - Staff attended Municode website training on 5/20

Planning Board staff support

- Coordinated and attended Project Review Committee meeting on 5/5
- Reviewed Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway Overlay District background information and geographic extent prepared by Conservation Advisory Council on 5/9
- Dandy Mart convenience (mini) mart 7 Ridge Rd Site Plan Review
 - SEQRA Declaration of Lead Agency on 5/23

Stormwater Management

SMO posted annual MS4 report to Town website on 5/10

Zoning Board of Appeals staff support

o No 5/10 meeting

Training

- All staff attended Core PESH training (virtually) on 5/10
- Attended NYSDPS Electric System Planning virtual technical conference on 5/13
- Coordinated and attended monthly Department Head meeting on 5/4
- Coordinated and attended Water & Sewer Advisory Committee meeting on 5/4
- No Tompkins County Planning Advisory Board (PAB) meeting on 5/10
- Attended Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council (ITCTC)
 Planning Committee meeting on 5/17

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- Coordinated and attended Capital Improvement Committee meeting on 5/11
 - Myers Park Project: Prepared and circulated A/E design services Request for Proposal Addenda on 5/20;
 - Open space index and Conservation Plan: Coordinated review of agreement on 5/3
 - Salmon Creek Streambank Stabilization Project: Reviewed draft Hazard Mitigation Program Grant application with Tompkins County Soil & Water Conservation District and Highway Department on 5/2, 5/3, and 5/20
 - o Coordinated with OpenGov on 5/3, 5/20, 5/23

LAND USE WORK PROGRAM

Q4 2021 – Q3 2022 Scope of work and schedule of adoption located at: https://bit.ly/RAZoningupdate

- Zoning and Land Use Regulations Update
 - Prepared revised draft text and map amendments for Agricultural (AG) Zoning District review at Code Revision Committee meeting on 5/5
 - Staff reviewed Agricultural (AG) Zoning District text on 5/12

COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT

- Broadband Committee staff support
 - Coordinated committee review of Charter Franchise Renewal and Audit and attended 5/3 meeting
- Conservation Advisory Council staff support
 - Attended meeting on 5/5

TOWN CLERK REPORT – DEBBIE MUNSON

Submitted the following report to the Town Board and it was included in the meeting packet which was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

TOWN CLERK JUNE 15, 2022

Water and Sewer Payments

May was very busy collecting water and sewer payments. Total bills: 1740 of which 271 were emailed (new service from Bolton Point). Bills paid by credit cards and e-checks: 253

New York State Association of Tax Receivers & Collectors

Debbie and Jessie attended the conference in Ithaca, NY, June 13 and 14, 2022. Attended informative classes pertaining to tax collection. Association of Towns is always outstanding. Jay Franklin, Director of Assessment, Tompkins County did an excellent presentation on assessments. Other speakers presented interesting information regarding "sharpen your memory" and "latest banking fraud schemes".

Real Property Tax Law §920 states: New York State Law provides that the Tax Receiver <u>cannot</u> waive penalties on real estate taxes after the due date <u>for any reason</u>.

Huge thanks to Shelby for taking care of the office while we were at the conference.

Website

If anyone has trouble finding our documents on the new website, please contact us: 607-533-4142 or jhall@lansingtown.com.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. MOTION AUTHORIZING BOOKKEEPER TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL / GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR THE BOARD OF ETHICS

MOTION M22-28

MOTION AUTHORIZING BOOKKEEPER TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL / GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR THE BOARD OF ETHICS

Moved that, the Town of Lansing Bookkeeper is authorized to establish an account for the Board of Ethics annual / general budget.

Board of Ethics shall be provided with the following resources and funding:

- a) The Town Board may provide for the payment of expenses of the Board of Ethics actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of its duties, subject to annual or other appropriations by the Town Board.
- b) The Town will provide \$1,000 annually for communications and public meetings / outreach to support the Board of Ethics with expenditures.

b. MOTION TO ALLOCATE FROM DB5112.400, ALLOCATION WILL BE REIMBURSED BY PAVE OUR POTHOLES (POP) PROGRAM

MOTION M22-29

MOTION TO ALLOCATE FROM DB5112.400, ALLOCATION WILL BE REIMBURSED BY PAVE OUR POTHOLES (POP) PROGRAM

Moved, to allocate \$45,682.84 from DB5112.400 for product in repairing road surfaces, allocation will be reimbursed in full by New York State Department of Transportation Pave Our Potholes (POP) Program.

c. RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2022 – OVERRIDE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C

RESOLUTION 22-98

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW No. 6 OF 2022 A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C

The following Resolution was duly presented for consideration by the Town Board:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2023; and

WHEREAS, said proposed Local Law proposes: (1) to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Lansing, County of Tompkins pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-C (2) pursuant to Town Law Article 12-C, governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-C; and

WHEREAS, this proposed Local Law if adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-C which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the Tax Levy Limit by the adoption of a Local Law approved by a vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, upon deliberation there upon, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held on the 20th day of July, 2022, at 6:31 pm, to consider public input and comments upon such proposed Local Law, and to hear all persons, at 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, NY, interested in the subject thereof, and to take such action thereon as is required or permitted by law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York, is hereby authorized and directed to cause a Notice of Public Hearing to be published in the official newspaper of the Town of Lansing, and also to post a copy thereof on the Town signboard maintained by the Town Clerk, in accord with the law.

d. RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION 22-99

RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT and BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

The bills were reviewed by Councilperson Ruth Groff and Councilperson Joseph Wetmore. The Bookkeeper is hereby authorized to pay the following bills and to make the following budget modifications.

CONSOLIDATED ABSTRACT # 006

	DATED	06/15/2022	
AUDITED V	OUCHER #'s		421 - 525
PREPAY VO	OUCHER #'s		<u>421 - 426</u>
AUDITED T	& A VOUCHER	? #'s	<u>34 - 40</u>
PREPAY T 8	& A VOUCHER	#'s	34 - 36

FUND TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL FUND (A&B)		\$	226,019.26
HIGHWAY FUND (DA&E	DB)	\$	106,973.27
ARPA FUNDS (HF)		\$	175,200.67
LANSING LIGHTING (SL1, 2 &3)			1,415.70
LANSING WATER DISTRICTS (SW)			12,017.29
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		<u>\$</u>	60,162.38
WARREN & CHERRY RD	SEWER DISTRICTS (SS1,3)	\$	42,783.19

BUDGET MODIFICATIONSJune 15, 2022 MEETING

GENERAL FUND A June 15, 2022

FROM	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u> </u>	AMOUNT
A599	A1940.400	From Fund Balance to Supervisor Contractual Purchase of 2 Auburn Road	\$	70,843.48
A5031	A599	From Interfund Transfer to Fund Balance Motion #22-19- Bulkhead Marina Project	\$	25,000.00

HIGHWAY FUND DB June 15, 2022

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
DB5031	DB5110.400	From Interfund Transfer to Street Maintenance Contractual Motion # 22-27- Highway	\$ 24,799.33
		ARPA FUNDS June 15, 2022	
<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
HF599	HF9901.9	From ARPA Fund Balance to Interfund Transfer Motion #22-19- Bulkhead Marina Project	\$ 25,000.00
HF599	HF5110.400	From ARPA Fund Balance to Street Maintenance Contractual Motion # 22-27- Highway	\$ 200,000.00
HF5110.400	HF9901.9	From Street Maintenance-Contractual to Interfund Transfer To reimburse Hwy expenses	\$ 24,799.33
		CHERRY ROAD SEWER June 15, 2022	
<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
SS1-599	SS1- 8120.400	From Fund Balance to Sanitary Sewers Contractual Additional Funds needed	\$ 14,000.00

<u>CONSENT AGENDA MOTIONS M22-28 – M22-29 AND RESOLUTIONS</u> <u>22-98 – 22-99</u>

RESOLUTION 22-100

WHEREAS, upon due deliberation thereupon, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, that the Consent Agenda Motions M22-28-M22-29 and Resolutions 22-98-22-99, are hereby approved as presented and amended, and

The question of the adoption of such proposed Consent Agenda Motions and Resolutions were duly motioned by Councilperson Joseph Wetmore, duly seconded by Councilperson Andra Benson, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Andra Benson – Aye
Councilperson Bronwyn Losey – Aye
Supervisor Edward LaVigne – Aye

Councilperson Ruth Groff – Aye
Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolutions were approved, carried, and duly adopted on June 15, 2022.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE MYERS PARK PROJECT ARCHITECTURAL / DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH M.J. ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, P.C. AND MAKING SEQRA NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

Myers Park Clarification - Pat Tyrrell

The grant and this resolution cover:

- Bathroom for camping
- Bathroom in center of park

- Tent campsites
- Parking
- Kayak and canoe storage / launch

RESOLUTION 22-101

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE MYERS PARK PROJECT ARCHITECTURAL / DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH M.J. ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, P.C. AND MAKING SEQRA NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

The following Resolution was duly presented for consideration by the Town Board:

WHEREAS, proposed improvements consist of several projects at Myers Park for revitalization of recreational facilities adjacent to Cayuga Lake, including upgrading the restroom facilities and pavilions for ADA accessibility and as private unisex facilities; expanding opportunities for walkable public spaces for recreation and fitness; restoration of the natural communities where land meets Cayuga Lake; and implementation of Cayuga Lake Blueway Plan with ADA-accessible improvements to the kayak launch to allow people who use non-motorized paddle craft (kayaks, canoes, standup paddleboards) to access local business, recreation areas and to enjoy the beauty of the Finger Lakes region by providing enhanced access for launching and docking paddle craft; and

WHEREAS, the Town applied for and was awarded funding in 2021 to implement the Myers Park Project through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund (\$750,000 maximum award with 25% match required); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, being the agency which has primary responsibility for approving the action, did on July 21, 2021 declare itself the Lead Agency for the environmental review of this Unlisted Action; and

WHEREAS, the Action is subject to review and approvals from other involved agencies that include the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), and comments were received from that agency on January 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Director of Planning has prepared and submitted for the Town Board's consideration and review Parts 1, 2, and 3 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form describing the Action; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2022, the Town Board adopted a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Funding from the New York State Office Of Parks, Recreation And Historic Preservation Under the Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act Of 1993, for the Purpose of Funding the Myers Park Project; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2022, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing passed Motion M22-23 Authorizing Issuance of the Myers Park Project Request for Proposal (RFP) Subject to Changes in Consultant Selection Timeline and Proposal Submission Deadline at the Discretion of the Parks and Recreation Supervisor and Director of Planning; and

WHEREAS, the Request for Proposal was advertised in the New York State Contract Reporter on April 21, 2022 and five (5) proposals and cost proposals, respectively, were received by the June 3, 2022 deadline; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Office reviewed proposals on June 6 through June 13, 2022 using a Weighted Decision Matrix based on the criteria articulated in the Request for Proposal and now recommends the services of M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. to the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, upon due deliberation upon such recommendations, and in consideration of the Town Board's past knowledge of these matters, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. That the proposed project will result in no significant impact on the environment and that a Negative Declaration for purposes of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law be filed in accordance with the provisions of Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act.
- 2. That a sum not to exceed \$ 316,000 (reimbursable pre-development cost from Master Contract 219659) be allocated for professional services from M.J Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.to start the architectural / design process, and that upon the concurrence of the Town Parks & Recreation Supervisor and Town Attorney, the Town Supervisor may execute a new AIA Document B101 2017, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect (or equivalent) agreement with M.J Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C, for the architectural / engineering professional services needed to advance this project.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Andra Benson, duly seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wetmore, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Andra Benson – Aye Councilperson Bronwyn Losey – Aye Supervisor Edward LaVigne – Aye $\begin{array}{c} Councilperson \ Ruth \ Groff-Aye \\ Councilperson \ Joseph \ Wetmore-Aye \end{array}$

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on June 15, 2022.

NOTE-Later in the meeting there was discussion regarding the SEAF Parts 1, 2, and 3 for this Resolution. To make the record clearer that a SEQRA review was properly conducted, Resolution 22-101 was re-moved for approval. See Resolution and second vote on pages 17-18.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Andra Benson - reported the following:

<u>Lansing Library</u> – written report above

<u>Lansing Youth Services</u> – written report above

<u>Agricultural Committee</u> – discussed Ag District

Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) – unable to attend meeting

Ruth Groff - No report

Bronwyn Losey - reported the following:

<u>HeatSmart Tompkins</u> – clean heating and cooling campaign

• Webinar Wednesday, June 22, 2022, 7:00 pm

Bell Station

- Toured land with CAC and helped with clean up
- Concern with late night parties

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

- Discussion regarding Town printing items for meetings
 - Should board members stipends be increased to cover printing at home or purchase tablet, so Town staff does not need to print

<u>Lansing Advisory Committee on Power Plant Future (LAC-PPF)</u> – unable to attend

• LAC-PPF gave Town Board proposed list of priorities

o Next month Town Board should prioritize items for LAC-PPF to work on

<u>Broadband Committee</u> – no meeting

<u>Board of Ethics</u> – Guy Krogh, Town Counsel stated any changes to the disclosure form will have to be approved by the Town Board.

Joseph Wetmore

The following report was included in the meeting packet which was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

Joseph Wetmore Town Board Member Report June 2022

Planning Board Monday, May 23.6:30 – 8:30pm

Meeting started late because Town Court was still using boardroom until 6:40. Also audio link was turned off, so the first half hour of the meeting was streamed without audio until someone could come and turn it on for the PB. We need a written description of how the Audio/cable system works.

Presentation of the proposed Dandy Mini Mart by applicant, with question and answers from the Board.

No public comment was allowed at this meeting.

Action: Declaration of Lead Agency for Coordinated SEQR Review; set public hearing for June 27, 2022.

Town of Lansing Codes Committee Thursday, June 2·10:00am – 12:00pm

Review of proposed revised draft Zoning Article VII: Principal, Accessory, and Temporary Uses

Review of revised draft Agriculture (AG) Zoning District: Purpose; Uses; Schedule; Activation

Recommendation to circulate the above revised draft Zoning text and Zoning map for refinement

Planning Board (meets 6/13 and 7/11);

Conservation Advisory Council (meets 6/2 and 7/7); and

Ag Committee (meets 6/8)

Report on SEQRA coordination / review of schedule of adoption / next steps

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Committee Wednesday, June 8th at 1:00 – 9:00pm

Review preliminary working draft AG (Agriculture) Zoning District text and map

Discuss the proposed utility-scale 160 MW Yellow Barn Solar energy facility project

LAC-PPF

Thursday, June 9.7:00 – 9:00pm

Ethan Bodnaruk's discussion on New Generation Nuclear Power

Discussion of "Proposed List of Priorities"

Planning Board Monday, June 13.6:30 – 9:30pm

Review preliminary working draft AG (Agriculture) Zoning District text and map

Edward LaVigne - reported the following:

Budget – Department heads should start working on budget

Bell Station

- Attended open house
- Concern with unauthorized parties
 - o Install cameras
 - No parking signs on roads
 - Highway Superintendent Mike Moseley stated he plans to discuss this with Town Counsel Guy Krogh
 - Town Counsel Guy Krogh stated Town will need to amend code to regulate parking on town and county roads and it will need Town Board approval

Sewer

- Borg Warner decreased water out take
- Town is on "pause" need to address inflow and infiltration (I and I)
- Village of Cayuga Heights Engineer will work with Town Code Officer
- Intermunicipal Agreement Town of Lansing still has units left

MYERS PARK RESOLUTION 22-101

Questions about SEQRA were posed to counsel, and after discussion thereupon and input from Director of Planning C.J. Randall regarding requirements for SEQRA for the grant, the Town Board conducted a full review of the SEAF Parts 1, 2 and 3 on the record, deemed the forms complete and accurate, and determined in Part 3 that a negative declaration was warranted. To make the record clearer that a SEQRA review was properly conducted, Resolution 22-101 was re-moved for approval as follows:

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The question of the adoption of Resolution 22-101 was duly motioned by Councilperson Joseph Wetmore, duly seconded by Councilperson Ruth Groff, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Andra Benson – Aye Councilperson Bronwyn Losey – Aye Supervisor Edward LaVigne – Aye $\begin{array}{c} Councilperson \ Ruth \ Groff-Aye \\ Councilperson \ Joseph \ Wetmore-Aye \end{array}$

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on June 15, 2022.

A SHORT BREAK WAS TAKEN AT 8:08 PM

WORK SESSION

<u>Lansing Harbor – discussion</u>

Greg Mezey stated:

- Tompkins County Sheriff's Office approved event
- Asking Town Board for waiver of fee and multiple applications
 - o \$200 fee is ok, if covers all events

Town Counsel Guy Krogh stated:

- Town Code Enforcement Officer has made determination
- Additional information is needed to look into this
- Three (3) choices to go forward
 - 1. Apply for permit
 - 2. Apply for waiver submit to Town Board (Town Clerk)
 - 3. Apply to ZBA appeal instead of variance

Town Board decision to discuss this in closed session for legal advice.

Masks

Discussion concerning mandatory masks at Town Board meetings. Tompkins County Health Department has suspended their mask advisory. Town COVID Policy will need to be updated to state wearing masks will follow Tompkins County Health Department guidelines. This will be on the July Town Board Agenda.

Consolidated Water District Extension 3 (CWDX3)

Supervisor Ed LaVigne stated:

- Cost of the district is now 177% above the Comptroller threshold
 - o Comptroller might not approve
- Cannot get pipes now
- Water and Sewer Advisory Board (WSAB) advising to start over with new petitions
 - o Maybe smaller districts

Town Counsel Guy Krogh stated:

- WSAB will issue advisory opinion
 - o Draft not ready
 - o Not referred to Town Board yet

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Andra Benson moved to ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION/SALE/LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY WHEN PUBLICITY MIGHT AFFECT VALUE AT 9:15 PM.

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore seconded the motion.

All in Favor - 5 Opposed - 0

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore moved to **EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:26 PM.** Councilperson Andra Benson seconded the motion.

All in Favor - 5 Opposed - 0

Councilperson Andra Benson left at 9:26 PM.

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore moved to ENTER CLOSED SESSION FOR CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL ADVICE AT 9:26 PM.

Councilperson Bronwyn Losey seconded the motion.

All in Favor -4 Opposed -0

MOTION TO EXIT CLOSED SESSION

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore moved to **EXIT CLOSED SESSION AT 9:52 PM.** Councilperson Bronwyn Losey seconded the motion.

All in Favor -4 Opposed -0

Short discussion on need to coordinate with Town of Groton and provide future update on solar application and ORES process at next meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore moved to **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:54 PM.** Councilperson Bronwyn Losey seconded the motion.

All in Favor -4 Opposed -0

Minutes taken and executed by the Town Clerk. Minutes after closed session were taken by Guy Krogh, Town Counsel, and executed by the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah K. Munson, RMC Town Clerk