

# **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Lansing Town Hall Board Room Wednesday, October 18, 2023 6:30 PM

# AGENDA

# SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call
- 4. Public Hearing
  - a. Public Hearing Draft 2024 Tompkins Countywide Shared Services Initiative Plan for Pilot Countywide Rapid Medical Response Program

# 5. ATV Presentation

- a. ATV Road Usage Law Presentation James Spencer
- 6. Budget Discussion

# 7. Resolutions

<u>a.</u> Resolution Memorializing Changes to Tentative Budget and Authorizing Preparation and Filing of Preliminary Budget

# 8. Proposed Bolton Point Road Water Line Exension

- a. Discussion Proposed Water Main Extension to 14, 16, and 18 Bolton Point Road
- 9. Privilege of the Floor: Limited to 20 Minutes with a Maximum of 3 Minutes per Speaker
  - a. Optional Board Member Responses Maximum 2 Minutes per Board Member

# **10. Department Reports**

- a. Lansing Community Library Report Christine Eisenhut
- b. Lansing Youth Services Report Richard Alvord
- c. Tompkins County Legislator Report Mike Sigler
- d. Highway Report Mike Moseley
- e. Parks and Recreation Report Patrick Tyrrell
- <u>f.</u> **Director of Planning Report** John Zepko
- g. Engineer's Report Dave Herrick

# h. Town Clerk Report - Debbie Munson

# 11. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to Add Total Care Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Benefits and Coverages to Town-Provided Healthcare Policies
- b. Motion Authorizing Supervisor to Sign Inter-Municipal Agreement with Tompkins County Soil and Water for Pine Grove Waterline Protection Project
- c. Motion Approving Contract between Town and Express Employment Professionals
- d. Motion Authorizing Asbestos Analyses and Abatement for 2 Auburn Road
- e. Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing for Special Districts Proposed 2024 Budgets
- f. Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing for the Town of Lansing Preliminary Budget for 2024
- g. Resolution Approving Consent Agenda

# 12. Motions and Resolutions

a. Resolution Approving Audit and Budget Modifications and Supervisor's Report

# 13. Board Member Reports

- a. Councilperson Andra Benson
- b. Councilperson Ruth Groff
- c. Councilperson Bronwyn Losey
- d. Councilperson Joseph Wetmore
- e. Supervisor Edward LaVigne

## 14. Work Session

a. Board Appointments

## 15. Executive Session if Needed

a. Motion to Enter/Exit

## 16. Adjourn Meeting

a. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who need accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 607-533-4142. Request should be made 72 hours prior to the meeting.

#### Introduction

In accordance with New York State Law, Tompkins County convened a panel of mayors and supervisors to develop the County's 2024 Shared Services Plan. Areas of discussion for possible municipal collaboration and shared services included cybersecurity, code administration, animal control, and broadband. After much discussion, it was agreed by the Panel to support an initiative developed by the County's Department of Emergency Response (DoER) that would enhance emergency response services throughout the County. The Countywide Rapid Medical Response program is a cost effective means of meeting the critical need for emergency response in the County. It is outlined in detail on the following pages. It has the full support of the Shared Services Panel.

#### **Countywide Rapid Medical Response**

Tompkins County is in the process of planning to implement a Rapid Medical Response Team—a service that would be cost prohibitive to most of Tompkins County municipalities without sharing the service. This will be a team of professional New York State certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) that will be strategically placed throughout the county, in response vehicles, with the mission to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the county. The Rapid Medical Response Team would augment local community-based first responders in providing first response services to county residents and visitors during medical and traumatic emergencies, while they await the arrival of a transport ambulance agency.

Tompkins County Rapid Medical Response is a pilot project in the planning phase. If approved by the Tompkins County Legislature, it would be made operational in 2024 and operated by the County's Department of Emergency Response (DoER). The longstanding EMS model in Tompkins County municipalities is volunteer based, except for a professional ambulance service operated by Dryden Ambulance, Inc., Groton Fire Department and Ambulance, and Trumansburg EMS, and a private EMS operated by Bangs Ambulance.

The volunteer model of local municipalities met the need for emergency services in the past, but this is no longer a sustainable or reliable model. The 2023 YTD 9-1-1 call statistics support this claim, with 45% of all volunteer rescue 9-1-1 calls going unanswered by local community-based rescues and only 22% of the county's 279 EMS personnel being volunteers.

As part of this pilot project, Tompkins County is considering seeking the startup and operating costs for the first year through the NYS Local Government Efficiency grant and NYS Countywide Shared Services Initiative (CWSSI) funding. Estimated startup and operating costs for the first year include personnel, three rapid response vehicles, equipment, materials, and supplies, and totals \$699,794. Subsequent annual operating costs of the rapid medical response service are estimated at \$504,956 as demonstrated in Appendix A. The County will need to consider cost sharing or other arrangements with municipalities to support ongoing operational expenses for year 2 and beyond.

The startup costs for the County to provide a service which includes three transport ambulances in place of rapid response vehicles is \$1,584,473, with annual operating costs of \$861,475 as demonstrated in Appendix B. The estimated costs of a countywide ambulance service have been included to demonstrate the significant cost savings of the County's proposed approach to invest in a Rapid Medical Response program rather than a transport ambulance service.

The calculated taxpayer savings from the avoided cost for each municipality to create and fund this professional service is estimated at \$1,557,591 in year one, which represents the total costs of individual municipalities establishing their own

Rapid Medical Response programs. The cost per municipality is calculated by reducing the equipment, staff, and other expenditures to reflect the appropriate size for most of Tompkins County's rural municipalities. A detailed list of the startup costs, personnel, and operating expenditures at the municipal level are included in Appendix C. The ongoing annual expenses for each municipality to operate a rapid medical response or ambulance service are included in Appendix D.

Appendices E & F represent the total cost savings for both Rapid Medical Response and Ambulance services for the municipalities for both the first year and subsequent years. This comparison is used to demonstrate the significant savings of the County's proposed approach to invest in a Rapid Medical Response program rather than those municipalities without an ambulance service funding and managing their own emergency medical response program.

The diagram in Appendix G demonstrates how the number of necessary rapid medical response vehicles was determined. This diagram illustrates strategically placed vehicles, throughout the County, with a 15-mile radius to demonstrate their response times.

Total estimated tax savings for 2024 and 2025 are summarized in the following table for all eligible municipalities. Startup costs were removed from the estimate after the 2024 savings.

Shared Service Project	2024 Net Tax Savings	2025 Net Tax Savings
Tompkins County Rapid	\$ 1,557,591.48	\$983,077.04
Medical Response		

# Appendix A

Cοι	untywide Rapid Medi	cal Response Start	tup Costs
		Annual Cost per Response Unit	Total Cost (3 Total Response Units)
Medical Direction	\$250/hour (30 hours)	N/A	\$7,500.00
Personnel	\$25.46/hour per employee (3120 hours)	\$79,435.20	\$238,305.60
Fringe Benefits Personnel	\$11.25/hour per employee (3120 hours)	\$35,100.00	\$105,300.00
reisonnei	EMS Manager – 100%	\$76,814.00	\$76,814.00
Fringe Benefits	EMS Manager – 100%	\$33,928.74	\$33,928.74
Personnel	Director – 10%	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00
Fringe Benefits	Director – 10%	\$4,505.34	\$4,505.34
Fuel		\$5,800.00	\$17,400.00
Vehicle Maintenance		\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Vehicle (New) MDT (Dispatch)		\$55,000.00 \$3,500.00	\$165,000.00 \$10,500.00
Radios		\$3,500.00	\$10,500.00
Uniforms	\$500.00/employee	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
EMS Supplies		\$4,113.64	\$12,340.92
Totals:		\$314,396.92	\$699,794.60

# Countywide Rapid Medical Response Annual Costs

		Annual Cost per Response Unit	Total Cost (3 Total Response Units)
Medical Direction	\$250/hour (30 hours)	N/A	\$7,500.00
Personnel	\$25.46/hour per employee (3120 hours)	\$79,435.20	\$238,305.60
Fringe Benefits	\$11.25/hour per employee (3120 hours)	\$35,100.00	\$105,300.00
Personnel	EMS Manager – 100%	\$76,814.00	\$76,814.00
Fringe Benefits	EMS Manager – 100%	\$33,928.74	\$33,928.74
Personnel	Director – 10%	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00
Fringe Benefits	Director – 10%	\$4,505.34	\$4,505.34
Fuel		\$5,800.00	\$17,400.00
Vehicle Maintenance		\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Uniforms	\$500.00/employee	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
EMS Supplies		\$1,167.59	\$3,502.77
Totals:		\$249,450.87	\$504,956.45

#### Appendix B

	Countywide Ambu	lance Startup Costs	
		Annual Cost per Response Unit	Total Cost (3 Total Response Units)
Medical Direction	\$250/hour (30 hours)	N/A	\$7,500.00
Personnel (2 employees/truck/shift)	\$25.46/hour per employee (3120 hours)	\$158,870.40	\$476,611.20
Fringe Benefits (2 employees/truck/shift)	\$11.25/hour per employee (3120 hours)	\$70,200.00	\$210,600.00
Personnel	EMS Manager – 100%	\$76,814.00	\$76,814.00
Fringe Benefits	EMS Manager – 100%	\$33,928.74	\$33,928.74
Personnel	Director – 10%	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00
Fringe Benefits	Director – 10%	\$4,505.34	\$4,505.34
Fuel		\$5,800.00	\$17,400.00
Vehicle Maintenance		\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Vehicle (New)		\$206,000.00	\$618,000.00
MDT (Dispatch)		\$3,500.00	\$10,500.00
Radios		\$3,500.00	\$10,500.00
Uniforms	\$500.00/employee	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00
Soft Supplies		\$31,971.26	\$95,913.78
Totals:		\$609,289.74	\$1,584,473.06

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	Countywide Amb	ulance Annual Costs	
		Annual Cost per Response Unit	Total Cost (3 Total Response Units)
Medical Direction	\$250/hour (30 hours)	N/A	\$7,500.00
Personnel (2 employees/truck/shift)	\$25.46/hour per employee (3120 hours)	\$158,870.40	\$476,611.20
Fringe Benefits (2 employees/truck/shift)	\$11.25/hour per employee (3120 hours)	\$70,200	\$210,600
Personnel	EMS Manager – 100%	\$76,814.00	\$76,814.00
Fringe Benefits	EMS Manager – 100%	\$33,928.74	\$33,928.74
Personnel	Director – 10%	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00
Fringe Benefits	Director – 10%	\$4,505.34	\$4,505.34
Fuel		\$5,800.00	\$17,400.00
Vehicle Maintenance		\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Uniforms	\$500.00/employee	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00
EMS Supplies		\$3,971.80	\$11,915.40
Totals:		\$368,290.28	\$861,474.68

#### Appendix C

		Rescue Start-up C	Costs
	Town's Cost	DoER's Cost	Cost Difference
Town of			
Caroline	\$ 556,846.52		
Town of Danby Town of	\$ 377,897.68		
Dryden Town of	\$ 661,320.94		
Groton	\$ 94,474.42		
Town of Enfield Town of	\$ 188,948.84		
Lansing Town of	\$ 188,948.84		
Newfield	\$ 188,948.84		
	\$ 2,257,386.08	\$ 699,794.60	\$ 1,557,591.48
		Ambulance Start-up	o Costs
	Town's Cost	DoER's Cost	Cost Difference
Town of Caroline Town of Danby Town of	\$1,451,524.98 \$ 967,683.32		
Dryden Town of	\$1,693,445.81		
Groton	\$ 241,920.83		
Town of Enfield	\$ 483,841.66		
Town of Enfield Town of Lansing Town of	\$ 483,841.66 \$ 483,841.66		
Town of Lansing			

\*\*Note: The cost for each town to start up their own service does *not* include the salary and fringe benefits of any Dept of Emergency Response staff \*\*

#### Appendix D

		Rescue Yearly Operating Costs
	Town's Cost	DoER's Cost Cost Difference
Town of Caroline	\$ 372,008.37	
Town of Danby	\$ 248,005.58	
Town of Dryden	\$ 434,009.77	
Town of Groton	\$ 62,001.40	
Town of Enfield	\$ 124,002.79	
Town of Lansing	\$ 124,002.79	
Town of		
Newfield	\$ 124,002.79	
	\$ 1,488,033.49	\$ 504,956.45 \$ 983,077.04

		Ambul	ance Yearly Op	perating C	osts
	Town's Cost	C	oER's Cost		Cost Difference
Town of					)
Caroline	\$728,426.60				
Town of Danby	\$ 485,684.40				
Town of					
Dryden	\$849,947.70				
Town of Groton	\$ 121,421.10				
Town of Enfield	\$ 242,842.20				
Town of					
Lansing	\$ 242,842.20				
Town of					
Newfield	\$ 242,842.20				
	\$2,914,006.40	\$	861,474.68		\$ 2,052,531.72

\*\*Note: The cost for each town to start up their own service does *not* include the salary and fringe benefits of any Dept of Emergency Response staff\*\*

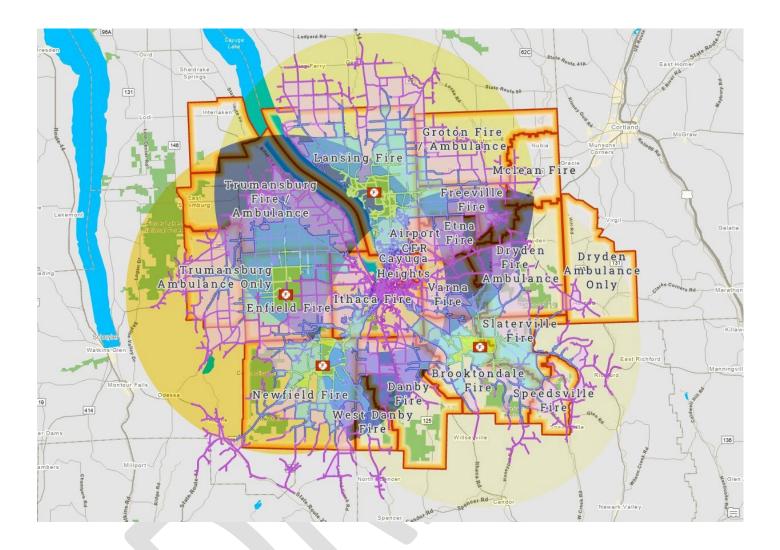
# Appendix E

Total Cost Savings for Startup Year				
	Rapid Medical Response Ambulance Services			
Total Cost to Municipalities	\$	2,257,386.08	\$	5,806,099.92
Total Cost to County	\$	699,794.60	\$	1,584,473.06
	\$	1,557,591.48	\$	4,221,626.86

# Appendix F

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Total Annual Cost Savings					
	Rapid Medical Response Ambulance Services				bulance Services
Total Cost to Municipalities	\$	1,488,033.49		\$	2,914,006.40
Total Cost to County	\$	504,956.45		\$	861,474.68
	\$	983,077.04		\$	2,052,531.72

#### Appendix G



#### **Shared Services Panel Members**

Supervisors	Municipality
Mark Witmer	Town of Caroline
Joel Gagnon	Town of Danby
Jason Leifer	Town of Dryden
Stephanie Redmond	Town of Enfield
Donald Scheffler	Town of Groton
Rod Howe	Town of Ithaca
Ed LaVigne	Town of Lansing
Michael Allinger	Town of Newfield
Katelin Olson	Town of Ulysses
Mayors	
Linda Woodard	Village of Cayuga Heights
Michael Murphy	Village of Dryden
Miles McCarty	Village of Freeville
Chris Neville	Village of Groton
Laura Lewis	City of Ithaca
Ronny Hardaway	Village of Lansing
Rordan Hart	Village of Trumansburg
County Legislators	
Shawna Black	Chair, Tompkins County Legislature
County Administration	
Lisa Holmes	Tompkins County Administrator
Bridgette Nugent	Tompkins Deputy County Administrator

# Local Law Filing

County	
City of CANDOR	
Town Village	
Local Law No. $2$ of the year $2004$	
A local law All Terrain Jebicle Road Usage Law	
Be it enacted by the <u>Lown</u> Board (Name of Legislative Body) of t	the
City Town Village	∛S:

# **TOWN OF CANDOR**

Local Law #2 of 2004

# All Terrain Vehicle Road Usage Law

Legislative Purpose: The Town of Candor wishes to foster and encourage all types of agriculture and open space, including recreational facilities. The goal is the encouragement of land owners and organizations to develop trails for use by motorized vehicles. Several private all terrain vehicle (ATV) trails have been developed within the Town and are frequently used by clubs and individuals for recreational purposes.

Because of the difficulty of getting from trail to trail without traveling on portions of Town of Candor roads, this law authorizes ATV users, under the conditions specified herein, to legally travel on all Town of Candor roads for the express purpose of going from one trail to another trail.

Authorization for this law is granted under New York State Consolidated Laws for Vehicle and Traffic (Article 48-C Section 2405).

#### Definitions

1. "ATV" means all terrain vehicle or a four-wheel motorized machine designed for off-road usage.

2. "Operate" means to ride in or on, other than as a passenger, or use or control the operation of an ATV in any manner, whether or not said ATV is under way.

3. "Operator" means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of an ATV.

#### Operation of ATVs: where permitted

1. Highways.

a) An ATV may make a direct crossing on state or county highway other than an interstate highway or a controlled access highway, provided:

b) a muffler system in good operating condition which meets federal standards as established in 40 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 205.166, sub Part E;

c) a spark arrester approved by the United States Forest Service;

d) tires having at least two-thirty seconds of an inch of tread with no visible breaks, cuts, exposed cords, bumps or bulges;

e) a lighted white headlight and a lighted red taillight approved by the commissioner must be on at all times while under operation on Town of Candor roads.

f) a rear view mirror.

2. No person shall operate an ATV or ride as a passenger on an ATV unless he is wearing a protective helmet of a type approved by the commissioner.

3. No person shall operate an ATV on Town of Candor roads without a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

# 5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto designated as local law No. ..... of 20----of the City of ...... having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the became operative.

# 6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed herete, designated as local law No. ..... of 20...... Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

# (If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph....., above.

Gity, Town or Village Clerk Town Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

(Seal)

30 March Date:

# (Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized attorney of locality.)

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF 000

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.

Signature

Title

County City Town

Village

March 30, Date:

# Section 5, Item a.

# VILLAGE OF CANDOR LOCAL LAW NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 2014

# A LOCAL LAW DESIGNATING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF VILLAGE OF CANDOR'S PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AS OPEN FOR TRAVEL BY ATVS.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Candor as follows:

# SECTION 1 PURPOSE AND FINDINGS

This Local Law is adopted under the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, the Statute of Local Governments § 10, Village Law § 4-412, and Vehicle and Traffic Law § 2405. The purpose and intent of this Local Law is to assist in the preservation of public health, general welfare and safety of the residents of the Village of Candor by properly designating certain portions of the public highways within the Village of Candor as open for travel by ATVs for the express purpose of accessing ATV trails. The Village Board of the Village of Candor hereby finds that designating public highways as open for travel by ATVs is necessary for ATVs to gain access to trails adjacent to said public highways.

# SECTION 2 TITLE

This Local Law shall be known and may be cited as the "Village of Candor ATV Highway Travel Local Law."

# SECTION 3 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of interpreting these rules and regulations, all terms used herein shall have the same definitions and meanings as those used in the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

# SECTION 4 OPERATION OF ATVS ON VILLAGE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

No person shall operate an ATV over or through Village of Candor public highways except from properties in the Village directly to and over the following public highways:

Mill Street from the intersection of Mill/McCarty to the intersection of Mill/Main.

Stowell Avenue Water Street Delray Avenue McCarty Street

Operation of an ATV over said public highways shall be limited to the purpose of gaining access to trails adjacent to said public highways. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall limit the right to operate an ATV as permitted by Vehicle and Traffic Law §2403.

# SECTION 5 RULES FOR OPERATION OF ATVS

No person shall operate an ATV over or through designated Village of Candor public highways except between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

All operators of ATVs shall follow and abide by those rules of operation set forth in Vehicle and Traffic Law § 2404, and all other laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the use and operation of ATVs as the foregoing are promulgated from time to time by the federal, state, and local governments with jurisdiction over the same.

In addition, all operators of ATVs while traveling on Village of Candor public highways shall:

- 1. Have on at all times a lighted white headlight approved by the commissioner of motor vehicles and a lighted red taillight approved by said commissioner.
- 2. Carry proof of liability insurance, a motor vehicle operator license, and a certificate of registration, as required by State law.
- 3. Wear a protective helmet of a type approved by the commissioner. This requirement shall also apply to all ATV passengers.
- 4. Operate the ATV at a rate of speed not to exceed fifteen (15) miles per hour.

# **SECTION 6 ENFORCEMENT**

The Village Code Enforcement Officer, Village Police Officer, or any legally authorized representative(s) of the Village, as well as any federal, state or county law enforcement officer, are authorized to enforce this Local Law, and are authorized to issue appearance tickets for violations of the same.

# SECTION 7 VIOLATIONS

Any person or entity that commits or permits acts in violation of any of the provisions of this Local Law shall be deemed to have committed an offense and shall be liable for any such violation and the associated penalty. For every such violation, the person or entity violating the same shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$50.00. Additionally, any person or entity violating this Local Law shall also be subject to a civil penalty enforceable and collectible by the Village in the amount of \$50.00 for each such offense. In addition, the Village may also maintain an action or proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction to compel compliance with or restrain by injunction the violation of the provisions of this Local Law.

# SECTION 8 SEPARABILITY

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this local law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the local law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

#### SECTION 9 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect upon being filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

# **RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CHANGES TO REVISED TENTATIVE BUDGET AND AUTHORZING PREPARATION AND FILING OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

#### **RESOLUTION 23**

#### **RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CHANGES TO REVISED TENTATIVE BUDGET AND AUTHORZING PREPARATION AND FILING OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law Article 8, and §§ 106 and 107 therein, the Town and its various officers and employees coordinate fiscal reviews and activities to help and cause the Town's Budget Officer to prepare a Tentative Budget and Revised Tentative Budget, and such Tentative Budget is presented formally by the Town Clerk and the Town Board thereafter reviews, investigates, updates and amends the same, whereupon it becomes a Preliminary Budget; and

WHEREAS, a Preliminary Budget must exist by a specific date and public hearings are held thereupon before the formality of adoption by formal vote and resolution as a Final Budget; and

WHEREAS, upon deliberation hereupon, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby RESOLVED as follows:

1. To date, the suggested/agreed-upon changes and updates to the Revised Tentative Budget consist of the following:

- 1) A1110.120 Court Clerk Salary
  - a. Increase to \$80,000 from \$75,605.92 to account for overtime hours worked
- 2) A1110.130 Justice's Personal Services/Part-time Clerk
  - a. Increase to \$9,000 from \$5,000 to account for additional part-time clerk
- 3) A1610.200- Technology Equipment
  - a. Increase from \$7,200 to \$15,000
- 4) A1610.400 Technology Contractual
  - a. Increase from \$70,000 to \$102,750
    - i. Reflective the \$42,750 quote from Edmunds for new Accounting/Payroll software, less moving funds from this contractual account to the equipment account
- 5) A7320.100 Drop In, Personal Services
  - a. Decrease to \$0 from \$23,526 program is being closed
  - b. Decrease to \$0 from \$1,200 program is being closed
- 6) B8010.400 Zoning Contractual

- a. Increase by \$100,000 from \$27,750 to \$127,750 for a zoning consultant
  - i. This would increase the use of available fund balance from \$277,739.84 to \$377,739.84 which is almost half of the current fund balance
- 7) SS1-8110.100- Sewer Administration Personal Services
  - a. This would be a new code for Deputy Town Clerk. She is not currently paid out of sewer but has a lot of duties in this area, and this fund should pay its share. There is no increase in salary, only a reallocation of amounts.
  - b. Create code, and put \$2,727.07 in
- 8) SS3-8110.100 Sewer Administration Personal Services
  - a. This would be a new code for Deputy Town Clerk. She is not currently paid out of sewer but has a lot of duties in this area, and this fund should pay its share. There is no increase in salary, only a reallocation of amounts.
  - b. Create code, and put \$256.59 in
- 9) SW8310.100 Water Administration Personal Services
  - a. Deputy Town Clerk's wages were reallocated. Deputy Town Clerk's portion of this fund was \$32,820 and should be decreased to \$29,836.56.
  - b. This decreases this budget line from \$56,272 to \$53,288.56
- 10) Deputy Town Clerk's rate of pay on the salary schedule is incorrect. It is listed as \$30.26 and should be \$31.44 as she is due to go up one step. (Already correct in budget, just incorrect on salary schedule.)
- 11) Information Aide Clerk's Office is not listed on the salary schedule and should be. (Already in budget, just left off salary schedule.) The salary is \$22.89/hour.

2. These changes shall be made to the Revised Tentative Budget, which shall become a Preliminary Budget and subjected to public hearing as required by law.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_\_, duly seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_\_, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Andra Benson – Councilperson Bronwyn Losey – Supervisor Edward LaVigne – Councilperson Ruth Groff – Councilperson Joseph Wetmore –

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on October 18, 2023.



# LANSING COMMUNITY LIBRARY UPDATE TO THE LANSING TOWN BOARD October, 2023

Submitted by Christine Eisenhut

- 1. Thank you for the patience of the community as the library plans for the repair of the plumbing and rebuilding of the upstairs public bathroom. The lead piping caused a flood and significant damage to the teen room. The library will be closed from October 23-28 for asbestos remediation.
- 2. Thanks to all who voted in the Target Circle Program. 54,339 votes were cast for the Lansing Community Library, awarding Target funds in the amount of \$3,806.16.
- 3. The library is a candy collection site for Trunk or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup> at Myers Park. There will also be a Halloween costume closet. Donations are currently being accepted and those in need are free to take one.
- 4. The Friends of the Library will be hosting a fundraiser Costumes and Cocktails on October 20th from 8:00-11pm at the Lake Watch Inn. Tickets are available at the library.
- 5. The Artisan Fair will take place on December 1-2 at the library and Town Hall. There is currently space for more vendors. Please contact the Friends of the Library for more information friendsoflcl@lansinglibrary.org
- 6. On display during October will be the textiles of Patricia Brown.
- 7. The library has a mobile wireless hotspot available for check out. Also, the Wi-Fi is not password protected. The community is welcome to park in the lot to access the Internet.
- 8. Instructor John Burger hosts T'ai Chi classes at the Community Center on Fridays from 10:30-11:30am.
- 9. Learn to play American Mah Jongg every Tuesday at 10:15am and play American Mah Jongg every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00pm.
- 10. The library continues to provide free delivery to Woodsedge.
- 11. 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.
- 12. The library continues to distribute free self-test COVID-19 kits, antibacterial wipes and N95 masks to Lansing households.

#### Lansing Youth Services <u>Town Board Report</u> <u>October 2023</u>

**Outdoor Cooking Adventures:** We are kicking off the new school year with Outdoor Cooking Adventures. This program takes a blended approach to enjoying the Nature Center with woodland games and daily cooking over the campfire. The group began with roasting marshmallows over the coals for a delicious desert. Fire Safety is very important. Youth are taught about cooking-specific fires and how to select a safe cooking location. The plans are for the group to make a main dish and side dish at each program, as well as making time for some fun games. 10 youth served.

**Game On!** The ever-popular Game On program is back and there are a lot of students ready for gaming. Chess has been by far the most popular game and students are teaching others how to play. Some participants are beginning Magic the Gathering matches and learning the game Dominion. The group always loves Connect Four and a tournament is being planned for the coming weeks. 10 youth served

**Crafter's Corner:** Crafter's Corner will take place through the beginning of December. Youth will once again take part in the Lansing Artisan Fair selling the arts and crafts they make in the program. The group is excited to learn the business side of things early on this year, tracking the progress of our inventory for the event will be added to the program content this year. 8 youth served.

**Mad Science:** Mad Science will consist of hands-on experiments at the school, youth will also enjoy several field trips to local and regional museums. The group has started with Rube Goldberg machines, learning about simple machines and how to connect them. This will transition to Keva planks, exploring the same mechanisms and culminate with a trip to the Sciencenter, which currently has simple machines as their main exhibit. 10 youth served.

**Youth Employment:** The youth employees are still hard at work at the Lansing Public Library where they continue to improve their customer service, management of records, and sharpen their workplace professional skills. LYS Assistants will begin with LYS programs in the coming weeks to hone their youth development skills and the High School placements will get their organizational and record management skills in practice soon. 12 youth served.

Visit <u>ccetompkins.org/4h/rys/lansing</u> for more information and to sign up for programs.

#### HIGHWAY REPORT October 2023

#### **Road Maintenance/ Improvement**

- Hot mix paved Munson Road between Auburn Rd & VanOstrand Rd
- Finish patch work from water main breaks/potholes prior to prepping for winter.
- Added culvert pipes for driveway throughout the community.
- Paved community center parking lot
- Worked to re-grade roads before winter
- Shimmed Waterwagon Rd. between Murfield Drive and Ryans Way
- Added shoulders to Munson Road after paving.

#### **Tree & Brush Maintenance**

- Continued tree & brush maintenance along roadside to aid line of sight.
- Assisted the Village with their fall brush pick-up.

#### Water/Sewer Maintenance

• Crews worked on two more water main breaks totaling hours of overtime. This makes 18 water main breaks since May.

#### **Community**

- Worked with Tompkins County Soil and Water to control erosion around an 8" water main at Pine Grove Cemetery.
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> we'll be hosting a tire collection event put on by Tompkins County Soil and Water. Additional information can be found on the Highway Department website.
- We are working with Verizon on 32 active permits for work being done throughout the Town.

#### **Office**

- We are working with Jenn and Mary Ellen to demo new software to replace Williamson in 2024
- We continue to work with the Highway Barn committee on the development of the new Highway Barn project.
- Our crane truck was taken to Ohio to have the crane/box put on.
- We continue to work with T.G. Miller on #2 Auburn Road & Ludlowville Road.

#### Parks & Recreation October 2023 Town Board Meeting

#### **RECREATION:**

- Fall soccer has ended for the season.
- Our current programming includes basketball, indoor soccer, horseback riding and swimming.
- Lacrosse will be played on the Town Barn Field though the end of the month.
- Cornell and Ithaca College club softball teams will be playing through the end of the month as well.
- Our trails group is now meeting every other week.
- Modified soccer has ended for the season.
- Small Fry Football Junior Team will be traveling to Maine Endwell for a playoff game while the Senior team and Flag team will be hosting consolation games at home.
- Trunk or Treat once again returns to Myers Park on Halloween evening. Spots are filling fast.
- We'll be overseeding and putting soccer goals away this week.

#### **PARKS:**

- Camping has ended for the season.
- We'll begin shutting our water system down at Myers Park after the Trunk or Treat event.
- We have a meeting about adding a boat wash station in Myers Park due to hydrilla being found. We hope to secure grant funding for this, I will keep the board updated.
- Several new trees have been planted at Salt Point.
- We are currently cleaning ditches and fixing wash outs at Center Trail.
- Salt Point Workday is October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Boats in the marina and dry dock must be out by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Planning & Code Enforcement

John Zepko, Acting Director, CPESC, CFM Reporting Period Sept 2023

# **CORE PLANNING FUNCTIONS**

## General Admin

- The Department continues to seek applicants for the position of Planner. To date zero applications have been received.
- 9/07 Met w/ representative of TC Ag & Farm Board and CCE to discuss challenges and opportunities of utility scale solar development in agricultural areas
- o 9/07 Met w/ project team for Yellow Barn Solar regarding ORES application
- o 9/07 Met w/ Town staff to discuss Drainage District 11 & 12 MPR
- 9/18 prepared and submitted draft budget worksheet to the Office of the Bookeeper
- o 9/20 Meeting w/ project owner to discuss Drainage District 11 & 12 MPR
- Planner conducting classification and review of development applications
- Planning Board staff support
- Zoning Board of Appeals staff support
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Floodplain Management
  - Work continues to resolve the findings from the 31 May 2023 Community Assistance Visit (CAV) conducted by NYS DEC.
- Stormwater Management

# LAND USE WORK PROGRAM

- Code Revision Committee
  - 28 September meeting discussed Draft Local law on Boards, Commissions and Committees

# COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT

- Agricultural and Farmland Protection Committee staff support
- Conservation Advisory Committee Council
  - 9/19 met w/ Chair of CAC to discuss draft ORI and upcoming development projects.
- Water & Sewer Working Group
  - o 6 September meeting
- Capital Improvement Committee
  - o 6 September meeting

# PLANNING BOARD

25 Sept meeting – the Planning Board heard the following:
Conditional Approval of 9,600 sq ft building located on Verizon Lane

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

• No Sept meeting

# **Code Enforcement**

September 2023 Permit Information

	Sept 2023
Fees Collected	\$3,773.40
Estimated Project Cost	\$6,815.00
Certificate of	16
Occupancy/Compliance	
Building Permits	21
One & Two Family Residences	0
New Mobile Homes	0
New Businesses	0
 Multi-Family Residences (3 or more	0
units)	
TOTAL 2023 Misc. Fee	17,710.00
Collected to date	11,110,000
	Jan 1, 2023 to Sept 30, 2023
Fees Collected	\$82,478.68
Estimated Project Cost	\$16,055,215.00
Certificate of	159
Occupancy/Compliance	107
Building Permits	180
One & Two Family Residences	9
New Mobile Homes	0
New Businesses	0
Multi-Family Residences (3 or more units)	0

#### TOWN CLERK OCTOBER 2023

#### Hunting Licenses

Lifetime license holders who have not received theirs in the mail can come to our office to have a replacement printed until November 1<sup>st</sup> at no cost. After November 1<sup>st</sup>, lifetime license holders will have to pay for a replacement license. To date, the DEC has not announced the dates of the second round of Deer Management Permits.

#### Woodsedge Board Seeks New Members

The Town of Lansing Housing Authority (LHA), which owns and operates the Woodsedge Senior Apartments locally, is looking to fill two vacancies on its board of directors. The board meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. If you have some experience with aging issues or property management, you are invited to learn more about this volunteer opportunity by contacting David Stoyell, LHA Board Chair, by phone (607) 533-7947 or email - davestoyell@gmail.com.

#### **Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce Community Conversation: Lansing**

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, Jessie attended a Community Conversation hosted by the Tompkins Chamber. It was a round table discussion with local government leaders, business owners, and non-profit organizations. Jessie participated in the topic of Rural Community Needs and how to address those needs.

#### **Board Vacancies**

A reminder from last month, listed below will be the vacancies as of December 31, 2023. The chairs of each board/council have been notified of which members terms are expiring. Incumbents wishing to be reappointed must submit an application for reappointment. Applications will be available on the Town's website through October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Paper applications will be available at the Town Clerk's office and can be e-mailed, if requested. Notice of vacancies are posted on bulletin boards located in the Town Hall.

- Planning Board 3 vacancies: (1) 7-year term and (2) 1-year terms
- Zoning Board of Appeals 2 vacancies: (1) 5-year term and (1) 1-year term
- Board of Ethics 1 vacancy: (1) 5-year term
- Conservation Advisory Council 5 vacancies: (5) 2-year terms

#### **Relevies of Unpaid Water and Sewer Bills**

Delinquent water accounts with balances have been relieved on 2024 Town and County Tax Bills.

#### MOTION TO ADD TOTAL CARE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) BENEFITS AND COVERAGES TO TOWN-PROVIDED HEALTHCARE POLICIES

#### **M23-**

## MOTION TO ADD TOTAL CARE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) BENEFITS AND COVERAGES TO TOWN-PROVIDED HEALTHCARE POLICIES

Motion to add Total Care EAP (Employee Assistance Program) benefits and coverages to townprovided healthcare policies and coverages under the Greater Tompkins County Healthcare Insurance Consortium, to hereafter provide the same to all town employees generally (including to members of the Highway Association), and to authorize the Town Supervisor or Town Personnel Officer to undertake registration and execution of all applications and documents by and for the Town to ensure eligibility and participation effective January 1, 2024.

### MOTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO SIGN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH TOMPKINS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER FOR PINE GROVE WATERLINE PROTECTION PROJECT

### M23-

## MOTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO SIGN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH TOMPKINS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER FOR PINE GROVE WATERLINE PROTECTION PROJECT

Motion authorizing Town Supervisor to sign Inter-Municipal Agreement with Tompkins County Soil and Water for materials supply and design support for the Pine Grove waterline protection project to prevent erosion and enhance drainage to protect main and culvert in the project area, once the final version thereof, as agreed upon between the town and county, is reviewed and duly approved by either the Town Attorney or Highway Superintendent.

# MOTION APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN TOWN AND EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS

# M23-

### MOTION APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN TOWN AND EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS

Motion approving contract between Town and Express Employment Professionals regarding engagement for specific personnel recruitment services and authorizing the Town Supervisor to execute such contract for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Town of Lansing.

# MOTION AUTHORIZING ASBESTOS ANALYSES AND ABATEMENT FOR 2 AUBURN ROAD

#### **M23-**

# MOTION AUTHORIZING ASBESTOS ANALYSES AND ABATEMENT FOR 2 AUBURN ROAD

Motion authorizing Town Highway Superintendent's to expend up to \$10,000 to provide for asbestos analyses and abatement for 2 Auburn Road.

#### **RESOLUTION 23-**

#### **RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS PROPOSED 2024 BUDGETS**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has prepared the Assessment Rolls of parcels of land included in the Lansing Consolidated Water District ("CWD"), CWD Extensions 1, 2, 4 (Lansing Station Road and Drake Road) and 5 (Peruville Road) and for lands within Lighting Districts Numbers 1, 2, and 3, (Ludlowville, Warren Road, and Lakewatch), and for the Lansing Drainage Districts Numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 (Pheasant Meadows, Whispering Pines, Lake Forest, Farm Pond Circle, Lansing Commons, Woodland Park, Cayuga Way, and Novalane), and the Lansing Sewer Districts (Cherry Road and Warren Road) (all together, the "Districts"), and the Town has apportioned and assessed upon such parcels of land in proportion in the amount of benefits the improvements shall confer upon the same the cost chargeable to said Districts in connection with the construction and capital costs of the providing of public water, lighting, stormwater management and drainage, and sewer transportation and treatment payable in the year 2024 and therefore, pursuant to § 239 of the Town Law, the Town Board shall hold a Public Hearing at the Lansing Town Hall, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, New York 14882, at 6:31 p.m., on the 8th day of November, 2023 to hear and consider any objections which may be made to said roll.

### **RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF LANSING PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2024**

#### **RESOLUTION 23-**

#### **RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TOWN OF LANSING PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2024**

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, will be completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said Town on October 19, 2023, where it will be available for inspection by any interested persons at all reasonable hours; and

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Town Board of the Town of Lansing will meet, and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon at the Lansing Town Hall, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, New York 14882, 6:32 p.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled or for or against any items therein contained; and

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, that the following are proposed yearly salaries of elected Town Officials of this Town:

Supervisor	\$ 30,306.00
Councilperson (4)	
Total	\$ 38,964.00
Each	\$ 9,741.00
Town Clerk	\$ 56,243.00
Highway Superintendent	\$ 89,196.00
Town Justice (2)	
Total	\$ 44,497.44
Each	\$ 22,248.72

#### Ruth Groff Town Board Member Report October 2023

### • Food Systems Summit – September 28, 8:45am – 4:15pm at the Treman Center

- A collaboration of the Tompkins County Food Policy Council, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and The Food Bank of the Southern Tier
- The sessions I attended were:
  - Growing Together: How Farms and Communities Can Thrive by Expanding Food Production in our Region" – presenters were farmers from around the county, discussing their challenges; safety issues for black, Latino, and LGBTQ workers on farms; cooperation and collaboration with fellow farmers; support is generally from private equity, rather than government; suggestions of similar partnerships, such as Community Arts Partnership provides for artists; and suggestions that there needs to be an additional tier of Ag assessment exemptions.
  - "Hunger 101" an exercise facilitated by The Food Bank of the Southern Tier, where attendees played the role of an assigned underserved individual, going through the process of purchasing food from a pantry (or being rejected by one because they lived in the wrong area), applying for SNAP and the challenges of that process, and then allocating their limited funds to buy food for their family. Defining, understanding, and identifying the causes of hunger were the goals of the exercise.
  - "Resourcing a Successful Food System in Tompkins: How Funders and Community Based Organizations Can Collaborate and Grow" – discussions around gathering resources toward a multitude of food system organizations, projects, and farmers who contribute to the Food System Plan. Implementation is a shared responsibility stressing greater collaboration with private and public funders.

#### • Capital Improvement Committee: October 4, 9:00am

• The committee followed up on the items from the previous meeting, which was that the list of projects has been essentially completed, the next step is for descriptions of each project to be written for inclusion in a formal report. Several committee members agreed to write those descriptions as they pertained to their areas of expertise – Mike Moseley, Patrick Tyrrell, and Dave Herrick. I will be preparing financial snapshots for each project. Due to time constraints this time of year, we agreed to extend the deadline for completing reports.

## • Conservation Advisory Council ("CAC"): October 5, 6:30pm

- Final review and discussion of the Open Space Index ("OSI") to move the document to the next phase
- $\circ$  There will be a public meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>, to focus on the OSI

## • Parks, Recreation, and Trails Committee: September 25, October 5 and 12

- Patrick Tyrrell, Ruth Hopkins, and Ruth Groff have periodic meetings with Ellie Peterson, Intern from Cornell, regarding her work on potential plans for the Jonas Falls area. Since she has completed a majority of the work on that project, but still has many hours left on her contract with the Town, she has begun converting the study that was done by the Cornell Design Connect team, into a format consistent with that of a trails master plan.
- The Trails Committee has been meeting weekly to share lessons learned as several groups are working on different segments of the trail. The focus has been on learning about easements, and identifying multiple options for each segment, but the primary discussions have been around landowner outreach, and possible funding sources.
- Ithaca Tompkins County Transportation Council ("ITCTC"): October 17, 10:00am
  - I will report on this next month, as the meeting was too late in the month for me to include in the report

#### Joseph Wetmore Town Board Member Report October 2023

#### Planning Board Monday, September 25-6:30 – 8:30pm

8-18 Verizon Lane, Tax Parcel Number 30.-1-16.32 The applicant proposes to construct an approximately 9,600 square foot building on the existing ~9-acre lot. The property is in the IR – Industrial/Research Zone. Public Hearing, and approved.

I gave a liaison report from the September 20, 2023 Town Board meeting.

The Planning Board discussed the potential tax base losses from Cargill.

#### Code Revision Committee Monthly Meeting Thursday, September 28.8:00 – 10:00am

We discussed the comments we received from various staff, boards and committees on *the Draft Local law on Boards, Commissions and Committees.* We are going to revise and recirculate.

#### Tompkins County Council of Governments Thursday, September 28.3:00 – 5:00pm

1. Report from County Administration

Discussed the Countywide Rapid Medical Response program for inclusion in the 2024 CWSSI Plan.

Reviewed Expanding Broadband Access Plan

2. Resolutions

A Resolution Urging Governor Hochul to Veto Pending Legislation (S3505B and A4282B) That Would Impact the Timing of Local Elections

## Bolton Point Thursday, October 5.4:00 – 5:00pm

- 1. Management Staff Report
  - A. Upon approval by the Tompkins County Health Department, eligible property owners can be reimbursed up to 50% of costs for sewage system projects up to \$10,000.
  - B. CLEAN did a presentation of the potential sale of the Cargill Salt Mine.
  - C. Update on the inventory of lead water lines in the district
  - D. Harmful Algie Bloom seen off Bolton Point. Has not affected water intake yet.
- 2. Budget and Finance Committee
  - A. July 31, 2023 Financial Report
  - B. Approval of the September 7, 2023 Warrants
- 3. Resolution for Appointment of Mark Fessenden Janik to EMT Position