

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 20, 2024

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 Joseph Wetmore, Deputy Town 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:

Judy Drake, Councilperson
Christine Montague, Councilperson

Laurie Hemmings, Councilperson
Joseph Wetmore, Councilperson

ABSENT: Ruth Groff, Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Moseley, Highway Superintendent, Mary Ellen Albrecht, Bookkeeper, John Zepko, Director of Planning, Guy Krogh, Town Counsel, Dave Herrick, Town Engineer, and John Dennis, Clean Energy.

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 4 OF 2024 – TO AMEND THE TOWN CODE TO ADD A CHAPTER 80, ENTITLED “DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS”

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings, moved to **OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 4 OF 2024 – TO AMEND THE TOWN CODE TO ADD A CHAPTER 80, ENTITLED “DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS”** at 6:31 pm.

Councilperson Judy Drake, seconded the motion.

All in Favor – 4 Opposed – 0

No one addressed the Town Board.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Councilperson Laurie Hemmings, moved to **CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 4 OF 2024 – TO AMEND THE TOWN CODE TO ADD A CHAPTER 80, ENTITLED “DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS”** at 6:32 pm.

Councilperson Judy Drake, seconded the motion.

All in Favor – 4 Opposed – 0

RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2024 TO ADD TOWN CODE CHAPTER 80: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION 24-152

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2024 TO
ADD TOWN CODE CHAPTER 80: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing has planned for and considered creating a Department of Public Works (“DPW”) since 2005 and, with the Highway Department already undertaking stormwater management and repair, sewer and water installations and repair, and general grounds and maintenance repairs, atop its duties and responsibilities as a Highway Department, such department was already functioning as a DPW; and

WHEREAS, for the betterment of town management and efficiency the Town Board hereby considers and adopts a local law pursuant to Town Law §§ 20 and 64, and Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, to formally recognize and create a DPW; and

WHEREAS, this is a Type II SEQRA Action such that no further environmental review is mandated or required; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing upon such local law was duly noticed and held at the Lansing Town Hall on the 20th day of November 2024, whereat all persons interested in the subject matter of this local law were duly heard and, upon deliberation thereupon, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby **RESOLVED** as follows:

1. Local Law Number 4 of 2024 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 accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law the final adopted version of this local law shall be filed with the Town Clerk and the New York Secretary as required by the Municipal Home Rule Law.
3. This local law shall be forwarded to the municipal code service for immediate inclusion in the Town Code.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Laurie Hemmings, duly seconded by Councilperson Judy Drake, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Judy Drake – Aye	Councilperson Laurie Hemmings – Aye
Councilperson Christine Montague – Aye	Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on November 20, 2024.

LOCAL LAW NUMBER #4 OF 2024

A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF LANSING TO AMEND THE TOWN CODE TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 80, ENTITLED “DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS”

The Town Board of The Town of Lansing, New York, pursuant to a Resolution dated November 20, 2024, does hereby adopt and pass this Local Law Number #4 of 2024, and therefore, **BE IT SO ENACTED** as follows:

SECTION 1 - AUTHORITY: This local law is adopted pursuant to the powers granted by the Town Law of the State of New York, including but not limited to §§ 20 and 64 therein, and Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, which authorize the Town of Lansing to adopt local laws providing for the governance and management of town affairs.

SECTION 2 - PURPOSE: The purpose of this local law is to formally organize and create a Department of Public Works.

SECTION 3 - ADOPTION OF TOWN CODE CHAPTER 80: Town Code Chapter 80 is added to the Town Code of the Town of Lansing, as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- § 80-1. Creation of Public Works Department.
- § 80-2. Transfer of Highway Department functions.
- § 80-3. Responsibilities.
- § 80-4. Administrative head.
- § 80-5. Salary of administrative head.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Lansing 11/20/2024 by L.L. No.4 of 2024. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 80-1. Creation of Public Works Department.

Pursuant to New York State Town Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(ii)(d)(3) and New York State Town Law § (21-a) there is hereby created in the Town of Lansing a Public Works Department.

§ 80-2. Transfer of Highway Department functions.

The functions of the Highway Department of the Town of Lansing are hereby transferred to the Public Works Department.

§ 80-3. Responsibilities.

A. The Public Works Department's responsibilities shall include the Town's highway functions, along with responsibilities for the construction, improvement, repair, care, and maintenance of the walkways/sidewalks, highways, bridges, sluices, waterways, culverts for drainage, water and sewer infrastructure and facilities, buildings and other related facilities, grounds, cemeteries, and stormwater facilities of the Town, including stormwater management. The Public Works Department will collaborate and assist the Park and Recreation Department with the maintenance of the facilities and grounds of the Town's parks, trails and ballfields. The Public Works Department shall have such other responsibilities, not inconsistent with law, as may be assigned by the Town Board.

B. In addition, the Public Works Department shall provide all services required or desirable in order to enable the Highway Superintendent to fulfill any duty or responsibility imposed upon such official, whether or not in their capacity as Town Highway Superintendent, by this chapter, or by any other local law, ordinance, or regulation of the Town, or further by any lawful directive of the Town Board or any statute or regulation of the State of New York.

C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this chapter shall not prohibit the Town Board from providing for construction of any public building, street, highway, road or other facility by public contract.

§ 80-4. Administrative head.

A. The elected Town Highway Superintendent shall be the administrative head of the Department of Public Works, shall hold office as such administrative head for the terms set forth in New York Town Law § 20 Subdivision 4, shall have the powers and duties of a highway superintendent pursuant to the New York State Highway Law, Town Law, and other applicable laws and regulations of the State of New York, and shall have such powers as are necessary for the proper administration of the Department of Public Works consistent with applicable laws. The Highway Superintendent's office shall be in the unclassified civil service. The administrative head shall also hold the Town's informal administrative title of "Director of Public Works," and they may use the titles of "Highway Superintendent" and/or "Highway Superintendent/ Director of Public Works."

B. During the absence or inability of the Highway Superintendent to act for any reason, the Deputy Highway Superintendent will assume the roles, powers, and responsibilities of the Highway Superintendent as afforded by the New York State Town Law, Article 7 and 8 of the Highway Law, and any authority, duties, or powers inferred under this chapter.

§ 80-5. Salary of administrative head.

The salary of the Highway Superintendent/ Director of Public Works shall be fixed annually by the Town Board, and such moneys shall be paid out of the general fund of the Town as the Town Board shall direct, as well as from any improvement or benefit district of the Town pursuant to New York State Town Law Articles 12, 12-A, and 12-C, including but not limited to § 202-a(7), as well as applicable provisions of the General Municipal Law and, if so charged to any benefit or improvement district such charges shall not be or be deemed, in whole or in part, a charge upon any item of the Highway Fund. The salary may be shown in any budget or notice relating to such budget under the classification of either Highway Superintendent or Highway Superintendent /Director of Public Works.

SECTION 4 - SAVINGS AND SEVERANCE: The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of the aforementioned sections as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional must not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase, which must remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5 - CODIFICATION: This local law and Chapter 80 as set forth herein shall be incorporated into the Town Code, and the incorporator may designate such new section and numerical headings, or other indexed references, as make for a coherent Town Code, sequentially numbered or marked. Nothing in this local law is intended to disrupt or affect the existing Town Code, except to the extent any existing code provision is herein expressly superseded or repealed. All other provisions of the Town Code are hereby reaffirmed and continued in force and effect, and the codification of these amendments shall follow the procedure for amending the code as set forth in the code or the Town’s local laws, including but not limited to Local Law #2 of 2020.

SECTION 6 - EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law shall take effect immediately.

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

November 20, 2024

Sign Maintenance:

- Crews:
 - Worked to replace and repair signs around Town as needed
 - Cut limbs and brush around road signs

Tree & Brush Maintenance:

- Continued working:
 - To improve line of sight issues throughout the Town
 - Diligently mow backsides of ditches throughout the Town

Water/Sewer Maintenance:

- The crew worked repairing an 8-inch water main on Eastlake Road.
- A new 4hp pump was installed at the Oakwood pump station. The new pump replaced the pump that failed 5 months ago.

- New reception boosters were installed. This should increase real time data from the stations. We are working through some issues.

Road Maintenance:

- Crews worked:
 - To shim with blacktop bad spots on David Court, Rose Ann Drive, Wilson Road, and Buck Road between VanOstrand Road and Conlon Road.
 - To cut shoulders along Lakeshore and reshape shoulders on Myers Road.
 - To repair various patch jobs throughout the Town

Office:

- Mike attended the following meetings:
 - Bolton Point Commissions
 - Highway Barn
 - Bolton Point Engineering & Operations
 - Project Review Committee
- Working with Dave and T.G. Miller on various projects

Winter Maintenance:

- Crews continue to ensure trucks, plows, spreaders, lights, tires, plow frames, wings are in good working order for the upcoming winter.

New Highway Barn:

- Continue working with LeChase and Bergman:
 - To determine project costs
 - On schematic design, design and development
 - Jenn and Mary Ellen submitted the required documents for the BAN
 - Inspected the roof of the current Highway Barn with Lee Stepp (LeChase) and Josh Pokracki from Garland company to determine the demo

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.



**Town Board Report
November**

RECREATION:

- Current programming includes Horseback Riding, Swimming, YogaChi, Strength & Stretch, Cardio Step, Adult Co-Ed Volleyball, Cheerleading, basketball, and wrestling.
- Indoor soccer starts in December.
- Boys and Girls travel basketball starts in January.
- Trunk-or-Treat was another huge success. Well over 1000 kids participated. Thank you to all our trunks.
- The ballfield restrooms are now closed for the season. The water was turned off this week.
- Removed batting cage nets for winter.

PARKS:

- Water has been turned off at Myers Park, and restrooms are no longer available. A port-a-john will stay throughout the winter.
- We've been pressure-washing docks and buildings. Seagulls have made a mess this Fall.
- Clean up around our shop and cold storage is underway in anticipation of materials for the new highway department.

- We'll be busy for a couple more weeks cleaning up leaves at Myers and Ludlowville.
- Installed pole banners along 34B between the Town Hall and the schools.
- Put away picnic tables at Myers Park
- Removed speed bumps at Myers Park
- We continue to work on the trails. Currently finished drainage around a new bridge which is now fully functional. Looking into future ditching projects to improve drainage.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING REPORT – JOHN ZEPKO

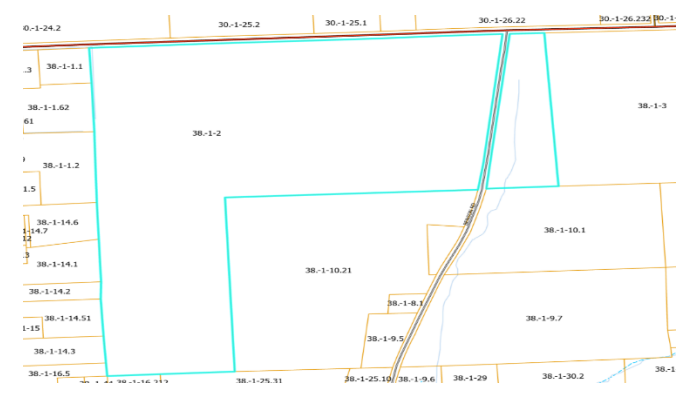

Submitted the following report to the Town Board.

Planning & Code Enforcement

John Zepko, Director, CPESC, CFM
Reporting Period: October 2024

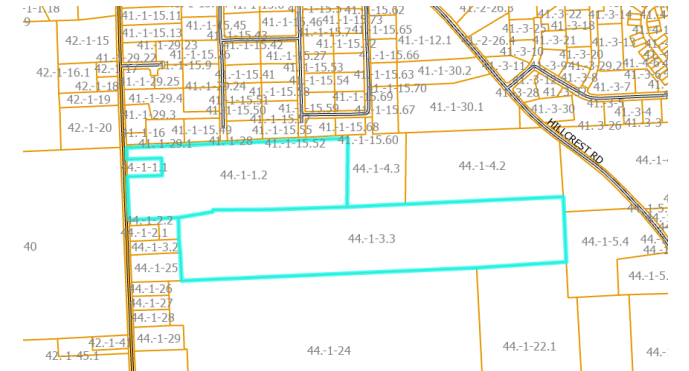
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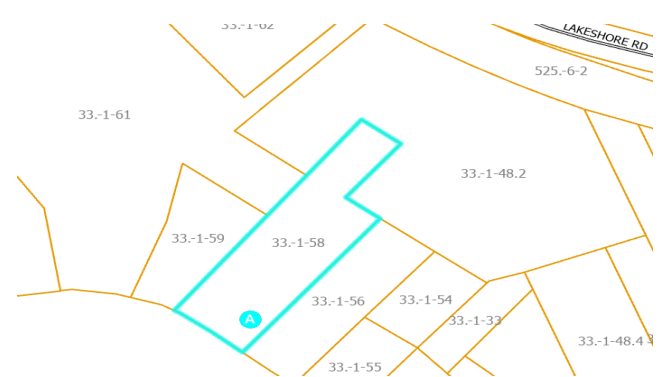
October 2024

<p>Project: Review of Minor Subdivision Plat of land at 172 Benson Road Applicant: Steve Saggese Location: 172 Benson Rd Tax Parcel # 38.-1-2 Project Description: Minor subdivision of 172 Benson Road into 3 parcels: “Proposed Parcel A” 32 (123.56 acres), “Proposed Parcel B” (4.44 acres) and “Proposed Parcel C” (13.66 acres). Action: Prelim Plat Review, set public hearing for 18 Nov</p>	
<p>Project: Site Plan modifications to 8-18 Verizon Ln Applicant: John Duthie Location: 8-18 Verizon Lane Tax Parcel # 30.-1-16.32 Project Description: Resolution PB 23-16 (2023) approved a “future building”. This review provides 47 details and drawings specifying the use and specifics for the “future building”. Action: Approved with conditions</p>	

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

October 2024

<p>Project: Use Variance to construct a Solar Energy Facility off N. Triphammer Road Applicant: Mollie Messenger, representing Delawar River Solar Location: 0 North Triphammer Road, TPN 44.-1-1.2 and 44.-1-3.3 Project Description: The applicant has applied for a Use Variance to construct a Solar Energy Facility off N. Triphammer Road. This project is located in R2 zoning which</p>	
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<p>does not permit the construction of a Solar Energy Facility Action: No Action Taken</p>	
<p>Project: Applicant wishes to remove prior conditions allowing for fill to be added to site to create positive drainage Applicant: Jason Demarest, representing Lillian Babcock Location: 30 Ladoga Park W, TPN 33.-1-58 Project Description: The applicant has applied for a rehearing to discuss the removal of prior conditions (from 7/20/2004) which would allow for fill to be added to create positive drainage at 30 & 32 Ladoga. This property is located in L1 zoning with lake frontage Action: Approved; prior conditions removed</p>	

Building & Code
Oct 2024

Fees Collected	\$5,872.00
Estimated Project Cost	\$603,684.00
Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	35
Building Permits	24
One- & Two-Family Residences	0
New Businesses	0
Multi-Family Residences (3 or more units)	0
TOTAL 2024 Misc. Fee Collected to date	\$25,625.00
Jan 1, 2024 to Oct 31, 2024	
Fees Collected	\$135,313.60
Estimated Project Cost	\$23,441,969.41
Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	272
Building Permits	273
One- & Two-Family Residences	9
New Businesses	1
Multi-Family Residences (3 or more units)	2

John also reported the Code Office has now approved third-party roof contractors/inspectors. After a discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION AMENDING TOWN BUILDING PERMIT FEE WHEN THIRD-PARTY ROOFING INSPECTOR IS CHOSEN

MOTION M24-26

MOTION AMENDING TOWN BUILDING PERMIT FEE WHEN THIRD-PARTY ROOFING INSPECTOR IS CHOSEN

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings moved to amend the Town building permit fee to \$25 when the applicant chooses an approved third-party roofing inspector, rather than a Town of Lansing Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilperson Judy Drake seconded the motion.

All in Favor – 4

Opposed – 0

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 NOVEMBER 2024

NEW EMPLOYEE

Our office welcomes new employee Karyn Freund. Karyn will be assisting with office tasks, tax collection and records management projects.

TRAINING

Laserfiche

Jessie met with Tompkins County Clerk Maureen Reynolds and Rachel Graham to review our current Laserfiche items and discuss utilizing it for more records management and storage.

Board of Elections Webinar through New York State Town Clerks Association

Debbie and Jessie both attended. They focused on reviewing the 2024 Election Law update which will transition local elections to even years. The law has been declared unconstitutional by Supreme Court.

HUNTING LICENSES

The second round of Deer Management Permits started on November 1, 2024.

The DEC adopted a regulation that allows Licensing Agents to recover costs associated with printing licenses. This does not apply to licenses that are only emailed to the purchaser. The DEC transitioned to plain paper licenses and agents are now required to supply the paper, printers and ink. The \$1 printing fee allows us to cover the cost of these materials.

The Town will need to decide if we will be charging the \$1 printing fee. To date, we have sold approximately 178 hunting licenses since August 1st.

WATER AND SEWER BILLS

November is very busy collecting water and sewer payments. Total bills: 1877 of which 388 were emailed. Payments are due by November 25th.

LANSING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our office would like to take a moment to recognize the hard work of the Lansing Fire Department. We commend these volunteers for putting their lives on the line and responding to the calls in our Town. We are very grateful to have them here to protect us. Also, a special thank you to all the departments who responded for the call to help and support us with mutual aid for the brush fires on East Shore Drive.

DEC PRINTING LICENSE FEE DISCUSSION

Debbie discussed the DEC license printing fee of \$1 with the Town Board. At the time of purchase, the customer may choose to have the license e-mailed to them for no additional cost.

Town Board decided to charge \$1 for printing DEC licenses in 2025. This will be in the January organizational resolutions.

LANSING COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT – ANNIE JOHNSON

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
November 2024**

1. The annual Community Meeting of the Friends of Library was held November 7th.
2. Don't forget that if the Library is closed, you still have access to Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy!
3. The Library continues to provide free delivery to Woodsedge. The library also has a mobile wireless hotspot available for check out. The Wi-Fi is not password protected. The community is welcome to park in the lot to access the Internet.
4. Learn to play American Mah Jongg every Wednesday (new day!) at 10:00 am.
5. 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.
6. The Library now offers free period products using an Aunt Flow dispenser. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to supply free COVID tests. We can help residents contact the USPS to get free tests in the mail.
7. Chair Yoga is offered every Monday at 9:30 am.
8. "Making Heroes" is a new program for tweens and teens combining writing, art, and the martial arts taught by Guro Annie, held Nov 12, 19 and 26.
9. The Book Club is meeting to discuss "The Women" by Kristin Hannah on November 19th, and will continue to meet the third Tuesdays of the month.
10. The Lansing Artisan Fair will be held 12/6 and 12/7. Vendors can still apply. It will be held at the Town Hall, the Community Center, and the Library.
11. Learn T'ai Chi on Fridays at 10:30 am.
12. The Library costume closet was a huge success and helped many people find costumes.
13. The art exhibition is "A Moment in Time" by Lee O'Connell, through December. Lee will be leading a Holiday Card Watercolor class on November 16th as well.
14. The Library is gauging interest for a possible community bridge gathering. Please contact Susie at the Library if you are interested.
15. November storytimes on Thursdays at 10:30 - topics include "what pet should I get?" "ABC Adventures" and "Being Thankful"

LANSING YOUTH SERVICES REPORT – RICK ALVORD

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
November 2024**

Digital Photography: Participants in Digital Photography learned multiple photography techniques and strategies to challenge their thinking about the composition of photos. Youth learned how to use photographs to express feelings, textures and contrast. This allowed for more thoughtful process when taking photos. Youth took their time and really focused on what they want to express. The group loved taking photos of nature, and each other. They got to stage scenes, explore different angles of the same object and take silly photos. 8 youth served.

Outdoor Adventure: Students in Outdoor Adventure have been busy building shelters and cooking. One of their favorite games, Camouflage, became popular and the group got really creative with altering their look to blend into the environment. One of our 6th graders participates in reenactments and is very interested in military history. He would bring and share some of the military regalia he collected, and youth discovered that it's very good gear for the game of camouflage. This program had a large wait list and will be operating again so everyone can get in on the fun. 12 youth served.

The Art Factory: This program continues all fall as it leads up to the Annual Lansing Artisan Fair. Participants are working on waterless snow globes, pinch pots for miniature succulents, and making small leather pouches. Budgeting has been a weekly discussion and youth have learned to plan what they want to make so they will stay within the confines of each week's budget for materials. The next group will continue these projects and add their own style and creativity to them. They will also get to work with resin, making pendants and tabletop decorations. This group will also be doing the shopping for the family sponsored by the Salvation Army. 13 youth served.

Delicious Desserts: This program is all about desserts. Youth made chocolate chip cookies, both traditional and gluten free. The youth were surprised that they all liked the gluten free cookies better. Participants also made an indoor version of campfire apple pie. One student was not so keen on this dessert but did make his own and did end up liking it, a lot, opening his eyes to be willing to try new things. Due to this program's popularity and long wait list, it is being offered again so all students who are interested have the chance to participate. 10 youth served.

Youth Employment: The youth employees have been assisting in all Lansing Youth Services afterschool programs, allowing lots of practice managing a group of students, helping prepare and distribute materials and teaching participants how to properly wash dishes. Youth employees have shown a lot of growth in their supervision skills, particularly listening, especially when involved with a project. Some employees have been assisting with the middle school's musical, in their tech department and helping middle schoolers with the logistics behind the scenes. We still have our Lansing Public Library team going strong, with one new employee starting after she is done assisting with the middle school musical. The assistant at the high school library has started and has been very helpful, per feedback from the librarian. He has been going through their catalogue of outdated books, organizing and helping with backlogged tasks. 10 youth served.

TOWN ENGINEER – DAVE HERRICK

Dave spoke about the Teeter Road Water District Improvement Project:

- Eliminate two watermain dead-ends by connecting them
- One continuous 580-foot water main extension
- Working on this for sixteen (16) years
- Benefits water distribution system and three (3) single family residents
- Burdick Hill Water Tanks support this

TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT – MIKE SIGLER

No report.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – COMMENTS

John Dennis, Cayuga Lake Environmental Action Now (CLEAN) – spoke about DEC and Cargill:

- DEC has completed their review of Cargills application to modify their mining permit to allow flooding in the mine
- Cargill should do EIS
- Town can be interested or involved agency
- Interested agency
 - Receive copies of everything
 - Can submit comments

Town Board decided to have Supervisor Ruth Groff or Councilperson Joseph Wetmore write a letter to DEC stating the Town would like to be an interested agency, receive copies of everything, and ask for more than thirty (30) days to submit comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. MOTION AUTHORIZING RECREATION DEPARTMENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

MOTION M24-27

MOTION AUTHORIZING RECREATION DEPARTMENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Motion authorizing part-time Recreation Department employee to receive a one-time clothing allowance for on-the-job purposes where Safety Work Shoes, Safety and Carhartt-Type Clothing and Work Clothes are needed. The total amount not to exceed \$500.00

b. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2025 WATER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF LANSING CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT AND USERS THEREOF, INCLUDING DISTRICT EXTENSIONS AND OUTSIDE USERS

RESOLUTION 24-153

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2025 WATER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF LANSING CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT AND USERS THEREOF, INCLUDING DISTRICT EXTENSIONS AND OUTSIDE USERS

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing is a member municipality of the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission (“Bolton Point”) and a signatory to Bolton Point’s Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreements as periodically updated since 1979 (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Town and the Consolidated Water District (“CWD”) purchase water from Bolton Point as a supplier for the CWD, CWD extensions and districts, outside users, fire-fighting and other municipal purposes, and for use and consumption by residents; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 water rate from Bolton Point is \$6.73 per thousand gallons, and the Town must set its rates for the CWD and its districts and users; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lansing does hereby establish the following water rates for the Town of Lansing residents within the Town of Lansing Consolidated Water District for the year 2025.

Water Rate (SCLIWC)	\$ 6.73 per thousand gallons
Operation and Maintenance Fee (TOL)	\$ <u>1.16 per thousand gallons</u>
TOTAL RATE	\$ 7.89 per thousand gallons

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that #1, #2, #4 and #5 accounts are not included in the current Town of Lansing Consolidated Water District. Therefore, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing does hereby establish the following water rates for the Town of Lansing residents in the #1 accounts being Algerine and Lansing Station Roads, #2 and #4 accounts being Drake Road and #5 accounts being Peruville Road. This rate will also include future water district extensions established in the year 2025.

Water Rate (SCLIWC)	\$ 6.73 per thousand gallons
Operation and Maintenance Fee (TOL)	\$ <u>1.92 per thousand gallons</u>
TOTAL RATE	\$ 8.65 per thousand gallons

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that #9 account Outside User Agreement residents using CWD services and water must pay 2 times the combined water and tax rate of the users that are not included in the current Town of Lansing Consolidated Water District, as outside users must equalize the taxed capital costs of the CWD that inside users must pay. This rate will be charged until such time as the applicant’s lands are brought within the Consolidated Water District.

Water Rate (SCLIWC)	\$ 6.73 per thousand gallons
Operation and Maintenance Fee (TOL)	\$ <u>10.57 per thousand gallons</u>
TOTAL RATE	\$ 17.30 per thousand gallons

c. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2025 SEWER RATES FOR CHERRY ROAD SEWER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF LANSING

RESOLUTION 24-154

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2025 SEWER RATES FOR CHERRY ROAD SEWER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF LANSING

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

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2011 by Resolution 11-101, the Town Board adopted an updated formula for sewer charges; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk, hereby recommends an increase of \$7.75 per quarter (\$31 annually) in the Cherry Road Sewer District fees which are billed a flat rate; and

WHEREAS, vacant parcels will be charged an Operation and Maintenance annual flat fee of \$103.00 which will be placed on the Town and County Tax Bill starting with the 2025 tax year; and

WHEREAS, dwellings that are not hooked up to sewer with water accounts will be billed \$103.00 Operation and Maintenance annual flat fee. Said fee will be billed by S.C.L.I.W.C. (Bolton Point) on the quarterly water bills, beginning February 2025 in the amount of \$25.75 per quarter; and

WHEREAS, dwellings that are hooked up to sewer but do not have a water account will be billed an annual flat fee of \$412.00 which will be placed on the Town and County Tax Bill starting with the 2025 tax year, and

WHEREAS, dwellings that are hooked up to sewer that have water accounts will be billed an annual flat fee of \$412.00. Said fee will be billed by S.C.L.I.W.C. (Bolton

Point) on the quarterly water bills, beginning February 2025 in the amount of \$103.00 per quarter; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration and deliberation upon the same, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lansing does hereby approve the above increase and formula for the Cherry Road Sewer District in the Town of Lansing.

d. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE TOWN OF LANSING

RESOLUTION 24-155

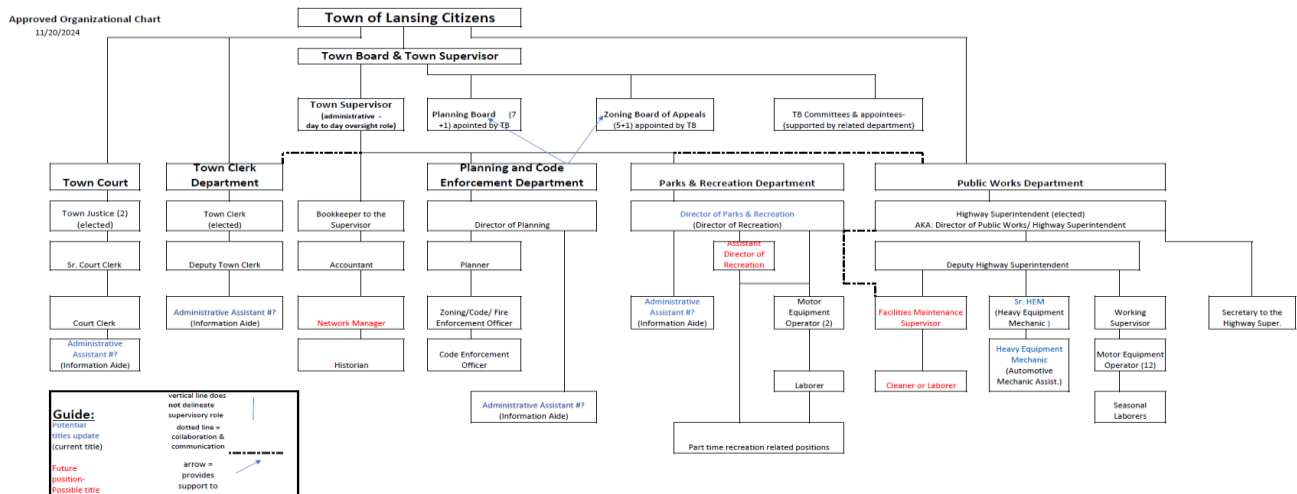
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE TOWN OF LANSING

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board approved Local Law 4 of 2024 creating a Department of Public Works which includes the current Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, an Organizational Chart, dated October 4, 2024, was drafted to depict the various Boards, Committees, Departments and positions (current and possible future) and how they relate to one another; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lansing Town Board does hereby accept the Town of Lansing Organizational Chart, dated October 4, 2024, as presented.



e. RESOLUTION DECLARING 2005 INTERNATIONAL 7600 10-WHEELER DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND WING AS EXCESS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OR SALE

RESOLUTION 24-156

RESOLUTION DECLARING 2005 INTERNATIONAL 7600 10-WHEELER DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND WING AS EXCESS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OR SALE

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

WHEREAS, the Town’s budget has planned the retirement and replacement of Truck # 11, a 2005 International 7600 10-Wheeler Dump Truck (VIN#1HTWXAHT45J140700) with 11’ Viking Cives Plow (SN:CE09622) and Wing (SN:CE09622) operated and used by the Town Highway Department, and the same will be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the replacement truck is due to be delivered in the near future, once delivery has been made, the equipment named above is thus declared excess property and directed

to be sold in a manner as produces fair value, whether at auction with a reserve or private sale; and

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

RESOLVED, that the 2005 International 7600 10-Wheeler Dump Truck VIN#1HTWXAHT45J140700 and 11' Viking Cives Plow (SN: CE09622) and Wing (SN: CE09622) be and hereby is declared as excess property of the Town for which no current or future use is anticipated, including due to be replaced through scheduled equipment rotation cycles, and that the Highway Superintendent, or his designee, sell the same "as is," document the sale thereof to verify fair value, and deliver the proceeds of sale thereof to the Town Budget Officer. The Highway Superintendent, or his designee, be and each is hereby authorized to sign such bills of sale or other documents as are or may be necessary to give effect to this Resolution by and for the Town of Lansing.

f. RESOLUTION DECLARING 2003 GRADALL 4100XL, 2003 CASE BACKHOE 580M AND 2019 CASE EXCAVATOR CX80C AS EXCESS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OR SALE

RESOLUTION 24-157

RESOLUTION DECLARING 2003 GRADALL 4100XL, 2003 CASE BACKHOE 580M AND 2019 CASE EXCAVATOR CX80C AS EXCESS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OR SALE

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

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department has excess property of a 2003 Gradall 4100XL, 2003 Case Backhoe 580M and 2019 Case Excavator CX80C and needs to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the equipment named above is thus declared excess property and directed to be sold in a manner as produces fair value, whether at auction with a reserve or trade in; and

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

RESOLVED, that the 2003 Gradall 4100XL (SN: 4100007), 2003 Case Backhoe 580M (SN: JJG0312116) and 2019 Case Excavator CX80C (SN: S6B2184) be and hereby are declared as excess property and that the Highway Superintendent, or his designee, sell the same "as is," document the sale thereof to verify fair value, and deliver the proceeds of sale thereof to the Town Budget Officer. A portion of the proceeds from the sale or trade in will be combined with already appropriated funds in the 2025 budget to purchase a Volvo EVW130 E Wheeled Excavator. The Highway Superintendent or his designee, be and each is hereby authorized to sign such bills of sale or other documents as are or may be necessary to give effect to this Resolution by and for the Town of Lansing.

g. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIELD STAFF CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE SCALE FOR 2025-2027 and EXTENDING CERTAIN BENEFITS OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT TO SOME NON-COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED POSITIONS

RESOLUTION 24-158

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIELD STAFF CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE SCALE FOR 2025-2027 and EXTENDING CERTAIN BENEFITS OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT TO SOME NON-COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED POSITIONS

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

WHEREAS, The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Lansing and Lansing Highway Association, dated January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 was approved by the Town Board on November 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a position classification system and wage scales were established for all field staff positions working for the Highway Department (Department of Public Works) and to include such positions working for the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, all Articles will also be extended to all field staff employees working for the Highway Department (Department of Public Works); and

WHEREAS, certain Articles or Sections will also be extended to the field staff positions working for the Parks and Recreation Department, which include:

Article 8- Licenses, Article 9- Section 3 Safety Equipment and Article 10- Section 2 Wages & Pay Benefits

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town of Lansing Town Board hereby approve the Town of Lansing Field Staff Classification and Wage Scale for 2025- 2027 for the listed positions working for the Highway Department (Department of Public Works) and those positions working for the Parks and Recreation Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, all Articles will also be extended to all field staff employees working for the Highway Department (Department of Public Works) and certain Articles or Sections will also be extended to certain positions working for the Parks and Recreation Department, which include:

Article 8- Licenses, Article 9- Section 3 Safety Equipment and Article 10- Section 2 Wages & Pay Benefits

h. RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ORDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR TEETER ROAD SUBDIVISION CWD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION 24-159

RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ORDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR TEETER ROAD SUBDIVISION CWD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Town Board has previously approved a CWD project at this same location for this same purpose, being to connect two mains and close a gap along Teeter Road to provide a benefit to the developer’s subdivision by creating direct connections to water mains for the new lots (the “Project”), but the subdivision was never built and the improvements never installed, such that the approval expired and the project, due to price increases and the passage of time, could not be constructed at the estimated cost then approved; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized the Town Engineer to examine a Town Law § 202-b CWD improvement project, to be wholly funded by, paid for, and constructed by and at the cost of the subdivision developer (Cardamone Homes, Inc.), which developer has obtained a preliminary plat approval from the Town Planning Board, one condition of which is this water system improvement being required to provide water to the new lots and homes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously authorized a Map-Plan for such improvement, and the same was prepared by the Town Engineer and reviewed by the WSSC upon November 6, 2024, and the WSSC unanimously recommended that this Project advance to

the public hearing stage for consideration and approval, with the Town Highway Superintendent and Town Engineer agreeing with such assessment and recommendations; and the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has considered this matter and deems the Project to be in the overall public interest, as well as in the interest of the CWD; and

WHEREAS, this matter had already received a negative declaration under SEQRA from the Planning Board in respect of the subdivision preliminary plat, and upon a review thereof by the town has noted that there are no changes in the subdivision or Project location as would require or recommend any supplemental review under SEQRA such that, upon due deliberation thereupon, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has duly

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that a Public Hearing will be held at the Lansing Town Hall, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, New York, being in the Town of Lansing, on the 18th day of December, 2024, at 6:31 pm, to consider the Teeter Road Subdivision Water Main Project, the engineering study, and the costs thereof, each and all as required by Town Law § 202-b, and to thereat hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, and to take such action thereon as is required or permitted by law; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, as follows:

1. The boundaries of the proposed Project are set forth in the Engineering Report and include tax parcel number 7.1-7-18.12 (8.903 acres), located at 0 Teeter Road (which is proposed to be subdivided into three lots: Lot 1 (3.281 acres), Lot 2 (2.953 acres), and Lot 3 (2.669 acres)), the descriptions for which are more specifically set forth in the Engineering Report, together with land survey, metes and bounds, and such other descriptions and maps as are on file in the Tompkins County Clerk's Office for said lands.
2. The public improvements for such Project include the installation of 579' of 8" Ductile Iron Pipe (and related excavation, disposal, backfill and testing and site restoration), 3 one-inch water services with curb valve, stops and boxes, and connections to existing mains.
3. The maximum amount proposed to be expended for the Project is \$142,680. No land is required to be acquired for this Project, and the Developer will supply all water main, hydrant, and connection easements necessary for the Project. The one-time estimated cost of connection, including hook-up fees, is estimated at \$6,268.50, consisting of a ¾" meter with radio, connection, inspection, and permit fees, a 1" service from the curb box to the home, with an estimated average of 150' at \$35/linear foot.
4. The Engineering Report is on file for public review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk and describes in detail how Project costs are estimated and computed, and therefore complies with Town Law §§202-b and 193, as it constitutes the detailed statement of costs and expenses as therein required.
5. As aforesaid, the Public Hearing be and hereby is set for 6:31 p.m. upon December 18, 2024, at the Lansing Town Hall, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, New York; and it is further

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

i. RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION 24-160

RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

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

CONSOLIDATED ABSTRACT # 011

TOWN OF LANSING

Abstract # 011

11/18/2024
10:49:15

Summary by Fund

Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
A	GENERAL FUND TOWNWIDE	8,186.53	321,463.25	329,649.78
B	GENERAL FUND OUTSIDE VILLAGE	735.88	48,323.58	49,059.46
DA	HIGHWAY FUND TOWNWIDE	39.30	74,102.17	74,141.47
DB	HIGHWAY FUND OUTSIDE VILLAGE	520.28	86,396.79	86,917.07
SL1-	LUDLOWVILLE LIGHTING DISTRICT	108.49		108.49
SL2-	WARREN ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT	711.12		711.12
SL3-	LAKEWATCH LIGHTING DISTRICT	1,059.22		1,059.22
SS1-	WARREN RD SEWER	147.57	46.25	193.82
SS3-	CHERRY ROAD SEWER DISTRICT	23.78		23.78
SW	LANSING WATER DISTRICTS	1,962.55	265,921.25	267,883.80
TA	TRUST & AGENCY	1,200.38	70,561.64	71,762.02
Total:		14,695.10	866,814.93	881,510.03

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS
GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE - A FUND

November 20th, 2024

FROM	TO	FOR	AMOUNT
A599	A1630.403 (Community Center-Electric)	TO COVER INCREASED ELECTRICAL COSTS	\$ 700.00
A599	A9060.800 (Health Insurance)	TO COVER INCREASED COSTS OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 29,000.00
A599	A1220.400 (Supervisor - Contractual)	TO COVER ADDITIONAL EXPENSES FROM THROUGHOUT YEAR	\$ 100.00
A599	A1380.400 (Fiscal Agent - Bond Counsel)	TO COVER ADDITIONAL EXPENSES FROM THROUGHOUT YEAR	\$ 2,541.00
A599	A1670.401 (Central Printing & Mailing - Postcards/Newsletters)	TO COVER ADDITIONAL COPIER USAGE CHARGES	\$ 2,764.67
A599	A9010.800 (State Retirement)	TO COVER ADDTL COSTS FROM RATE INCREASE	\$ 37,673.36
Total A599 Fund Balance to be Used			\$ 72,779.03
A7310.100 (Youth Program- Personal Services)	A3120.100 (Police - Personal Services - Parks)	TO COVER SMALL OVERAGE, AND REMAINING HOURS FOR TRUNK OR TREAT	\$ 150.00
A8810.110 (CEMETERIES - HIGHWAY LABOR)	A5132.410	TO COVER ADDITIONAL EXPENSES FROM THROUGHOUT YEAR	\$ 1,086.30
A8745.100 (FLOOD & EROSION - PERSONAL SERVICES)			\$ 2,306.00

A5132.110 (GARAGE - HIGHWAY LABOR)			\$ 3,000.00
			\$ 6,392.30
A8745.400 (FLOOD & EROSION - CONTRACTUAL)	A1640.401 (TOWN BARN ROAD STORAGE - VESTAL OFFICE)	BUILDING REPAIRS	\$ 5,000.00
<i>THIS IS A NEW CODE</i>			

GENERAL FUND - OUTSIDE VILLAGE - B FUND

November 20th, 2024

FROM	TO	FOR	AMOUNT
B599	B8020.402 (Planning Board - Legal Services)	TO COVER ADDITIONAL EXPENSES FROM THROUGHOUT YEAR	\$ 3,000.00
B599	B8020.420 (Planning Board - Planning Consultant)	TO COVER ADDITIONAL EXPENSES FROM THROUGHOUT YEAR	\$ 862.50
B599	B9010.800 (State Retirement)	TO COVER ADDTL COSTS FROM RATE INCREASE	\$ 7,102.21
Total B599 Fund Balance to be Used			\$ 10,964.71

HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE - DA FUND

November 20th, 2024

FROM	TO	FOR	AMOUNT
DA5140.100 (BRUSH & WEEDS - PERSONAL SERVICES)	DA5140.400 (BRUSH & WEEDS - CONTRACTUAL)	ADDITIONAL DAYS MULCHING	\$ 7,000.00

WARREN ROAD SEWER DISTRICT SS1 FUND

November 20th, 2024

FROM	TO	FOR	AMOUNT
SS1-8120.401 (SEWER - ENGINEERING)	SS1-1440.400 (SEWER - ENGINEERING CONTRACTUAL)	TO CORRECT CODING ON VOUCHER 1143	\$ 46.25

WATER DISTRICTS SW FUND

November 20th, 2024

FROM	TO	FOR	AMOUNT
SW1440.400 (ENGINEERING - CONTRACTUAL)	SW1420.400 (LEGAL - CONTRACTUAL)	TO SHIFT ACTUAL COSTS	\$ 5,000.00
SW599	SW8320.400 (SOURCE OF SUPPLY - CONTRACTUAL)	TO COVER ADDITIONAL COSTS	\$ 32,275.72
SW599	SW8320.401 (SOURCE OF SUPPLY - LANSING STA - ALG RD)	TO COVER ADDITIONAL COSTS	\$ 111.75
SW599	SW8320.402 (SOURCE OF SUPPLY - DRAKE RD CWD#2)	TO COVER ADDITIONAL COSTS	\$ 252.87
SW599	SW8320.403 (SOURCE OF SUPPLY - DRAKE RD CWD#4)	TO COVER ADDITIONAL COSTS	\$ 1,804.32
SW599	SW8320.404 (SOURCE OF SUPPLY - PERUVILLE RD CWD#5)	TO COVER ADDITIONAL COSTS	\$ 397.09

SW599	B9010.800 (State Retirement)	TO COVER ADDTL COSTS FROM RATE INCREASE	\$ 21,761.36
Total SW599 Fund Balance to be Used			\$ 56,603.11

CONSENT AGENDA MOTION M24-27 AND RESOLUTIONS 24-153 – 24-160

RESOLUTION 24-161

CONSENT AGENDA MOTION M24-27 AND RESOLUTIONS 24-153 – 24-160

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

RESOLVED, that the Consent Agenda Motion **M24-27** and Resolutions **24-153 – 24-160**, are hereby approved as presented, and

The question of the adoption of such proposed Consent Agenda Motion and Resolutions were duly motioned by Councilperson Judy Drake, duly seconded by Councilperson Laurie Hemmings, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Judy Drake – Aye Councilperson Laurie Hemmings – Aye
 Councilperson Christine Montague – Aye Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Motion and Resolutions were approved, carried, and duly adopted on November 20, 2024.

RESOLUTION APPROVING HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT IN ACCORD WITH CAPITAL REPLACEMENT PLANS, TO BE PAID FOR AND RECEIVED IN 2026

RESOLUTION 24-162

RESOLUTION APPROVING HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT IN ACCORD WITH CAPITAL REPLACEMENT PLANS, TO BE PAID FOR AND RECEIVED IN 2026

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing has long had capital management and equipment replacement plans for the Highway Department consisting of a balance of reserve funds and budgeted cash, and in 2024 certain capital needs of the Highway Department were discussed, including how to fund the purchase of the same in 2026; and

WHEREAS, there is a very long manufacturing time on equipment such as equipment ordered in 2024 will be delivered in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has now confirmed and identified its need for a new highway truck in 2025 which consists of a plow truck with box and plow kit, and has utilized the County Bid lists for pricing such vehicle and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has fully reviewed such need and the options for the same, including placing the order in 2024 and paying for and receiving the equipment in 2026, and the Highway Department now wishes to place the order and seeks verification from the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, upon and after due deliberation upon this matter, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has determined as follows, and now be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board affirms the funds to pay for same over two budget cycles (2025 and 2026), the total amount from each fund will be \$107,736.07 in

DB5110.200, SW8430.200 and DA5142.200 are intended to be used for equipment and vehicle purchases; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent be and hereby is authorized to affect the following purchase in 2024 and pay for and receive in 2026: an International HV507 SFA 4X2 single axle dump truck with Viking plow package, dump body and sander (county contract #8996); but only as long as the amount to be expended does not cumulatively exceed the sum of \$323,208.21 for such vehicle and equipment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that should the sum proposed to be expended exceed such amount of \$323,208.21, it is requested that the Highway Superintendent notify the Town Board and work with the Town Board to decide whether to spend such additional funds.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Laurie Hemmings, duly seconded by Councilperson Judy Drake, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Judy Drake – Aye Councilperson Laurie Hemmings – Aye
Councilperson Christine Montague – Aye Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on November 20, 2024.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE OF VOLVO EVW130E WHEELED EXCAVATOR FOR USE IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 24-163

RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE OF VOLVO EVW130E WHEELED EXCAVATOR FOR USE IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing has long had capital management and equipment plans consisting of a balance of reserve funds and budgeted cash, and in 2024 certain capital needs of the Highway Department were discussed; including how to fund the purchase of the same in 2025 without incurring debt; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has now confirmed and identified its need for one 2025 Volvo EVW130E Wheeled Excavator and has utilized New York State Office of General Service (NYSOGS) contract # PC69437 / Sourcewell Contract # 032119-VCE list for pricing such equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has fully reviewed such need and the options for the same, and the Highway Superintendent now wishes to use a portion of the proceeds from the sale / trade in of excess equipment and 2025 budget funds from DB5110.200, SW8340.200 and DA5130.200 with a combined total not to exceed \$244,112.00 and seeks verification from the Town Board to make such purchase; and

WHEREAS, upon and after due deliberation upon this matter, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has determined as follows, and now be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board affirms that a portion of the proceeds from the sale / trade in of excess equipment and 2025 budget funds from SW8340.200, DB5110.200, and DA5130.200 with a combined total not to exceed \$244,112.00 will be used to purchase the wheeled excavator; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent or his designee be and hereby are authorized to affect the following purchase per NYSOGS Contract #PC69437: One new 2025 Volvo EVW130E Wheeled Excavator, not to exceed \$244,112.00 from Alta Construction Equipment.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Laurie Hemmings, duly seconded by Councilperson Judy Drake, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Judy Drake – Aye Councilperson Laurie Hemmings – Aye
Councilperson Christine Montague – Aye Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on November 20, 2024.

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO SIGN CLIMATE CHANGE SUPERFUND ACT

RESOLUTION 24-164

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO SIGN CLIMATE CHANGE SUPERFUND ACT

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

WHEREAS, the climate crisis is here and is increasingly negatively impacting New Yorkers. We can see its effects in every season - drenching rains and flooding, scorching heat, and erratic winter storms.

WHEREAS, not only are these extreme weather events disruptive and sometimes deadly, they are also very expensive for individuals, businesses, and local governments to prepare for and then repair the subsequent significant damage. Estimates for statewide climate adaptation costs range into the hundreds of billions of dollars for projects like rebuilding damaged roads or replacing inadequate bridges.

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Superfund Act is a necessary source of revenue to pay for the steep costs of climate change incurred by New Yorkers. Based on the current spending and estimates of future costs, it is safe to project that the total cost of climate change adaptation will be well over \$500 billion for the State of New York. New Yorkers will face increased costs of about \$4,000 per person over the next 25 years.

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Superfund Act will raise significant revenue for the State without having a significant impact on the fossil fuel industry. The total revenue from the Climate Change Superfund Act will cover less than 15 percent of estimated NY climate change adaptation costs.

WHEREAS, the Superfund bill only applies to companies that emitted over 1 billion metric tons of CO2 between 2000 and 2018. The largest eight of these fossil fuel companies collectively earned \$389 billion in profits in 2022 alone, meaning that an annualized fee of \$3 billion amounts to less than 0.8 percent of industry profits.

WHEREAS, the assessed fees imposed on companies by the Climate Change Superfund Act will not be passed on to consumers and will not raise energy costs. The Superfund is designed to impose an assessment on the past actions of mega emitters. This methodology is similar that of the 1998 Tobacco Settlement. Because these assessments are based on previous behavior, they do not influence current or future decisions of these companies.

WHEREAS, these costs are already showing up in our local taxes too. A study by the State Comptroller recently found that: From 2018 to 2028, an ever-increasing percentage of New York State localities' municipal spending was or will be related to managing climate impacts.

WHEREAS, Federal funding for resiliency and adaptation programs is likely to decline substantially during the next Administration. Project 2025, a policy road map prepared by former Trump Administration officials, recommends that NOAA be “broken up and downsized” and that much of the burden for disaster recovery be shifted away from

FEMA. Experts and current and former agency officials said such changes could leave the U.S. more vulnerable to extreme weather.

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature overwhelmingly passed the Climate Change Superfund Act in its most recent session but Governor Kathy Hochul has yet to sign it. She must do so before it expires at the end of the year. New Yorkers have already suffered and paid enough. The polluter pays principle has long been established in our legal system. The oil companies have broken our ecosystem and must be at least partially responsible for fixing it.

WHEREAS, the burden of resiliency expenses is increasingly being shouldered by local property taxpayers.

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lansing strongly urges Governor Hochul to sign the New York State Climate Change Superfund Act into law.

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Lansing shall send a letter, along with this resolution, to Governor Hochul.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Laurie Hemmings, duly seconded by Councilperson Christine Montague, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Judy Drake – Aye Councilperson Laurie Hemmings – Aye
Councilperson Christine Montague – Aye Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on November 20, 2024.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Judy Drake

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.

**Judy Drake
Town Board Member Report
November 2024**

Tompkins County Youth Services Board - October 28, 2024

- Reviewed Tompkins County budget process and over target requests received.
- Presentation on CLYDE Survey (survey collects data on youth substance use and risky behavior).

Lansing Fire Commissioners - November 5, 2024

- Calls in August: Fire: 39 EMS: 65 Total calls: 104 Total for year: 1029
- Discussed scheduled meeting to review brush fire with other responding fire companies.
- Reviewed resolutions:

set December 10th as Board of Commissioner election
resolution to purchase a 100-foot aerial truck for \$2.5 million – submissive referendum - may take over 48 months before truck will be delivered.

Lansing Zoning Board of Appeals - November 13, 2024

Agenda: 191 Drake Road - Use variance for placement of storage crate-withdrew
1166 E. Shore Drive – 5 area variances for renovations to a single-family dwelling - approved
14 Placid Terrace – Area variance for shed in rear (front) yard - approved
0 N. Triphammer Road - Use variance – solar facility - ZBA determined that application will be reviewed under the Public Utility Variance and will be moving forward reviewing the SEQR.

Personnel Management Committee – November 6, 2024 - cancelled

Laurie Hemmings

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.

**Laurie Hemmings
Town Board Member Report
November 2024**

I interviewed the 3 candidates for the upcoming vacancy for the Lansing Town Justice position.

Christine Montague

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.

**Christine Montague
Town Board Member Report
November 2024**

**Lansing Housing Authority
Monday, October 28, 7 pm**

1. The board discussed replacing the worst part of the roof at Woodsedge, since water is now getting into residents’ apartments in that section of the building. The rest of the roof will be replaced once the settlement arrives from the class action.
2. Management said insurance will not allow a dog park as they are already dealing with pet related issues.
3. Woodsedge has 19 applicants and 3 vacant units with new tenants lined up.

**Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization
Wednesday, October 23, 7 pm**

1. There was a presentation from the Community Science Institute on their fee-for-service drinking water testing, and their volunteer monitoring and water quality databases. They are the only Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP) certified lab in the Cayuga watershed.
2. The watershed manager said they are involved in treating with insecticides to prevent Hemlock woolly Adelgid that kills Hemlock trees, and keeping an eye on water in treated areas. They are also involved in treating for hydrilla.

Joseph Wetmore

Submitted the following report to the Town Board and it was available as a handout.

**Joseph Wetmore
Town Board Member Report
November 2024**

**Project 2025: Briefing for Elected Officials
Tuesday, October 22:3:00 – 4:30pm**

Description: Project 2025 has far-reaching implications that could roll back decades of progress in protecting our democracy, freedoms, lands, water, and air.

Elected officials have the power to influence public opinion and use the tools of policy to protect our democracy. This briefing will equip you with the knowledge and tools to lead the charge in defending your community’s future.

Code Revision Committee Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, October 23·10:00am – 12:00pm

- 2024 Code Revisions. Decided to share with members of the Planning Board for their feedback. Hope to set a public hearing at the Town Board’s November meeting.
- Discussion of Cannabis Zoning Law update

Cayuga Power Plant Site

Wednesday, October 23·2:30 – 3:30pm

Meet with officials from the former power plant to discuss the future plans for the site.

Planning Board

Monday, October 28·6:30 – 8:30pm

- Project: Site Plan Review of Minor Subdivision Plat of land at 172 Benson Road. Preliminary Plat review, schedule public hearing for next month’s meeting
- Project: Site Plan Review of modifications made to 8-18 Verizon Lane. The Board agreed that a Public Hearing was not necessary and approved the project with conditions.
- Project: Site Plan Review of Minor Subdivision Plat of land at 1187 Ridge Road. The Board set a public hearing date for November 2024
- The Planning Board discussed Code Revisions including Buffer Chart, Cannabis Law, Chickens, Corner Lots, Flag Lots, and Lot Line Adjustments

Planning Board would like a chart to suggest tree and shrub size and species. Perhaps sent to CAC for recommendation. Dean will work with CAC.

Pointless to exclude roosters.

Joe Wetmore discussed vacancies for the Planning Board, ZBA and CAC as well as the 2025 budget

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Working Group

Wednesday, October 30·9:30 – 10:30am

Rural Beautification Grant - for Route 34B banners. \$2,250.

- The banners have been installed! The project must be completed by October 31st, 2024. Steve has submitted the pictures and paperwork needed to close out the grant.
- TC Tourism Grant - for Town Center and Myers Road Greenway Feasibility Studies. \$25,000.
- We have been awarded a TC Tourism Grant for a trail feasibility study! But we received \$12,000, not the full amount we requested.
- We requested \$8,200 for the Myers Road study and \$16,600 for the Town Center study so, it’s unclear what result they are expecting for the amount awarded. Steve has reached out to TC for clarification and the Group can discuss this at the meeting.

Request for Proposals

- A revised and expanded draft RFP was reviewed and revised by the group

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Working Group

Wednesday, November 6·9:30 – 10:30am

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- The group’s clear priority is the feasibility study for the LCSD to Myers trail segment. If we are allowed to expand the scope of this segment’s study, the group’s priority is to include additional details/costs for the railroad crossing.

Request for Proposals

- A revised and expanded draft RFP was reviewed and revised by the group. A second draft will be emailed to members prior to the next meeting.

**Groton and Lansing meeting re: Yellow Barn project
Thursday, November 14:2:00 – 3:30pm**

Met with Don Scheffler to discuss how to move forward with our negotiations with Yellow Barn.

**Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.
Tuesday, November 19:10:00 – 11:30am**

Joe led discussion from his report above “Planning Board would like a chart to suggest tree and shrub size and species. Perhaps send to CAC for recommendation”.

Town Board and John Zepko Discussion:

- This needs to be on a case-by-case basis
- Stay away from naming species
- Need to use what is available, at the time
- Maybe a minimum size could be specified
- CAC could look at other municipalities guidelines
- Joe will send information to CAC for criteria

Ruth Groff

No report.

WORK SESSION MEETING ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Income Limits on Real Property Tax Exemptions

Town Board in favor of increasing low-income senior/disabled exemption levels for tax exemptions per documents provided by Jay Franklin, Director of Assessment. Plan to have public hearing and resolution at January 2025 Town Board meeting.

Joe will ask Jay if he is available to attend the December 18, 2024 Town Board meeting to give a presentation on all possible exemptions.

Designation Letter to OCA

Supervisor Ruth Groff may write a designation letter allowing resident to attend training and be reimbursed for it.

Water, Sewer and Stormwater Committee Charges and Operational Guidance Rules and Regulations

Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Committee (WSSC) – Summary of referral from Town Board for development of final committee charges and operational guidance rules and policies document

Guy Krogh stated he:

- Looked at prior charges and policies
- Created check list of things needed under code
- Wrote document to have it return to core advisory group

Town Board is referring this document to WSSC and then WSSC will get back to the Town Board by December 18, 2024 meeting.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore moved to **ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MEDICAL, FINANCIAL, CREDIT OR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON /CORP, OR MATTERS LEADING TO SAID DISMISSAL, REMOVAL, PROMOTION, APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, DISCIPLINE, DEMOTION, OR SUSPENSION AT 7:56 PM.**

Councilperson Christine Montague seconded the motion.

All in Favor – 4 Opposed – 0

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Judy Drake moved to **EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:07 PM.**

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings seconded the motion.

All in Favor – 4 Opposed – 0

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Councilperson Judy Drake moved to **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:08 PM.**

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings seconded the motion.

All in Favor – 4 Opposed – 0

Minutes taken and executed by the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah K. Munson, RMC
Town Clerk