

**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**June 3, 2015**  
**TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM, 29 AUBURN RD, LANSING, NY**

PLEASE NOTE: The primary purpose of the Town Board Work Session is to be informational/educational for the benefit of the Board Members. Public comment will be taken at the regular meetings when the items are scheduled on the agenda.

Meeting Time: 6:01 pm –10:20 pm

Town Board Members Present:

Kathy Miller, Supervisor	Robert Cree, Councilperson
Doug Dake, Councilperson	Ruth Hopkins, Councilperson
Edward LaVigne, Councilperson	

Also Present: Deputy Supervisor, Sharon Bowman, Town Counsel, Guy Krogh, Deputy Highway Superintendent, “Cricket” Purcell, Zoning, Code, Fire Enforcement Officer, Lynn Day, Lansing Star, Dan Veaner, Village of Lansing, John O’Neill, Ted Laux, Connie Wilcox, and a few other attendees.

Topics of Discussion:

1. Subdivision Review
  - (a) Discussed Rules and Regulations

**ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Supervisor Kathy Miller moved to **ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE LEGAL ISSUE AT 7:20 PM.** Councilperson Ruth Hopkins seconded the motion.

All in Favor - 5                      Opposed - 0

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilperson Robert Cree moved to **EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:30 PM.** Councilperson Edward LaVigne seconded the motion.

All in Favor - 5                      Opposed - 0

Topics of Discussion Continued:

2. Schedule Public Hearing Regarding Local Law #6 of 2015, a Local Law to Implement Minor Amendments to the Unsafe Building Local Law

**RESOLUTION 15-71**

**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING  
LOCAL LAW #6 OF 2015, A LOCAL LAW TO IMPLEMENT MINOR  
AMENDMENTS TO THE UNSAFE BUILDING LOCAL LAW**

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

WHEREAS, by Local Law No. 5 of 2004 the Town enacted an Unsafe Buildings Local Law (UBLL) and it has been discovered that a typographical error references the Town Court instead of the Town Board as an administrative review body, and the purpose of this local law is to simply correct such change; and

WHEREAS, this proposed amendatory local law is a Type II Action under SEQRA such that no environmental review is required; and

WHEREAS, this matter does not fall under the jurisdiction of General Municipal Law for review under § 239, et seq., and upon due consideration, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, 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 17th day of June, 2015, at 6:10 pm, to consider the adoption of proposed Local Law #6 of 2015 - a Town of Lansing local law providing for Amendments to the UBLL, 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, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York, is hereby authorized and directed to cause a Notice of Public Hearing to be published in the official newspaper of the Town of Lansing, and also to post a copy thereof on the Town signboard maintained by the Town Clerk.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Robert Cree, duly seconded by Councilperson Ed LaVigne, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Robert Cree - Aye	Councilperson Doug Dake - Aye
Councilperson Ruth Hopkins - Aye	Councilperson Edward LaVigne - Aye
Supervisor Kathy Miller - Aye	

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on June 3, 2015.

3. Town Farm Land
  - (a) Discussed and authorized publishing Notice of Permissive Referendum
  - (b) Discussed Leasing Farmland to Miles Munson at rate offered in Letter of Interest
  - (c) Town Counsel, Guy Krogh will update the Lease

## **RESOLUTION 15-72**

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING MUNSON FARMLAND LEASE**

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

WHEREAS, the Town has had an annual written lease for excess town-owned land that is highly productive agricultural land located in the Town Center Area, as shown upon a map at the Supervisor's office and described as part of TP#31.-1-16.2; and

WHEREAS, it is declared as continuing to be in the public interest to allow for the farming and preservation of the value of such land as open space, particularly given the view of Cayuga Lake and important viewshed inventories listed by Tompkins County, as otherwise woods and tall brush would have long since filled-in such land, obstructed such views, and would have made the development of such land, including for the now existing public trails, far more expensive or impossible; and

WHEREAS, this lease was approved in 2014 and is up for renewal in the 2015-2016 growing seasons, and after many discussions, notices or stories in newspapers, and communications with many local farmers about the continued availability of such land, and upon receipt of a written offer to lease such land that is acceptable to the Town, and upon due deliberation upon such offer and the potential sale or use of such land, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED and DETERMINED, that such 67-100± acres are excess property that the Town does not currently need for any operations or existing or proposed public uses; and it is further

RESOLVED and DECLARED, that it is and remains within the public interest to support local agriculture and ensure that this land is preserved, managed, and kept as open space, and farming accomplishes such goals by preventing reforestation of such lands; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the lease of such land to Miles Munson at \$75 per acre is approved, and the traditional form of lease used for such land be and hereby is approved for such tenant, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Delineation of what acreage within the above-referenced map will be subject to leasing based upon the crop and plowing plan submitted by the Tenant, which acreage may not encroach upon existing Town Center trails and must be approved by the Town Supervisor before such lease is executed.

2. Such Lease shall reference the right of the Lansing Central School District, the Youth groups, and Lansing Recreational programs to enter upon the land, examine crops, insect life thereon, and use the farmed lands as educational resources to augment knowledge and education about farming in Lansing, consistent with the proposed Agricultural Plan recently unveiled by the Town pursuant to a NYS grant program to promote and provide public education upon the importance of agriculture in New York State and in the Town of Lansing.

3. The approval of the final form of such lease by Town Counsel and the publication of a permissive referendum outlining the lease price as required by Town Law § 64(2) and Town Law Article 7 (and the results of a referendum, if required);

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and Counsel be and hereby are delegated authority by the Town Board to declare such conditions fulfilled and to approve such lease in its final form, and upon the occurrence of the same the Town Supervisor and Deputy Town Supervisor be, and each is severally hereby, authorized to execute such lease by, for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Town of Lansing.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Robert Cree, duly seconded by Councilperson Ruth Hopkins, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Robert Cree - Aye	Councilperson Doug Dake - Aye
Councilperson Ruth Hopkins - Aye	Councilperson Edward LaVigne - Aye
Supervisor Kathy Miller - Aye	

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on June 3, 2015.

4. Town Land Assessment by Midland Associates
  - (a) Apply for a grant for a Market Study
  - (b) What type of development is feasible for the area
  - (c) Supervisor Kathy Miller anticipates a quote from Midland Associates for Town Board consideration by the June 17, 2015 Town Board Meeting.
5. Bone Plain Water Tank Easement
  - (a) Waiting for one more signed and notarized Easement and OUA
  - (b) Deputy Supervisor Sharon Bowman has left three messages
6. Agriculture Plan
  - (a) Reviewed the Ag Plan Meeting which was held on Monday
  - (b) Town Board and Planning Board will meet together to finalize a Proposal before going to Ag & Markets
7. Town Hall Campus (Town Hall, Community Center, Old School House, & Records Storage Building)
  - (a) Maintenance and Landscaping  
Isaiah Oaks is a Lansing youth, employed by the Town for 10-15 hours per week to work at the Town Hall Campus
8. Town of Lansing Resident Interested in Purchasing Town owned Ridge Rd. Property
  - (a) Town property adjacent to back of owner's property
  - (b) Town Resident should submit a Letter of Interest with specifics of request

**ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilperson Doug Dake moved to **ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS, CONTRACTURAL MATTERS, AND A LEGAL ISSUE AT 8:12 PM.** Robert Cree seconded the motion.

All in Favor - 5                      Opposed - 0

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilperson Robert Cree moved to **EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:19 PM.** Councilperson Edward LaVigne seconded the motion.

All in Favor - 5                      Opposed - 0

With no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 10:20 pm.

Notes were taken by Supervisor Kathy Miller and Deputy Supervisor Sharon Bowman and executed by the Deputy Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Munson