

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 18, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Lansing was held at the Town Hall Board Room, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, NY on the above date at 6:04 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, Kathy Miller and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call by Debbie Crandall, Town Clerk, showed the following to be **PRESENT:**

Kathy Miller, Supervisor
Andra Benson, Councilperson
Robert Cree, Councilperson
Ruth Hopkins, Councilperson
Edward LaVigne, Councilperson

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Guy Krogh, Town Attorney, Jack French, Highway Superintendent, Steve Colt, Park Superintendent and Recreation Director, Jeff Overstrom, Engineering and Planning Coordinator, Suzanne Hinderliter, Dan Veaner, Steven Smith, Kelly Tracy, Larry Beck, John O'Neill, Connie Wilcox, Roger Hopkins, George Gesslein, Stephanie Behler, Tom Butler, Martin Aasen, Maureen Cowen, Pat Pryor, Claes Nyberg, Dale Baker, Bill Hinderliter, Donna Scott, Susan Miller, Mike Koplinka-Loehr, Thea Scheriff, Marlaine Darfler, Ted Laux and a few other people were in attendance.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Pat Pryor – County Representative:

Ms. Pryor informed the public and board that at the County Legislature Meeting, the Broadband Committee gave a half an hour power point presentation. Tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m., the Government Operations Committee will be meeting at the Old Jail Conference Room to further discuss the Broadband Report. This is an open meeting and Ms. Pryor encouraged people to attend.

Connie Wilcox – 83 Algernie Road:

Mrs. Wilcox addressed the Town Board concerning a new bill that was signed on January 3, 2012, effective February 4, 2012, requiring that all State and Local Governments post material online before the meeting, such as resolutions, etc, etc, or provide copies at the meeting. This applies to everything to be discussed at an open meeting including proposed resolutions, laws and policies of government. This greatly expands transparency of state and local government. Mrs. Wilcox asked the board if this stuff will be posted on the website the day before or the day of the meeting, or is the board going to provide copies at the meeting.

Supervisor Kathy Miller stated that the town is going to do both, as not everyone has internet access or a computer. The board is working on the organization of the process, it is going to take a little time.

Mrs. Wilcox questioned why there were times placed after some of the visitor's names on the draft minutes that were online. One visitor signed in at 6:58 pm, after the meeting had adjourned at 6:53 pm. Town Clerk, Debbie Crandall stated that this has always been a practice since she has been her. The visitor that came after the meeting was unaware that the meeting had adjourned and was so noted.

GAS DRILLING COMMITTEE PRESENTATION:

Larry Beck, Chairman of the Gas Drilling Committee gave the following presentation:

Report to the Lansing Town Board

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Lansing Gas Drilling Oversight Committee

Contact:
Larry Beck, Chairman
jobeckmail@gmail.com

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Our purpose today

We are going to ask the Town Board to enact a moratorium on gas drilling.

- Why are we asking for a moratorium?
- Why a moratorium vs. other options?
- What do we do while the moratorium is in effect?
- Why do we need to act now?

Our specific recommendations.

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What do we care about?

- Lansing's rural residential character, small-town atmosphere
- Our fine agricultural lands and our recreational, scenic and other natural resources
- Our natural environment
- Our lake, streams, aquifers and wells for life-sustaining water
- The safety and health of our residents and visitors

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We care about Lansing now

- A vibrant community with lots of important natural resources
- Nearly 14,000 acres of prime farmland (35% of the town)
- 110 miles of streams, 17 miles of which are protected trout streams
- 3000 acres of Unique Natural Areas designated by Tompkins County
- Salmon Creek is a major tributary to Cayuga Lake, source of drinking water
- A 800-acre Important Bird Area (Salmon Creek), designated by National Audubon Society
- 1300 acres of federally-designated wetlands
- Scenic resources including magnificent views of Cayuga Lake and innumerable stunning waterfalls
- Historic hamlets

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Threats to what we care about

We need to prevent the combination or accumulation of negative impacts upon the environment and our people:

- Degradation of water and air quality
- Decreased availability of affordable housing, rentals, and services
- Decreased property values and tax base
- Damage to agricultural lands and soils
- Effects on geologic faults, fissures and the Cargill salt mine
- Damage to and loss of open space, natural areas, and scenic views
- Decreased recreational opportunities
- Damage to tourism and agriculture industries

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Threats to what we care about

We need to avoid heavy traffic that could:

- Cause noise, vibrations, and fumes
- Damage roadways and bridges
- Create hazard or inconvenience to the inhabitants of the Town
- Pose dangers to pedestrians (especially children), cyclists, and motorists
- Create congestion that could delay emergency response times for medical emergencies, fires and accidents

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The Town needs to ensure that it is financially, legislatively, and physically prepared to deal with these threats.

This will take time and effort.

A moratorium will give us the time.

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Why a moratorium vs. other options?

- Gives our community some protection while we develop our permanent response
- Gives us time to plan actions that are most defensible
- Puts planning and assessment processes in place within a defined time frame for the community
- Prevents others from deciding our future
- An outright ban in the absence of solid planning and assessment may not be defensible

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Actions to be performed *during* the moratorium

- I. Revise Lansing's Comprehensive Plan
- II. Undertake impact assessments
 - Roads
 - Aquifers
 - Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs)
 - Emergency and public safety services
- III. Review, update or develop relevant Town ordinances

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I. Revise Comprehensive Plan

- The Comprehensive Plan has not been updated in many years
- Revision needs to take into account potential widespread industrial development within the Town
- The Plan is the basis for the land use (zoning) ordinance
- Initiate a Comprehensive Plan Review process as soon as possible (e.g. form a review committee)

II. Undertake Impact Assessments

- Town Road Engineering Study
- Aquifer identification and evaluation
- Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs)
- Emergency services preparedness

Town Road Engineering Study

- Road damage may be the biggest immediate financial cost to the Town
- Engage an independent, professional engineering firm to work in conjunction with the Town highway department
 - Assess structure and current condition of Town roads and bridges
 - Assess potential impact of increased industrial road use
- Important that this be started as soon as possible
 - Dependent on availability of the engineering firm
 - Assessment may take many months
- Sets the stage for a Town Road Use Agreement

Aquifer Identification and Evaluation

- Identify aquifers that could be negatively impacted by new industrial development, and need protection
- Assessment could require a year or more to complete and may require financial resources
- Assessment help may be available from the US Geological Survey (USGS) and Tompkins County

Potential CEA Identification

- Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs) have additional protection by the NYS DEC
 - No areas in Lansing are currently designated as CEAs
- Identify areas that should be designated as CEAs and could be negatively impacted by new industrial development.
- Initiate a CEA identification process as soon as possible

Emergency Services

- Assess potential impact of HVHF gas drilling, and related activities, on local emergency services preparedness
- Form a plan for how emergency services personnel will coordinate and respond to potential problems, such as
 - Chemical spills
 - Explosions
 - Injuries
 - Increases in aggressive driving, DUI and other crimes
 - Communication among agencies

III. Update Town Ordinances

- Update **land use (zoning) ordinance**
- Introduce a **Town road use law** (Lansing does not have one)
- Develop a **Road Use Agreement** for companies wanting to use Town roads for heavy industrial use
- Modify and develop **noise, air and light pollution ordinances**

Why is action needed urgently?

- The dSGEIS comment period is now finished
- Review by DEC of the dSGEIS will likely be completed within the current year; the issuing of drilling permits will soon follow
- A moratorium passed *after* permitting starts may be more difficult and will be much more expensive to defend
- Developing our response will require substantial effort and time
- If we need to contract or hire to support the process of moratorium development, we may have to wait in line for help

Recommendations of the Committee

- The Town Board should pass a **one-year moratorium*** on new and proposed heavy industrial development and heavy gas and solution mining, outside existing designated industrial zones
- This will allow time for the Town to take necessary actions as described in previous slides
- The committee must continue to educate and listen to the interests of the community

*Templates of town moratoriums are available from other towns and from **David and Helen Slottje, of the Community Environmental Defense Council (CEDC)**. In addition, Town Attorney Guy Krogh has worked with such templates already. Structuring a Lansing Moratorium should not be difficult.

Thank you!

Lansing Gas Drilling Oversight Committee

Contact:

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Addendum: More Moratorium details

The Committee recommends that the Town Board begin the process of developing a local law to enact a moratorium, to last for an initial period of 1 year, to prohibit certain high impact industrial processes and uses of land, including oil and gas exploration and high volume hydrofracturing (commonly known, and identified by NYS, as "HVHF"), and the effects of the same upon the Town of Lansing in terms of land use, growth, health, the environment, and other impacts, and that during such year, the Town undertake a review and update of its Comprehensive Plan and its zoning and allowed uses and zones. During such year, the Committee believes that the Town should also update its inventory and understanding of important resources within the Town, including, but not limited to, wetlands, aquifers, roadways, Cayuga Lake and the lakefront and tributary streams (whether seasonal, intermittent, or otherwise), waterways, and other vital and natural resources, all with an eye towards studying impacts from heavy industrial uses and processes, and with a further eye towards deciding whether to enact prohibitions or regulations as may be permitted or required by law in order to protect or enhance land values, public health, the existing character of the community, and other purposes, including protection of existing residents and businesses, which too are vital resources within the Town

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The Economics of Shalegas Industrialization

a lecture by economist Deborah Rogers

Friday January 20th, 7-9 pm

**First Unitarian Church of Ithaca
306 North Aurora Street, Ithaca, NY**

Deborah Rogers, is a financial analyst noted for her research on the economics of shale gas extraction. Her findings challenge industry claims of a 100 years of cheap fuel and energy independence for Americans.

Many central New York citizens have heard about the pros and cons of gas drilling at the local level. But Ms. Rogers' research adds an important new dimension that most are not yet aware of. Anyone who is interested in this issue, regardless of their point of view, will not want to miss this highly informative and knowledgeable speaker.

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Supervisor Kathy Miller thanked Chairman Larry Beck and the Gas Drilling Committee for the work they have done and for the great presentation. The board will be discussing this at their Work Session Meeting on February 1st at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall Board Room. The Work Session Meetings are not intended to pass legislation rather to use them to compile information that pertains to legislation that will be considered at the Regular Town Board Meetings.

APPOINT LIAISON OFFICER'S FOR 2012:

RESOLUTION 12-42

RESOLVED, that the following appointments made by the Supervisor be accepted:

LIAISON OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2012

- Dan Konowalow --- Liaison Officer to TCAT – Tompkins County Transportation
- Rotating Attendance --- Liaison Officer to the Lansing Fire Department
- Rotating Attendance --- Liaison Officer to the Highway Department
- Rotating Attendance --- Liaison Officer to the Lansing Park
- Rotating Attendance --- Liaison Officer to the Recreation Department
- Edward LaVigne --- Liaison Officer to LOAP, Senior Citizens and Woodsedge
- Robert Cree --- Liaison Officer to the Planning Board
- Rotating Attendance --- Liaison Officer to the Arts Council
- Ruth Hopkins --- Liaison Officer to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Kathy Miller & Robert Cree --- Liaison Officers to Bolton Point
- Andra Benson & Stephen Farkas --- Liaison Officers to the Office of Children & Family Services
Advisory Board
- Kathy Miller --- Liaison Officer to the Local Government Leaders Round Table Discussion
Group including Cornell
- Edward LaVigne --- Liaison Officer to the Lansing Housing Authority
- Andra Benson --- Liaison Officer to the Cayuga Lake Watershed Management Plans
Intermunicipal Organization
- Robert Cree --- Liaison Officer to the Cayuga Medical Center
- Kathy Miller --- Liaison Officer to TCCOG
Ruth Hopkins --- Alternate Liaison Officer to TCCOG
- Andra Benson --- Liaison Officer to Youth Services
- Steve Colt --- Liaison Representative on the Tompkins County Youth Board

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

Councilperson Andra Benson	Aye
Councilperson Robert Cree	Aye
Councilperson Ruth Hopkins	Aye
Councilperson Edward LaVigne	Aye
Supervisor Kathy Miller	Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on January 18, 2012.

CWD EXTENSION – 187 BUSH LANE
AUTHORIZE MPR AND DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT:

RESOLUTION 12-43

**RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AUTHORIZING MAP, PLAN AND REPORT
FOR AMENDMENT OF BOUNDARY OF CWD RE LEDET BACK LOT**

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

WHEREAS, owners of certain lot(s) within the Town of Lansing (Debra and Alan Ledet, TP# 44.-1-42, being at 187 Bush Lane), have asked the Town to provide water access to the Town of Lansing Consolidated Water District (“CWD”) for properties at said address; and

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Director has found that such an extension is feasible, in accord with the existing CWD policy for extension of the CWD to adjacent properties, and will require an Article 12 or 12-A proceeding to amend the boundaries of the CWD; and

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

RESOLVED, that, conditioned upon the applicants signing an agreement in a form as approved by Town Counsel (the “Developer’s Agreement”) to pay for the costs of such reports and proceedings, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing hereby directs the Town Engineer to proceed with the preparation of a Map, Plan and Report (“MPR”) under Town Law Article 12-A for providing a water supply to such property through the CWD; and it is further

RESOLVED, that up to \$1,000.00 is authorized for such MPR, but again, if and only if the applicants have signed the aforesaid agreement (and made any required escrow deposits); and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and Deputy Town Supervisor be and hereby are authorized to sign such Developer’s Agreement by, for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Town of Lansing; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DECLARED, that the requirements for a permissive referendum do not apply as there is no expenditure of public funds for the MPR as the applicants are hereby required to pay all expenses pursuant to the afore-described conditions and the Developer’s Agreement.

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

Councilperson Andra Benson	Aye
Councilperson Robert Cree	Aye
Councilperson Ruth Hopkins	Aye
Councilperson Ed LaVigne	Aye
Supervisor Kathy Miller	Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on January 18, 2012.

RESIGNATION OF NANCY LONCTO, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER:

Supervisor Kathy Miller stated that she has removed this item number 8 from the agenda as Nancy Loncto has withdrawn her letter of resignation.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE COOPERATIVE/SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT:

Town Clerk, Debbie Crandall stated that she and Deputy Town Clerk, Darlene Marshall attended a joint meeting with other Town Clerks, and Deputy Town Clerk's along with County Clerk, Aurora Valenti, Deputy County Clerk, Maureen Reynolds, Gregg Potter, IT Director and others on December 6, 2011 at the Tompkins County Health Department to review the County's now paperless record system. There are now no files or storage files in any County Office. The copies were scanned by Challenge Industries and the last office to be converted was the Sheriff's Department. The County has offered to help the other towns to do a Shared Service Grant from the NYS Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund to try to get the Town of Lansing to follow in the Counties footsteps.

Along with the help of Deputy County Clerk, Maureen Reynolds (Lansing Resident) and Tompkins County, the Town of Lansing will have the opportunity to pursue electronic record keeping. This grant application will be covering the scanning of minutes and building permits. Mrs. Crandall stated that she is looking forward to trying to get the Town of Lansing paperless and would like to authorize the Supervisor Kathy Miller to sign the agreement so she can pursue the grant along with the other towns of Dryden, Ithaca, Enfield, Newfield and Groton.

Councilperson Robert Cree asked if the records would be county records or town records. Mrs. Crandall indicated that all the records would remain town records that could be shared with the county if the town chooses to do so.

RESOLUTION 12-44

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE LGRMIF (LOCAL GRANT RECORD MANAGEMENT INITIAL FORM) GRANT COOPERATIVE/SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk, Debbie S. Crandall as Records Management Officer is participating with Tompkins County and the Tompkins County Clerk's Office for the establishment of a shared Electronic Records Management System.

WHEREAS, said funding to be a 2012-2013 Shared Services grant from the NYS Archives through the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund.

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

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lansing hereby confirms their partnership with Tompkins County and the Tompkins County Clerk's Office and hereby authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, Supervisor Kathy Miller to sign the Cooperative/Shared Services Agreement.

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

Councilperson Andra Benson	Aye
Councilperson Robert Cree	Aye
Councilperson Ruth Hopkins	Aye
Councilperson Edward LaVigne	Aye
Supervisor Kathy Miller	Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on January 18, 2012.

AUTHORIZE PRELIMINARY WETLAND AND WATER INVESTIGATION:

RESOLUTION 12-45

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A PRELIMINARY
WETLAND AND WATER INVESTIGATION ON THE 70 to 80 ACRES,
SOUTHERN PORTION OF TOWN OF LANSING PROPERTY
LOCATED WEST OF ROUTE 34 AND NORTH OF 34B**

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

WHEREAS, as requested by Andrew Sciarabba of T.G. Miller, Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc. (TES) will conduct a preliminary wetland/waters investigation on the 70 to 80 acre southern portion of property for the Town of Lansing Business and Industrial Park master plan. The portion of property to be reviewed is located west of Route 34 and north of Route 34B in the Town of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York and

WHEREAS, the thrust of the assessment is to collect information necessary to make a preliminary determination as to the existence of jurisdictional wetlands, water resources or related site encumbrances and

WHEREAS, the following tasks are planned:

Task 1. Review of Background Information – Existing wetlands maps, soil survey map, stream classification map, floodplain map, aerial photographs, etc. will be collected and reviewed. TEC maintains a complete set of many of these maps in its office. Additional information, such as large-scale boundary maps or topographic maps provided by you or T.G. Miller, will be helpful to us.

Task 2. Preliminary Field Assessment – The entire property will be walked to provide an assessment of any wetland/water resource areas. All background resource maps described in Task 1 will be used. Should any wetlands/water resources be found, a sketch will be made of their approximate locations.

Task 3. Preliminary Assessment Report – Results of the background information review and field assessment will be summarized in a letter report. All resource maps will be included with the property outlined. Approximate area of any wetlands or water resources found on the site will be presented on an aerial photograph or map. Regulatory implications of the wetlands or related resources will be addressed.

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

RESOLVED, that Town Board of the Town of Lansing does hereby authorize Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc. to perform Tasks 1 through 3 in the amount not to exceed \$3,500 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor, Kathy Miller to sign said agreement.

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 Andra Benson	Aye
Councilperson Robert Cree	Aye
Councilperson Ruth Hopkins	Aye
Councilperson Ed LaVigne	Aye

Supervisor Kathy Miller

Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on January 18, 2012.

HOME RULE:

Supervisor Miller explained the requested support for the pending Home Rule. Counsel Guy Krogh provided additional detailed information of the Home Rule. After further discussion, the following resolution was offered for consideration:

RESOLUTION 12-46

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF LANSING
TO APPROVE BECOMING AN AMICUS CURIAE IN ACTIONS
INVOLVING MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PENDING BEFORE
NEW YORK STATE APPELLATE COURTS
JANUARY 18, 2012**

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

WHEREAS, the Towns of Middlefield and Dryden have recently revised their zoning laws to prohibit heavy industrial uses (including natural gas drilling) in their communities and such laws have been challenged in court by opponents claiming that the Towns do not have the power to regulate natural gas drilling as a land use; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses has filed an amicus curiae or “friend of the court” brief in both lawsuits in support of its sister Towns in order to reassert the right of municipalities throughout New York State to determine what land uses are appropriate through the municipal home rule powers granted by the New York State Constitution and the New York Municipal Home Rule Law; and

WHEREAS, THE Town of Ulysses will file another amicus brief when these lawsuits are appealed to New York appellate courts and has requested that other municipalities in New York State consider joining the Town of Ulysses’ brief as a powerful statement to the appellate courts, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the New York State Legislature about the importance of protecting municipal home rule in New York State and a municipality’s right to decide, for itself, whether natural gas drilling – or any other land use for that matter – is appropriate for its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Town Board hereby determines that it is in the public interest of the citizens of the Town of Lansing to support municipal home rule by joining in the Town of Ulysses’ amicus brief to the appellate courts.

2. The Town Board does hereby authorize and direct the Supervisor, Kathy Miller to complete or cause to be completed any and all such further documents and papers in the name and on behalf of the Town of Lansing as the Supervisor deems necessary or appropriate to carry into effect the foregoing resolution.

3. The Town Clerk, Debbie S. Crandall will send a certified copy of this adopted resolution to the Town of Ulysses, 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg, NY 14886.

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

Councilperson Andra Benson	Aye
Councilperson Robert Cree	Aye
Councilperson Ruth Hopkins	Aye

Councilperson Edward LaVigne
Supervisor Kathy Miller

Aye
Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on January 18, 2012.

PLANNING and ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Jeff Overstrom welcomed the new members of the Town Board. With the slow winter construction, it gives the department a chance to pick up on administration operations such as Mobile Home Park and expired Building Permits.

The Transonic project is still moving along. The Woodland Park Subdivision, Farm Pond Circle and Lansing Commons Subdivisions have been shut down for the winter.

Final Phase of the Lansing Marina Rehabilitation Project:

The last bit of material has been ordered to complete the project around the launch ramp area. This spring the completion of the project will take place.

Monthly Report:

Mr. Overstrom submitted his monthly activity report for the month of December to all Board Members and the Town Clerk.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Lansing Marina Project:

There has been a crew working on this project for the last three to four weeks.

Wood Chipping:

There is a crew chipping brush and trees. Several trees fell due to last night's high wind storm.

Night Crew:

When the two night crew men are not out sanding roads they are painting the Supervisor's Office.

Sprinkler System:

Mr. French will be getting quotes on installing a sprinkler system at the Highway Department. In the past two years there have been six Town Highway Departments that have burnt totally to the ground including the equipment.

Woodland Park – Letter from Developer Cardamone:

Mr. French has received a letter from Developer Steve Cardamone in regards to his cleaning of the ditches, seeding and road acceptance in March or April. Counsel Guy Krogh will review the letter and contact Attorney Peter Walsh to finalize the compliance request.

Miles of Roads within the Town and Length of Service:

Councilperson Edward LaVigne asked how many miles of roads the town is responsible for.

Mr. French stated the town is responsible for 97 miles of town roads. In addition to winter plowing the town also covers 39 miles of county roads.

Mr. LaVigne asked Mr. French how many years he has worked for the Town of Lansing Highway Department. Mr. French stated 34 years. Mr. LaVigne said the town is very fortunate to have you.

PARK and RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Parks & Recreation Department 1/18/12 Town Board Meeting

UPDATE

RECREATION

- **Program updates:** The Skating Program, Gymnastics, Indoor Soccer, Skiing, 2nd & 3rd grade Basketball and Karate have all recently started. The participation numbers are very good. So, overall, we have 8 programs in action now with over 510 participants! This is not counting our Adult Open Swim, Cardio Step, AM Stretch and Zumba classes...
- **New Programs:** *“Hot Stove” Baseball Camp* is set to take place at The Field on 10 Saturdays for players that are 10U – varsity level. Currently we have 40 players registered. The *Adult Spanish class* has held 3 classes so far with 13 students. Yesterday, we were approached by a person that would like to teach *German classes...* *Saturday Morning Swimming Lessons* are possible and were discussed today.
- **Programs over the President’s Holiday:** *Adam Heck’s Basketball Camp* and *Rock Climbing* at Cornell.
- **Dick’s Sporting Goods** – have already contacted me about their community program where they donate baseball and softball equipment to our department. This will make the 4th consecutive year that this program has helped us. Our coaches and players also receive discount coupons.

PARKS

- **Camping Reservations:** January 9th was the first day that we started accepting Camping reservations. Several people were in their cars waiting for the Town Hall doors to open, and had been in their cars most of the night. Campers “took –a-number” and waited in the board room. By 10:00 am we had collected over \$22,000 for camping reservations. As of now, we have collected \$24,150. Our anticipated revenue for camping for the year is \$36K.
- **Boat slip renewal:** Renewal forms for the marina have been mailed to last year’s slip holders. Forms and payments must be returned by February 3rd. The marina generates over \$50K. We also have a very healthy waiting list with over 100 names on it.
- **Summer Concerts:** The Myers dates are set, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16. We are also hoping to do at least 2 to 3 dates in Ludlowville again this summer. I have a long list of groups that want to play at Myers and unfortunately, there are several groups that have been great for us that have recently retired. I will start to book the bands over the next few months.

- **Marina Project:** The final phase has started with wall and dock replacement. Some of the old docks that were removed have been used to bridge wet spot on the trailway.

Art Show:

Mr. Colt met with Robin Schuttenberg, Director of the Art Show who informed him that there will not be a grant received this year. The Art Show is still scheduled for this year with further details to follow. Mr. LaVigne asked what the amount of last years grant was. Mr. Colt stated it was around \$1,000.00.

Length of Service:

Mr. LaVigne asked how long Mr. Colt has worked here. Mr. Colt replied 24 years. Mr. LaVigne stated that the town is very fortunate to have him as an employee.

APPROVE MINUTES:

A copy of the minutes of January 11, 2012, having been furnished to the Board Members beforehand, the Supervisor asked for a motion to make corrections or to accept the same as submitted.

RESOLUTION 12-47

Councilperson Ruth Hopkins moved that the minutes of January 11, 2012 are hereby approved as submitted. Councilperson Robert Cree seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilperson Andra Benson	Abstained
Councilperson Robert Cree	Aye
Councilperson Ruth Hopkins	Aye
Councilperson Edward LaVigne	Aye
Supervisor Kathy Miller	Aye

APPROVE END OF YEAR 2011 AUDIT AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

RESOLUTION 12-48

Councilperson Andra Benson moved that the Bookkeeper is hereby authorized to pay the following end of year 2011 bills and to make the following budget modifications:

CONSOLIDATED ABSTRACT # 013

	DATED	<u>12/30/11</u>
	AUDITED VOUCHER #'s	<u>1311 – 1354</u>
	PREPAY VOUCHER #'s	<u>1311 – 1313</u>
	AUDITED TA VOUCHER #'s	<u>119 – 122</u>
	PREPAY TA VOUCHER #'s	<u>119 – 119</u>
<u>FUND</u>		<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>
GENERAL FUND		\$ <u>29,990.75</u>
HIGHWAY FUND		\$ <u>8,976.63</u>

LANSING LIGHTING	\$	<u>363.72</u>
LANSING WATER DISTRICTS	\$	<u>1,869.66</u>
TRUST & AGENCY	\$	<u>2,644.74</u>
WARREN RD SEWER-CAPITAL PROJ	\$	<u>47.52</u>
LANSING SEWER DISTRICTS	\$	<u>0.00</u>
DEBT SERVICE	\$	<u>0.00</u>

**HIGHWAY FUND DA
1/18/12 Meeting for 2011**

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
DA599	DA5140.400	From Fund Balance to Brush & Weeds Contractual	980.00

**HIGHWAY FUND DB
1/18/12 Meeting for 2011**

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
DB599	DB5110.400	From Fund Balance to Street Maint Cont	1,561.90

**LAKEWATCH LIGHTING SL3
1/18/12 Meeting for 2011**

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
SL3-599	SL3-5182.400	From Fund Balance to Contractual	220.00

Councilperson Robert Cree seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilperson Andra Benson	Aye
Councilperson Robert Cree	Aye
Councilperson Ruth Hopkins	Aye
Councilperson Edward LaVigne	Aye
Supervisor Kathy Miller	Aye

APPROVE AUDIT:

RESOLUTION 12-49

Councilperson Robert Cree moved that the Bookkeeper is hereby authorized to pay the following bills:

CONSOLIDATED ABSTRACT # 001

DATED 1/18/12

AUDITED VOUCHER #'s 1 – 56

PREPAY VOUCHER #'s	<u>1 - 4</u>
AUDITED TA VOUCHER #'s	<u>1 - 2</u>
PREPAY TA VOUCHER #'s	<u> </u>

<u>FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$ <u>184,900.06</u>
HIGHWAY FUND	\$ <u>225,341.33</u>
LANSING LIGHTING	\$ <u>0.00</u>
LANSING WATER DISTRICTS	\$ <u>10,148.99</u>
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ <u>3,100.64</u>
WARREN RD SEWER-CAPITAL PROJ	\$ <u>29.72</u>
LANSING SEWER DISTRICTS	\$ <u>4,709.75</u>
DEBT SERVICE	\$ <u>0.00</u>

Councilperson Andra Benson seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilperson Andra Benson	Aye
Councilperson Robert Cree	Aye
Councilperson Ruth Hopkins	Aye
Councilperson Edward LaVigne	Aye
Supervisor Kathy Miller	Aye

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Andra Benson:

No report at this time.

Robert Cree:

Mr. Cree thanked Mr. Overstrom for presenting a report update at the Planning Board meeting. The board appreciated the report and found it to be very helpful. Mr. Cree encouraged Mr. Overstrom to continue the report at the Planning Board meetings.

Ruth Hopkins:

Mrs. Hopkins thanked everyone for attending tonight's board meeting and encouraged everyone to come back to attend future meetings.

Edward LaVigne:

Mr. LaVigne stated that as a board they have so much to do in the next four years and he is looking forward to working with all of the departments within the town. Working on projects within the last five years Mr. LaVigne has found the town departments to be very gracious and cooperative and the town is blessed to have such a great group of workers.

Kathy Miller:

Mrs. Miller reported that the Sewer Committee is working very hard along with the Economic Committee on the development of the land across the street. The Town's Website has a list of the open meetings, times and dates. She welcomed the public to attend these open meetings. Public information meetings will be held when the committees are ready.

Mrs. Miller stated that there is a lot going on in Lansing and she encouraged the public to get involved with town projects.

Monthly Report:

The Supervisor submitted former Supervisor, A. Scott Pinney's monthly report for the month of December 2011 to all Board Members and to the Town Clerk.

LANSING PATHWAYS COMMITTEE:

Councilperson Ruth Hopkins reported the following on behalf of the Lansing Pathways Committee:

The Pathways Committee met on Monday, Jan 9, 2012. The following main topics were discussed:

- How to use the Cargill grant. The consensus of the group was to have more professional signage and a kiosk for display of educational materials pertinent to the history and environment of the town land. We will be using Lansing groups and business as much as possible for help with those projects.
- Discussed maintenance – The new signage for snow mobiler's installed by Ray Sill and the new bridge spanning the wet area in the north east corner. The bridge was installed by Ray Sill and Roger Hopkins using a discarded dock from Myers Park. It looks good and will keep both the snow mobiler's and trail users drier.
- Other ongoing maintenance concerns are the very wet areas particularly on the west side of the trail. If the town plans for the town land property continue to completion perhaps there will be an opportunity to address a solution to these wet areas.
- We are continuing to do the work on the power point presentation. Maureen talked with Sybil Bush about her ideas on a dog park on the town land. We discussed how the town trail project came about and I referred her to the town board for further advice. Sybil expected to pursue her ideas further with the TB and will coordinate those plans with Pathways as they materialize.

Thanks for your support,

Maureen Cowen
Chairperson
Lansing Pathways Committee

TOWN COUNSEL REPORT:

Mr. Krogh stated that he did not have a report. He asked the board to make a list of questions they would like covered and included when he participates in the presentation by the Gas and Oil Committee.

ADJOURN MEETING:

RESOLUTION 12-50

Councilperson Edward LaVigne moved to **ADJOURN THE JANUARY 18, 2012 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 7:05 PM.** Councilperson Ruth Hopkins seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilperson Andra Benson	Aye
Councilperson Robert Cree	Aye
Councilperson Ruth Hopkins	Aye
Councilperson Edward LaVigne	Aye
Supervisor Kathy Miller	Aye

Minutes taken and executed by the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie S. Crandall