

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 7, 2012

A Special 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 7:00 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 Darlene Marshall, Deputy 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, Karen Veaner, Ray Farkas, John Gutenberger, Dale Baker, John O'Neill, Ted and Martha Laux, and Mike Koplinka-Loehr.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

John Gutenberger – Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway

John Gutenberger a representative for the Board of Directors of the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway addressed the board. He provided board members with an informational packet. The byway is a 90 mile route that circles Cayuga Lake. The byway consists of a not for profit board, all volunteer staff and exists entirely on grants and various governments - local as well as national agencies. The goal of the Byway is to diversify tourism related to economic opportunities, to enhance merchant opportunities, increase access to Cayuga Lake, enhance town and village character, preserve scenic view of area, preserve historic heritage, manage various resources along it, to create a sustainable byway and to ensure conservation of many natural resources.

Mr. Gutenberger stated he is here to ask for financial support from the town for a tourism related geocaching event that they want to begin this fall. Mr. Gutenberger explained geocaching is very popular and is a modern day treasure hunt which could bring people from all over the region, the United States, and Canada. The idea came from the St. Lawrence Seaway which has been running a successful geocaching event for a number of years. According to statistics from the Seaway Trail, most geocachers take more than a day to complete the trail and the average group took 2 or 3 days spending approximately \$80 to \$150 per day. The Seaway Trail estimated the total economic impact to be \$100,000. Mr. Gutenberger stated the budget for the event is \$9,860 and so far they have received financial commitments from Cayuga, Seneca, and Tompkins counties and fellow board members are at town and village meetings all around the byway this month asking for the same support. Mr. Gutenberger respectfully requested \$500 from the board for the budget which will help bring more people to the area.

Councilperson Robert Cree stated that although this is an event, the items that you hide remain there and once word gets out, people who cache on their own will come and it will continue to bring people to the area beyond the event. Mr. Gutenberger indicated that is true, it is an event with no end. The money they need goes for log books, things that go in the caches themselves, collectable coins, printing and design of brochures. They have to monitor the areas and replace items and hopefully this will continue for years.

Councilperson Andra Benson stated that the Lansing Youth Services have done this in the past and they absolutely loved it.

Councilperson Ruth Hopkins asked about how many of these treasures will be hidden in Lansing and examples of where they will be located without giving away exact locations.

Mr. Gutenberg stated the budget calls for 1,000 coins and 2,000 log books at 26 spots along the byway in Cayuga, Tompkins and Seneca Counties to be divided equally. The goal is for 3 kiosks, so far one in Lansing and one in Seneca County.

Councilperson Robert Cree questioned the budgeted amount of \$6,500 in the document. Mr. Gutenberg stated they had a board meeting Tuesday and increased the budget to \$9,860 as they think it is going to be more popular than originally thought and they are doubling the amount of coins and log books.

Supervisor Kathy Miller stated it sounds like fun and a great active way to advertise instead of something in the paper. The board will discuss it and get back to Mr. Gutenberg. Supervisor Miller stated it sounds like a great way to advertise for not a lot of money.

Councilperson Robert Cree asked if the \$500 is an annual or a one-time amount. Mr. Gutenberg stated they are new at this and if it went wild and they depleted everything in one year they would be back.

Councilperson Ruth Hopkins stated it would be nice to see how St. Lawrence estimated their \$100,000 amount sometime when Mr. Gutenberg gets a chance.

Councilperson Edward LaVigne asked for contact information for Mr. Gutenberg. Mr. Gutenberg supplied his phone number as 257-2712 and email as jcg3@cornell.edu and thanked the board for their time.

Dale Baker – Lansing Community Library

Dale Baker is representing the Lansing Community Library. Mr. Baker is the President of the Trustees at the present time. Mr. Baker addressed the board and stated they are searching for a closer working relationship between the Town of Lansing and the Lansing Community Library. The library is going to try and update the board once every two months about what is going on and major activities. Mr. Baker indicated there will be a vote for an increase of \$8,000 in the tax levy and to elect 3 new trustees on April 25th at the library from 9:00am-8:00pm. Mr. Baker also stated the library would like to collaborate with the town on cleaning services, snow removal and lawn care services with the idea of some savings for both the town and the library.

Mr. Baker stated the front steps on the library are chained off, people can't use them and they are not safe and need to be replaced or repaired. The library would like to work with the town to repair the steps.

Mr. Baker also indicated that the library would like to join in on the town's health insurance policy for the Library Manager as he thinks it may lower their cost.

Mr. Baker stated the lease is restrictive and has prevented them from getting grants and contracts as its terms are not long enough. Mr. Baker also stated the clause that allows the town to ask the library to leave the building if they have other uses for the facility, although he has no concerns that the town would ask them to do this, doesn't speak well for the relationship between the library and the town. Mr. Baker asked the town to look at changing the lease.

Councilperson Edward LaVigne asked what length of lease is needed to qualify for grants. Mr. Baker stated he believed it has to be a 25 year lease. Councilperson Edward LaVigne also inquired about the number of people with library cards. Councilperson Andra Benson stated it is close to 3,000 and they could give statistics next time.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CWD EXTENSION BY BOUNDARY CHANGE – PUTNAM:

RESOLUTION 12-62

Councilperson Andra Benson moved TO **OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT (CWD) BOUNDARY CHANGE TO INCORPORATE LOTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF LANSING (TPNs 12.-1-17.4 (4.08 acres), 12.-1-17.3 (7.59 acres) AND 12.-1-17.2 (51.43 acres) LOCATED ALONG STATE ROUTE 34B** at 7:32 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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

RESOLUTION 12-63

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Councilperson Robert Cree moved to **CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT (CWD) BOUNDARY CHANGE TO INCORPORATE LOTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF LANSING (TPNs 12.-1-17.4 (4.08 acres), 12.-1-17.3 (7.59 acres) AND 12.-1-17.2 (51.43 acres) LOCATED ALONG STATE ROUTE 34B** at 7:33 PM. 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

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON SEQRA REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED CWD BOUNDARY CHANGE – PUTNAM:

RESOLUTION 12-64

Councilperson Ruth Hopkins moved to **OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED SEQRA REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT (CWD) BOUNDARY CHANGE TO INCORPORATE LOTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF LANSING (TPNs 12.-1-17.4 (4.08 acres), 12.-1-17.3 (7.59 acres) AND 12.-1-17.2 (51.43 acres) LOCATED ALONG STATE ROUTE 34B** at 7:34 PM. Councilperson Edward LaVigne 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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

RESOLUTION 12-65

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Councilperson Robert Cree moved to **CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SEQRA REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT (CWD) BOUNDARY CHANGE TO INCORPORATE LOTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF LANSING (TPNs 12.-1-17.4 (4.08 acres), 12.-1-17.3 (7.59 acres) AND 12.-1-17.2 (51.43 acres) LOCATED ALONG STATE ROUTE 34B** at 7:35 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

DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION PUTNAM CWD BOUNDARY CHANGE:

Supervisor Kathy Miller explained the SEQRA Review process and Councilperson Robert Cree read the SEQRA Review.

RESOLUTION 12-66

**PUTNAM BACK LOT CWD EXTENSION BY BOUNDARY CHANGE -
DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE AND
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

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

WHEREAS, this action was duly classified as an Unlisted Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.2(ak), and the Town Board of the Town of Lansing proposed to be the Lead Agency for environmental review, subject to consent or any requests of coordinated or independent review by any Involved or Interested Agency, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, the Involved and Interested Agencies were duly declared and determined and the Town duly delivered a Notice of Intent to each such agency, and no objection to the Town Board proceeding as Lead Agency has been received, and a public hearing to consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action was duly held on March 7, 2012, at the Lansing Town Hall, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, New York, whereat all persons interested in the subject matter were permitted to speak and present evidence for or against the action and/or in relation to the potential environmental impacts thereof; and

WHEREAS, the environmental impacts identified were the noise, erosion and dust potentially created during construction, which potential impacts are and will be mitigated by stormwater permitting and review, construction reviews, inspections and permitting, on site stormwater controls, and limitations of hours of operation, and which impacts are therefore deemed mitigated and non-significant; and

WHEREAS, and after weighing: (i) the probability of each potential impact occurring; (ii) the duration of each potential impact; (iii) the irreversibility of each potential impact, including permanently lost resources of value; (iv) whether each potential impact can or will be controlled or mitigated by permitting or other processes; (v) the regional consequence of the potential impacts; (vi) the potential for each impact to be or become inconsistent with the Town's master plan and/or Comprehensive Plan and local needs and goals; and (vii) whether any known objections to the Project relate to any of the identified potential impacts, the Town Board found that these factors did not cause any potential impact to be or be likely to become significant; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation upon this matter and a review and analysis of each and all potential environmental impacts, and the input from each and all Involved and Interested Agencies, if any, and the Lead Agency having made a negative declaration of environmental impact; accordingly, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lansing be and hereby is again declared to be the Lead Agency; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that this declaration is made in accord with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York and the New York SEQRA Act, and the Regulations promulgated there under, and accordingly, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing, based upon (i) its thorough review of the EAF, and any

and all other documents prepared and submitted with respect to this proposed action and its environmental review, and the hearing held hereupon, and all testimony and evidence presented thereat, if any, and the comments of Involved and Interested Agencies, if any, (ii) its thorough review of the potential relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, including, but not limited to, the criteria identified in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c), and (iii) its completion of the EAF, including the findings noted thereon (which findings are incorporated herein as if set forth at length), hereby makes a negative determination of environmental significance (“Negative Declaration”) in accordance with SEQRA for the above referenced proposed action, and determines that an Environmental Impact Statement is therefore not required; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a Responsible Officer of the Town Board of the Town of Lansing is hereby authorized and directed to complete and sign, as required, the determination of significance, confirming the foregoing Negative Declaration, which fully completed and signed EAF and determination of significance shall be incorporated by reference in this Resolution; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk deliver and/or file a copy of this Resolution with the following persons and agencies:

1. The Town Clerk of the Town of Lansing.
2. The Town Supervisor of the Town of Lansing.
3. All Involved and Interested Agencies.
4. Any person requesting a copy.

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 March 7, 2012.

APPROVE CWD BOUNDARY CHANGE PUTNAM BACK LOT EXTENSION AND ORDER FOR NOTICE OF REFERENDUM:

RESOLUTION 12-67

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF CWD EXTENSION BY BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR PROPOSED PUTNAM BACK-LOT EXTENSION

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

WHEREAS, Barry Putnam, an owner of certain lots within the Town of Lansing (TPNs 12.-1-17.4 (4.08 acres), 12.-1-17.3 (7.59 acres) and 12.-1-17.2 (51.43 acres)), has asked the Town to provide access to water from the Town of Lansing Consolidated Water District (“CWD”) for property along State Route 34B (Ridge Road); and

WHEREAS, the Map, Plan and Report (“MPR”) was accepted as final and complete and the Town duly issued a Public Interest Order pursuant to Town Law §§ 209-c and 209-d for the said water district extension by boundary amendment, and the same was declared to be in the public interest, and the Town Board further: (i) determined and described the boundaries of the proposed district, (ii) described the improvements to be made; (iii) described the cost of the public improvements; (iv) described the connection fee for the typical user, including permit costs; (v) described the first-year’s and annual user costs for the extension; (vi) described the financing, if any, applicable to the project; (vii)

declared the MPR incorporated into the Public Interest Order and Resolution, noted that such MPR described in detail how the financing, hook-up costs, and other costs and expenses, were estimated and computed, and noted that the MPR was filed at the Town Clerk's Office as required by law; and (viii) declared and scheduled a public hearing to consider the said Public Interest Order and Resolution; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held at upon March 7, 2012, at the Lansing Town Hall, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, New York, and thereat all persons interested in the subject hereof were duly heard and all submitted evidence was accepted and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, after conducting the aforesaid public hearing, and in consideration of all evidence reviewed and considered thereat and otherwise, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby duly

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that: (i) the Notice of Public Hearing was published and posted as required by law, and was otherwise sufficient; (ii) all property and property owners within the proposed extension of the CWD are benefited thereby; (iii) all benefited properties and property owners are included within the said extension; and (iv) the establishment of said extension is in the public interest; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the boundaries of said CWD district extension are (i) wholly outside the boundaries of any incorporated city or village, and (ii) are defined as inclusive of all that land as identified as tax parcel numbers 12.-1-17.4 (4.08 acres), 12.-1-17.3 (7.59 acres) and 12.-1-17.2 (51.43 acres), being in all approximately 65 acres along Ridge Road, as shown in the MPR on file at the Town Clerk's Office, and as shown and described further in the deeds so described at the Tompkins County Clerk's Office, to which reference is hereby made; which maps and descriptions are expressly herein incorporated; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the construction and improvements identified in the afore-described Public Interest Order and Resolution be and the same are hereby approved and authorized; and it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the provision of services of the CWD be and the same are hereby authorized and to be provided to such CWD district extension after issuance of the Final Order of formation of this district extension and the completion of construction and/or permitting, as required; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the CWD incorporate the above-described lands by boundary amendment, and that the so-called Putnam Back Lot Extension be and hereby is approved; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Town Law §209-e and Town Law Article 7; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town Clerk publish and post a Notice of Referendum as soon as is possible and at least within 10 days of the date of this Resolution.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Andra Benson, 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 March 7, 2012.

APPROVE AND ACCEPT WOODLAND PARK DEDICATIONS OF WATER LINES, SEWER LINES AND OAKWOOD DRIVE:

Councilperson Ruth Hopkins indicated that she spoke with Jeff Overstrom and he assured her that top coating will go on the road in the spring and it will include a white line for the shoulder.

Supervisor Kathy Miller stated that this is a very beautiful addition to Lansing.

RESOLUTION 12-68

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING WOODLAND PARK DEDICATIONS OF WATER LINES, SEWER LINES, AND OAKWOOD DRIVE

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

WHEREAS, the Woodland Park PDA Developer has completed installation of water and sewer lines, and has substantially completed the phase I roadway known as “Oakwood Drive,” and the Developer now seeks to dedicate easements to such water and sewer lines and to dedicate said Oakwood Drive in fee; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney for the Town has examined title and the proposed dedication forms and maps and has approved the same, and the Planning Department has indicated that dedication is appropriate at this time, and the Highway Superintendent has identified that the roadway is ready for dedication (though a finishing topcoat upon such roadway remains due this spring); and

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed dedications of easements for the Woodland Park water and sewer lines and appurtenances, and the proposed dedication in fee of Oakwood Drive be and hereby are approved, and the Attorney for the Town and the Planning Department be and are hereby authorized to take such other and further steps as are or may be necessary to finalize the form of all such agreements and transfers, and to record such dedications as of record in the Tompkins County Clerk’s Office.

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 Edward LaVigne	Aye
Supervisor Kathy Miller	Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on March 7, 2012.

VILLAGE OF LANSING WATER EXTENSION TO TOWN RESIDENT AT 150 BURDICK HILL ROAD (GILLETT):

Mike Koplinka-Loehr informed the board that James Gillett is deceased. The issue was discussed and James Gillett is still listed as a property owner, therefore his name appears in the Resolution.

RESOLUTION 12-69

RESOLUTION APPROVING VILLAGE OF LANSING WATER EXTENSION TO TOWN RESIDENT AT 150 BURDICK HILL ROAD

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

WHEREAS, Mary and James Gillett (“Gillett”) are Town residents along Burdick Hill Road in a location as is not served by the Town Consolidated Water District, but which location is adjacent to the Village of Lansing Water System, and, subject to the approval of the Town of Lansing, the Village of Lansing has agreed to contract with said Gillett to provide water to said location pursuant to the terms and conditions of a written contract entitled “Water Service Extension Agreement” (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed said agreement and Village Law § 11-1120, and understands that Gillett is in agreement with the terms and conditions stated in said Agreement, and the Town desires to grant to the Village the authority to enter upon and cross Town property for the purposes of installing such water lines and appurtenances as are or may be necessary to provide such water; and

WHEREAS, after review and discussion of each of the foregoing premises, and the proposals set forth or referenced herein, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, that, subject to the review and approval of the Town Planning Department and/or the Town Engineer as to the plans and installations therefore, the Town hereby approves the provision of water services across its borders and hereby permits and allows the Village of Lansing, or its contractors, to enter in and upon Town lands for the purposes of installing such water lines and appurtenances as are or may be necessary to provide such water.

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 March 7, 2012.

AMEND RESOLUTION 12-42 APPOINTING ANDRA BENSON AS LIBRARY LIAISON OFFICER:

RESOLUTION 12-70

RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 12-42 TO APPOINT COUNCILPERSON ANDRA BENSON AS LIBRARY LIAISON OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2012 the Town Board of the Town of Lansing adopted Resolution 12-42 accepting Supervisor Kathy Miller’s appointments for Liaison Officers and

WHEREAS, as determined at the Regular Town Board Meeting held on February 15, 2012 the Town Board wishes to add a Liaison Officer to the Lansing Library and

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

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Kathy Miller hereby appoints Councilperson Andra Benson as Liaison Officer to the Lansing Library for the 2012 year.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Ruth Hopkins, duly seconded by Supervisor Kathy Miller, 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 March 7, 2012.

APPOINT DARRICK EVENSEN TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL:

Supervisor Kathy Miller stated that Mr. Evensen lives in the Village of Lansing but he is more than qualified and is very enthusiastic about doing this.

Councilperson Ruth Hopkins asked that Mr. Evensen give reports back to the board. Supervisor Kathy Miller indicated that they will ask Mr. Evensen to report back to the board.

RESOLUTION 12-71

APPOINT DARRICK EVENSEN TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy upon the Environmental Management Council (“EMC”), and

WHEREAS, this vacancy is for the remainder of a two (2) year term which will expire December 31, 2012 and

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

RESOLVED, that Darrick Evensen be and hereby is appointed to the EMC for the remainder of the two (2) year term which will expire December 31, 2012.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Edward LaVigne, 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 March 7, 2012.

ETHICS BOARD DISCLOSURE FORM:

Supervisor Kathy Miller stated the board will talk about this during the working session.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF REMAINING RIGHTS IN STATE LAND ACROSS FROM TOWN HALL ON ROUTE 34:

Supervisor Kathy Miller stated the cost is now \$294,800 and that is down from the original cost of \$490,500 and Attorney Guy Krogh argued and saved the town a lot of money.

Councilperson Edward LaVigne thanked Guy Krogh for pushing hard on this and asked where the money to purchase the land is coming from.

Supervisor Kathy Miller stated the money is coming out of the General Fund and that Councilperson Robert Cree calculated the cost to be approximately \$2,500 per acre.

Councilperson Ruth Hopkins stated that this is a great opportunity for Lansing.

RESOLUTION 12-72

RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH NYS RE PURCHASE OF REMAINING RIGHTS IN STATE LAND AND AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR AND OTHERS TO PROCEED REGARDING SAME

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

WHEREAS, for many years the Town of Lansing has sought to utilize town-owned lands across from the Town Hall on Route 34, but the same lands were subject to many use restrictions imposed by the State of New York; most such restrictions being akin to the limited land uses permitted under Public Lands Law § 34; and

WHEREAS, the Town sought and obtained legislation authorizing NYS to sell and lift the remaining land restrictions so that the Town could have and possess free and clear title to such lands; and

WHEREAS, the Town has pursued the negotiation of the purchase price with the NYS Office of General Services and believes that acceptable offer terms have been duly reached, and upon deliberation thereupon, the Town Board has duly

RESOLVED, that the OGS offer price of \$294,800.00 be and hereby is approved, and the Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, and the Attorney for the Town be and each are hereby authorized to move forward to obtain such lands in fee simple absolute, including by obtaining any other or further required approvals; and they each are further authorized to negotiate and execute any documents to further or close upon the transaction and acquire title to such lands; and they are each further authorized to make such determinations and engage in such transactions as are or may be necessary to give effect to this Resolution and acquire the said land and rights from NYS.

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 Edward LaVigne	Aye
Supervisor Kathy Miller	Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on March 7, 2012.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NYS DOS LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT APPLICATION:

Supervisor Kathy Miller explained that this resolution is to support all municipalities in the county by getting together to apply for a grant that will study ways in which they can cooperate to save money.

The cost of participating in this grant was discussed.

RESOLUTION 12-73

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NYS DOS LOCAL GOVERNMENT
EFFICIENCY GRANT APPLICATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF
SHARED SERVICES OF TOMPKINS COUNTY AND LOCAL ROADS FOR
COST SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES**

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has available funds for the 2011-2012 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, this grant program can assist The Town of Lansing in identifying opportunities to cooperate with other local governments in the area to reduce the cost of providing services, and

WHEREAS, the cost to maintain local roadways and bridges represents a large share of all municipal and county budgets and property tax levies, and

WHEREAS, at a time when the cost to maintain highway infrastructure is growing rapidly and local budgets are tightly constrained, it is increasingly difficult to maintain basic highway infrastructure at a cost that can be supported by local budgets, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing and Lansing Highway Department would benefit from reducing the cost of adequately repairing and maintaining these roadways, and

WHEREAS, a study to evaluate the County and Local Road System and identify areas where inter-municipal cooperation, shared services, or redistributions of responsibilities could result in a more efficient system of providing quality highway services and lower costs for the repair and maintenance of existing roads, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing, supports this effort and grant application for approximately \$100,000, with a required local cash match of 10% that shall be allocated among the participating municipalities, 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 supports the County and Local Road Local Government Efficiency Grant Program application, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lansing agrees, if awarded, to participate and assist in all phases of the County and Local Road Shared Service Local Government Efficiency Grant Study.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Ruth Hopkins, 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 March 7, 2012.

ADJOURN MEETING:

RESOLUTION 12-74

Councilperson Robert Cree moved to **ADJOURN THE MARCH 7, 2012 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 8:05 PM** to commence the **WORK SESSION MEETING**. 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 Deputy Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Marshall

TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING
March 7, 2012
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: 8:15 pm – 9:45 pm

Town Board Members Present:

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

Also Present: Town Attorney Guy Krogh.

Topics of Discussion:

Robinson Road – The Town of Lansing won the legal case! However, the ruling can still be appealed.

Board of Ethics – Discussed the vacancy on the Board of Ethics and no decision was reached.

Ethics Board Disclosure Form - If the town decides to have forms completed, the Town of Ithaca's form will be used and modified to meet the Town of Lansing's needs.

Tax Assessment Grievance – County Representative Pat Pryor and Councilperson Ruth Hopkins will be the town's representatives. Councilperson Ruth Hopkins will be attending a training session on May 2, 2012 at 9:00 am at the Tompkins County Assessment Department. The grievance day will be May 7, 2012 from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm in the Town Hall Board Room.

Professional Audit for 2011 – Ciaschi, Dietershagen, Little, Mickelson & Company, LLP and Jay Engels, CPA have been asked to submit proposals for the cost of the audit.

Cardamone (Woodland Park) – The road will receive the final 2 inches of black top when construction is completed and lines will be painted on at this time.

Discussed an outline for a volunteer recognition program.

With no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9:45 pm.

Notes were taken by Supervisor, Kathy Miller and executed by Deputy Town Clerk, Darlene Marshall.