

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 20, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Lansing Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, NY on the above date at 6:00 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 Debbie Crandall, Town Clerk, showed the following to be

PRESENT:

Kathy Miller, Supervisor
Katrina Binkewicz, Councilperson
Robert Cree, Councilperson
Ruth Hopkins, Councilperson
Edward LaVigne, Councilperson

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Sharon Butler Bowman, Deputy Supervisor, Guy Krogh, Town Attorney, Jack French, Highway Superintendent, Steve Colt, Park Superintendent and Recreation Director, Pat Pryor, Tompkins County Representative, Dan Veaner, Lansing Star, Marlaine Darfler, John O'Neill, Village of Lansing, Dave and Joyce Heck, Sue Ruoff, John Licitra, Ted & Martha Laux, John Greenly and a few other attendees.

TOMPKINS COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE – PAT PRYOR:

To: Lansing Town Board

From: Pat Pryor, Legislator, Town of Lansing Districts 1-5, Tompkins County Legislature

In light of the routine nature of the business at our most recent Legislature meeting on January 29, 2013 this seemed like a good time to bring to your attention the various transportation options available to Lansing residents through various public and private, non-profit agencies in Tompkins County.

Tompkins County's major public transportation agency, Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT), is a not-for-profit corporation funded by a partnership among Tompkins County, the City of Ithaca and Cornell University, with the assistance of substantial grant funding from various state and federal sources. TCAT is a highly regarded public transit service, providing nearly 4 million passengers with over 1.7 million miles of transportation in 2011 while keeping its fees affordable for customers. Its fleet includes 8 hybrid electric diesel buses. TCAT contracts with Gadabout to provide paratransit services for those who meet eligibility guidelines.

While TCAT is the most well-known public transportation service in the county, we are fortunate to also have a number of other, less well-known services available for those in particular situations. The information that I will hand out at the Town Board meeting will detail those options.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Pryor

County Representative Pat Pryor handed out the following information on Transportation Resources within the Town of Lansing. The handouts will be available in the Town Clerk's Office, the foyer of the Town Hall and on the Town's Website:

Tompkins County
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

320 West Martin Luther King Jr State Street
Ithaca, New York 14850
dssinfotompkins.co.org

Transportation Resources for the Town of Lansing

Information researched & provided by Tompkins County DSS Mobility Program. For documentfeedback, contact: Cynthia Kioppel, Mobility Program Specialist at 607-274-5022.

1. Information Resources on Transportation

- Call 211 for 211 Tompkins Information & Referral.
- www.Way2Go.org consumer information, how-to videos, education on all mobility services, by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Questions answered by phone weekdays 607-272-2292 or by email Staff@Way2goinfo.org.
- Individual trip planning, including out of county medical trips, provided for the public by Mobility Program, Tompkins County DSS by phone 607-274-5022, email mobilitypro@dfa.state.ny.us or www.tcmobilitynetwork.weebly.com/dss-mobility-program.html.

2. Public Transit TCAT

- The Shops @ Ithaca Mall is the primary transit hub to use frequent TCAT bus service to Cornell University and the City of Ithaca, seven days a week, using bus routes 13, 30, 31, 32, 70, 72 and 74. Park & ride is available.
- Weekday rural commuter bus routes serve South Lansing (Rt 36) and North Lansing (Rt37).
- On Saturdays, Rt 77 provides limited service from Warren Rd to the Shops @ Ithaca.
- Low-cost semester youth passes, or discount fares for youth, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. All buses are wheelchair-accessible & kneel to street level to provide easy boarding upon request.
- For information, call 607-277-7433 (277-RIDE) or www.tcatbus.com

3. Rideshare

- Zimride Tompkins, is a website for people to find rides or riders to share costs of trips around, in or out of Tompkins County. See www.zimride.com/tompkins
- Vanpooling Groups of 5 to 14 riders pay monthly to commute in a comfortable, reliable van. Call Jesse Kafka at VPool at (800) 826-7433 or www.vRide.com.

4. Seniors and People with Disabilities

Lansing Senior Transportation: available for the transportation needs of ALL Lansing senior residents on a first come, first serve basis. The van is available, but not limited to, doctor appointments, nutrition meals at Woodsedge, grocery shopping trips, senior citizen meetings, and special group trips. Reservations must be made through the Dispatcher, Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, and at least a week in advance. Donations are accepted but not required. Transportation arrangements for the Senior Van may be made by calling the Volunteer Dispatcher, Barbara Bills, 607-257-4496.

- Gadabout: Rides by reservation for people 60 or over, or people with disabilities. \$1.50 per one-way trip within the City of Ithaca; \$2.00 for trips that start or end outside city limits. To reserve rides, you must call 2 days in advance & longer trips may require more notice. Call 607-273-1878 for information & to schedule trips.
 - o ADA Paratransit service by Gadabout for eligible persons with disabilities. Reservations must be made one day in advance. Call 607-277-9388, ext 420. for eligibility and 607-273-1878 to schedule trips.
 - o ADA New Freedom by GADABOUT extends service area beyond ADA Paratransit service area & times. For more information, call 607-273-1878 to schedule trips.

5. Taxi

- Ithaca Dispatch: operates 24/7 taxi service, and a wheelchair accessible taxi on more limited availability. Call 607-277-777 to schedule trips. www.ithacataxi.biz
- Collegetown Cab: 24/7 taxi service at 607-588-8888 or www.collegetowntaxi.com

6. Medical Transportation

- Bangs Non-emergency ambulance or wheelchair-user transportation. May not be covered by insurance. 607-273-1161 or www.bangsambulance.com
- Medicaid Transportation: for persons receiving Medicaid, depending upon Medicaid type & non-emergency transportation benefit, & needing transportation to medical appointments, call 607-274-5330 at least one business day in advance.
- FISH (Friends in Service Helping) for healthcare-related trips in Tompkins County for those without access to other transportation. Donations accepted. Not wheelchair-accessible as provided by car. Call 211 to schedule trips at least four business days in advance.

Rides to Syracuse by Ithaca Airline Limousine. Not wheelchair accessible. Call 607-273-3030 or www.ithacaairlinelimo.org

- American Cancer Society Road to Recovery may have a volunteer to take cancer patients for active cancer treatment appointments, including into/out of Tompkins County. Ride should be requested 5 business days in advance. Call 800-227-2345
- Angel Flight NorthEast: free air transportation in private aircraft by volunteer pilots so children and adults may access life-saving medical care. Patients must be medically stable & ambulatory. Call 800-549-9980 or 978-794-6868 or www.angelflightsne.org.
- Angel Flights for Veterans Services for financially-needy veterans/active duty military persons or their family member(s) to access distant specialized medical evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, or rehabilitation. 800-296-1217 or www.angelflightsveterans.org
- Children's Angel Flight Same as above, for needy child patients 800-296-1217 or www.childrensangelflights.org

7. Other Transportation Services in Ithaca

- Ithaca Carshare: Carshare membership plans offer all-inclusive short term rental of 21 cars in Ithaca. Easy Access Plan for income-qualified members. Call 607-277-3210 or www.ithacacarshare.org
- Regional & Intercity Buses:
 - o Cortland Transit: 607-758-3383.
 - o C-TRAN (Chemung County): 607-734-5211.
 - o Tioga Transit, Inc.: 607- 687-7433 (Buses are wheelchair-accessible with access by lift, & Dial A Ride service provided.)
 - o Greyhound www.greyhound.com, local phone :607- 272-7930; national: 800-231-2222. Call 1-800-752-4841 for Customers with Disabilities. Reservations at least 1 day in advance is appreciated but not necessary. Can purchase ticket at station 2 hours in advance of trip & will have wheelchair accessible bus. Trailways at www.trailwaysNY.com or call 1-800-776-7548. Call main number for Wheelchair accessible bus ride; must allow at least 48 hours in advance to schedule your ride.
 - o CoachUSA/Shortline see www.coachusa.com or call 800-631-8405. Call main number for Wheelchair accessible bus ride & talk with Carol at Ext. 1341; must allow at least 1 day notice to schedule your ride. Shortline will test the lift to make sure that it is operational for your ride.

- **Bicycling & Walking:**

- o To pick up a Tompkins County Bike Map and get tips on bicycle safety and youth bicyclists, walking with children, contact Way2Go at 607-272-2292 or visit www.Way2Go.org Also check out www.ithacabike.org or www.bike.cornell.edu

- o RIBS (Recycle Ithaca's Bicycles) of Southside Community Center, helps with access to used bicycles and bicycle repair for individuals who currently reside, work, attend school, or worship in the City of Ithaca. To learn more go to <http://velonet.org/ribs/> or contact Mustafaa Au at recycleithacabicycles@gmail.com or call Southside at 607-273-4190.

8. Support Services for Individuals

- o Car repair assistance, varies upon funding availability, through Catholic Charities for those who qualify. Contact: 607-272-5062

- o Child safety seats or booster seats provided by Tompkins County Sheriff's Office. Contact the Sheriff's Office at (607) 257-1345 and ask for the next scheduled inspection date. A trained deputy will provide you with an appropriate seat & install it.

- o Discounted transportation support, in the form of bus passes for one month through Working Families Transportation Assistance Program, and information on financial assistance for car repair and on car loan assistance to qualified persons. Contact the Mobility Program at Tompkins DSS. 607-274-5022 or www.tcmobilitynetwork.weebly.com/dss-mobility-program.html

- o Finger Lakes Independence Center making independence a way of life with peer advocacy & multiple services for persons living with a disability. Call 607-272-2433

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

John Greenly – 184 Ludlowville Road:

Comments on the NYSEG land under consideration for a State Forest:

I had the opportunity to explore this land recently on a walk led by Andy Zepp of the Finger Lakes Land Trust.

This is a uniquely beautiful piece of Cayuga Lake shoreline. The forest is of very high quality, an oak-hickory type that does well on west-facing slopes like this one and should thrive with the warming winters. It has fine mature trees and a healthy understory. Although there is evidence of deer browse, it is not at a destructive level. There is evidence of other wildlife: Fisher tracks have been identified along the bluffs above the shoreline.

The shoreline is unusual in that the water is very shallow out for a substantial distance offshore. It is ideal habitat for wintering waterfowl. Large flocks of ducks, Mallards as well as diving ducks such as Redheads and Common Goldeneye, are to be found foraging there. The bluffs are eroded back from the water, leaving wide, flat easy walking terrain at the lake level along the shoreline, and the gentle slope into shallow water makes walking and exploring along the shore safe.

Several gorges formed by small streams, including one with a particularly beautiful waterfall, provide fine habitat for nesting forest birds. With public access this land would become a very important year-round site for visiting birdwatchers.

This land is said to be the largest continuous piece of undeveloped, forested shoreline left in the Finger Lakes, and as a State Forest it would attract many visitors including hikers, fishermen, hunters, and birders. It would be a unique attraction for visitors to enjoy the lake shore in its wild state.

Access to this land would increase real estate values in the area and bring in many visitors from out of town, as well as being a treasured resource for Lansing residents. Both undeveloped shore and

public access to shore of any kind are very limited in the Finger Lakes, and this State Forest would give Lansing a very special quality among all the lakeshore communities.

I hope that the Town will move to expedite the acquisition of this land by the state.

John Greenly, 184 Ludlowville Rd., Lansing

Councilperson Katrina Binkewicz asked about the footprints of an unusual animal that he had seen on the property. Mr. Greenly stated that they call them fisher tracks and they are from a large ferocious weasel.

Marlaine Darfler – 518 Scofield Road:

Address to the Town Board
February 20, 2013

Tonight I would like to address the issue of the proposed State Forrest at Bell Station. I realize that this, like most issues, is complex and must be looked at from many angles. There are questions to be answered and important issues to address. However, I am intrigued by this proposal, and I find myself advocating for its approval. This 490 acre plot of land in the westernmost corner of Lansing has the potential to become a significant state wildlife and recreation area. The proposal is that the land would be purchased by the DEC and paid for by NYS funds earmarked for preservation of high priority properties in the State. This new designated State Forrest would make payments to the Town of Lansing in lieu of taxes. Of course a major question here is would those payments equal the taxes the town currently receives. My understanding is, and I may be wrong, that the DEC would need to partner with Lansing for the management of this land. I have heard that the Finger Lakes Land Trust may be part of this maintenance picture, but I am not clear on that. I am very aware that this proposal also leaves questions of liability, parking, law enforcement, dumping and trash unanswered. And there is the question of how the DEC protects the shallow water spawning from damage by motor boating or overuse. These questions must be addressed if the board is to make a responsible decision. What I would like to state for the record tonight is that I think we are being given a rare and precious opportunity and it should be thoroughly investigated and looked at from all aspects.

A State Forest in Lansing complements our current economic development efforts. A 2010 economic study commissioned by the County Tourism Board found that our parks, gorges, waterfalls, forests and natural scenic beauty are primary reasons for leisure travelers to visit the Ithaca region. Some of those visitors would want to stay at our unique local bed and breakfast accommodations, as well as eat and shop in local establishments while on their way to visit the State Forest. Other studies show that unique attractions such as this contribute greatly to a higher quality of life and a greater sense of community which in turn attracts economic investment.

It is important to note that supporting the proposed State Forest is closely aligned with support for a planned Town Center area and a sewer in Lansing. By concentrating development in central locations we are then able to support growth while preserving open space and farmland in other parts of the Town. In this way, centered growth supports a healthy tax base for the Town while preserving and enhancing our quality of life.

With the uncertainty of AES, taxes are a major issue that must be thoroughly investigated and understood. This protected State Forest must financially support our schools and our town. The farmland portion of the land in question can continue to be farmed, and it is important to note that properties surrounding a protected State Forest tend to be more valuable. It is true that sections of this land in question could be sold to a private developer and developed with expensive private homes expanding our tax base in the future. However, it is uncertain whether sale for private homes would produce a net gain in taxes since the town would be required to build, maintain and plow roads in the area as well as provide other services such as fire protection. What is certain is that by passing on this proposal we would lose this once in a lifetime opportunity to create a unique natural area for us now and for generations to come.

State Forest in Lansing would provide many quality of life benefits to the Town's citizens..., easy walking access to a natural lake shore, a flat walking trail in the woods along the old railroad bed with views of the lake and several streams and waterfalls. Other attractions include fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, equestrian trails, bird watching, mountain biking trails and a destination for the kayak, surfboard and sailboat users at the Myers Park. I ask the board to please carefully consider this major legacy that has been set before us.

Respectfully submitted
Marlaine Darfier
518 Scofield Rd
Groton, NY 13073

John: Licitra – 102 Armstrong Road:

Mr. Licitra stated that he also supports the State Forest Land.

Mr. Licitra addressed the Town Board in support of the SEQRA for sewer. He would like to incorporate the Armstrong, Franklyn and Maple Drive area to be included in the first phase of the capitol project sewer proposal. The current septic systems in the area are 30 to 40 years old.

Supervisor Kathy Miller asked Mr. Licitra if he would be willing to host a home meeting in the area to answer questions and concerns. She has already asked Town Engineer Dave Herrick to look at this area and will let him know the outcome.

Councilperson Katrina Greenly asked if Mr. Licitra knew the percent of residents that are in favor of the sewer proposal?

Mr. Licitra has talked to his neighbors about the water and they all indicated it was the best thing that ever happened to the neighborhood. He is absolutely sure they will feel the same about sewer and he will be willing to hold a meeting at his home.

Councilperson Edward LaVigne stated that he has received his emails and previously resided at 9 Franklyn Drive. He was the one that went door to door for municipal water. It only took three tries and a really bad drought. He commended him for his enthusiasm on the sewer and would like to work with him in that neighborhood.

LANSING STATE FOREST MEETING:

Supervisor Kathy Miller reminded everyone that the Lansing Town Board will be meeting with representatives from NYSDEC & Finger Lakes Land Trust on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the Lansing Community Center.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Highway Department Agenda
2/20/2013

1. Plowing and Salting Roads- Average overtime 70 Hours
2. Crew Working In Marina (Need to be out by April 1st)
3. Cutting brush along roadside
4. Waiting for permits to dredge Salmon Creek (March 15th Deadline)
Received the permits from NYSDEC to get in the creek and dredge it.
Another permit was needed and received to dump it. Now are waiting for a permit from Army Corp of Engineers.
5. Waiting for D.E.C. meeting to haul concrete blocks to Salt Point

Supervisor Kathy Miller is meeting with Senator Nozzolio tomorrow and will ask for his support on these issues.

PARK and RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:

**Parks & Recreation Department
Town Board Meeting
2/20/13**

RECREATION

Program updates: We currently have many programs ongoing or about to start. They are, Girls Lacrosse (intro), Saturday AM Swim Lessons, President's Week Basketball Camp, Karate Day Camp, President's Vacation Rock Climbing Camp, Archery Class at Klein's Archery, Pre-Season Softball at The Field, Gymnastics Sess. III, Cardio Step & Strength Class, Little Voices Music & Motion, Kickboxing Sess. II.

Baseball & Softball: Our long time LBP Baseball and LSP Softball program registration forms will be going into the schools on Friday March 1st. We are planning for a good turn-out of players and these forms are due by Friday March 22nd.

Grants: I hope to be completing and applying for two grants for the upcoming summer season. This includes the Community Celebrations grant and the County Beautification grant. The Community Celebrations grant offsets the summer concerts in the park. Music and a Movie is being considered this year. The County Beautification grant will be used in Ludlowville Park.

PARKS

Myers Park Marina: We are currently in a holding pattern with regards to the new sections of replacement wall. We are hoping for the delivery soon.

Boat Slips: Most of our dock holders have renewed for the upcoming season. We will probably end up going to our waiting list for a few smaller sized boats. We will not do this until the new docks are put in place so we can check actual measurements.

Salt Point plans: We are continuing to move forward with some of the long range plans for Salt Point. This includes motor vehicle restrictions, new plantings, and the osprey nesting platform. I have a meeting scheduled for today with a DEC representative that wants to review our plans... **If a Bald Eagle nests in the platform then there is a 200' no go zone diameter. NYSEG's Forester lives in Lansing and they will build the nesting platform and donate the 60' pole.**

Pathways: We had a Pathways committee meeting on February 13th. Roger Hopkins was key in describing some long range planning and some exciting pathway potential in some southern sections of Lansing. The Pathways Committee is scheduled to meet at Salt Point to make suggestions for the area.

Councilperson Edward LaVigne suggested that a Lansing Beautification Committee be formed. Said committee would volunteer to do plantings, spreading mulch, etc.

PROVISIONALLY APPOINT PENNY CROZIER AS SECRETARY TO HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Deputy Supervisor Sharon Bowman informed the Town Board that when this position went to full time, they were notified by Tompkins County Personnel, to change the job title to Secretary to the Highway Superintendent. The position will be appointed by the Highway Superintendent. The County will petition the State, as they are doing for the Towns of Dryden and Enfield to classify this position as an exempt position.

Councilperson Edward LaVigne asked if there were 8 steps. Mrs. Bowman stated there were 8 steps in this job classification. The increments go up annually based on the cost of living. Mr. LaVigne stated for the record, he has worked with her this year and he found her to be excellent, she was an excellent choice. Highway Superintendent Jack French stated she does a good job.

RESOLUTION 13-63

RESOLUTION TO PROVISIONALLY APPOINT PENNY A. CROZIER AS SECRETARY TO THE TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing wishes to establish the position of Secretary to the Town Highway Superintendent to be in compliance with Tompkins County Personnel; and

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

RESOLVED, that Penny A. Crozier be and hereby is provisionally appointed to the position of Secretary to the Town Highway Superintendent; that this position be placed within Pay Grade 4, and that this provisional appointment be set at Step 6 at \$18.14 per hour.

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 Katrina Binkewicz	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 February 20, 2013.

AUTHORIZE USE OF EXCESS SALES TAX:

RESOLUTION 13-64

**AUTHORIZE USE OF EXCESS SALES TAX
GENERAL FUND A FUND BALANCE:**

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing has received its share of the sales tax received by Tompkins County in the amount of \$1,346,566.69: and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to allocate a portion of the sales tax money to various Town Funds; therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lansing hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to allocate a portion of the sales tax money recognized from Highway Fund DB in the amount of \$225,000.00 to Capital Reserve for Highway Equipment, \$15,000.00 to Capital Reserve for Parks & Recreation Equipment, \$10,000.00 to Technology Equipment Reserve, and \$80,000.00 to Highway Fund DA.

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to allocate a portion of General Fund A Fund Balance to various Town Funds; therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED , that the Town Board of the Town of Lansing hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to allocate General Fund A Fund Balance in the amount of \$40,000.00 to Capital Reserve for Highway Equipment, and \$30,000.00 to the Special Reserve Fund for Building Repairs.

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

Councilperson Katrina Binkewicz	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 February 20, 2013.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING UPON SEQRA ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF PROPOSED TOWN OF LANSING SEWER IMPROVEMENT AREA PROJECT & TREATMENT PLANT:

RESOLUTION 13-65

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING UPON PROPOSED SEQRA ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF PROPOSED TOWN OF LANSING SEWER IMPROVEMENT AREA PROJECT AND TREATMENT PLANT

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

WHEREAS, since prior to 2004 the Town has considered a town sewer plant and service mains, whether as a district or as an improvement area, and by resolution 10-156 (dated October 20, 2010), the Town Board authorized the preparation of a map, plan and report (“MPR”) for the proposed Town of Lansing stand-alone sewer plant and the related sewer benefit district; and

WHEREAS, since such date the project and the scope of the project have changed in that, *inter alia*, the “district” is now proposed to be an “improvement area,” and the engineer selected for the supporting work and the generation of the MPR has changed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to proceed to establish a sewer improvement area pursuant to Town Law Article 12-C and thus needs to conduct an environmental review of the potential environmental impacts of such project and improvement area pursuant to SEQRA and its implementing regulations; and

WHEREAS, upon due deliberation thereupon, and in compliance with 6 NYCRR § 617.6(a)(1), now therefore be it

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that

1. This action is classified as a Type I Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.4;
2. The Town Board of the Town of Lansing proposes to be the Lead Agency for coordinated environmental review, subject to consent or any requests regarding such coordinated review by any Involved or Interested Agency, as applicable;
3. The Involved Agencies are determined to be the County Department of Planning, the County Department of Health, the NYS Department of Health, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; The NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, the NYS Southern Tier Regional Development Council, the NYS Comptroller’s Office, the NYS Department

of Transportation, the Tompkins County Highway Department; the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;

4. The Interested Agencies are determined to be the Town of Lansing Planning Board, the Village of Lansing, the Village of Cayuga Heights, the Towns of Groton, Locke, Dryden, the County of Cayuga, the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission, and the Cayuga Indian Nation; and it is further;

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk issue a Notice of Intent to each and all of the following Involved Agencies and Interested Agencies, including therewith a copy of the proposed FEAF and the Map, Plan and Report for such proposed sewer improvement area; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing to consider the environmental impacts of the proposed sewer improvement area be and is hereby scheduled for the 1st day of May, 2013, at 6:05 P.M., at the Lansing Town Hall, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, New York, and to thereat hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, and concerning the same, and to take such action thereon as is required or permitted by law; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, 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, in accord with law and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that a responsible Town official or employee deliver the Notice of Intent of the Town of Lansing to act as lead agency to all Interested and Involved Agencies.

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

Councilperson Katrina Binkewicz	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 February 20, 2013.

Supervisor Kathy Miller informed everyone that there will be a Public Information Session scheduled at the Lansing Middle School Auditorium in April, date and time to be determined. At this session everyone will have the opportunity to ask questions. Before the information session the Map Plan and Report will be mailed to all property owners. At the Public Hearing residents can voice how they feel about it. Meetings will also be held in people's homes.

Dan Veaner asked if every resident was going to be mailed the MPR.

Councilperson Ruth Hopkins stated to mail a postcard to everyone informing them of the meeting and the MPR can be found on the website or a copy can be obtained at the Town Hall.

Counsel Guy Krogh informed the Town Board that there was no requirement to mail a copy of the MPR to everyone within the improvement area.

Councilperson Katrina Binkewicz said that a postcard could be mailed.

Supervisor Kathy Miller stated that everyone was going to be mailed a copy of the MPR.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING UPON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2013:

RESOLUTION 13-66

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING UPON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2013 FOR MORATORIUM UPON CERTAIN BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE AND SIGNS IN THE TOWN OF LANSING

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

WHEREAS, the Town has discovered that its purported sign ordinance was actually repealed by the prior adoption and update of its zoning laws in 2005, and perhaps sooner, such that no sign regulations remain in place in the Town of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, the lack of effective sign regulations has the potential to adversely impact and affect public safety and land uses and values; and

WHEREAS, such moratorium, proposed to be enacted by local law (if adopted) proposes to prohibit the erection, enlargement, placement, replacement, alteration, or repair of certain commercial and business signage and signs in the Town of Lansing, whether temporary or permanent; and such moratorium further proposes to adopt certain exceptions and a hardship variance procedure to allow relief to properties and landowners disproportionately and harshly affected by such moratorium; and

WHEREAS, since a Moratorium is a Type II Action under SEQRA, no environmental review is required; and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration thereupon, 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 6th day of March, 2013, at 6:05 o'clock P.M., to consider the adoption of proposed Local Law #1 of 2013, and to 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, in accord with law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk notify the County Department of Planning via a request for a GML § 239-1, *et seq.*, review as soon as is practical; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that this action is classified as a Type II Action under SEQRA (6 NYCRR Part 617, § 617.5(27, 30)), such that no environmental review is mandated or required.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Supervisor Kathy Miller, duly seconded by Councilperson Robert Cree.

Councilperson Robert Cree asked for clarification on real estate signs, developer signs, and financial institution signs, on whether they are going to be included or exempt from the proposed local law.

Counsel Guy Krogh stated that they can arguably be considered commercial or business signage. Real Estate signs and temporary signs could be exempt. It is a six month moratorium do to the fact that you need time to put a local law into place. Whether it becomes an amendment to the zoning ordinance or a local law will be the Town Board's decision. Currently there is nothing. The moratorium will give the Town Board time to decide the contents of the proposed local law.

Councilperson Edward LaVigne passed out the following to all Town Board members and the clerk:

TOWN of LANSING

Home of Industry, Agriculture and Scenic Beauty:

ZONING, PLANNING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

Box 186

Lansing, NY 14882

E-mail: tolcodes@twcny.rr.com

APPLICATION FOR A SIGN

Name of : Applicant _____

Business _____

Address of Applicant _____

Telephone Number _____

Owner of Property Signature _____

1. Location of building or land upon which this sign is to be erected: _____

Tax Map # _____

2. Show by sketch plan, on the reverse or an additional piece of paper, the location of the building structure and the location of proposed sign, giving measurements.

3. Fee of \$30.00 must accompany application.

4. Show wording of sign, indicating style of letters (block, script, etc.)

5. Estimated Cost: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PERMIT # _____ REASON: _____

DATE: _____

TOWN OF LANSING ORDINANCE DEPARTMENT

PHONE 607-533-7054

SIGNS
ARTICLE XV

Section 1500. The intent and purpose of this Article is to establish specifications for the provisions of signs in those certain Land Use Controlled Districts and also for the unzoned area of the town which will permit proper identifications, preserve and enhance the visual characteristic quality of the area and prevent installations which are particularly distractive and hazardous to vehicular traffic. Sections 1500 through 1522 apply to the zoned and unzoned areas in the Town of Lansing.

Section 1501. In general, unless otherwise specified in this Article, signs shall be located on the premises they advertise and shall not flash or move, or have the appearance of flashing or moving. This provision shall not apply to those signs needed for public safety and traffic control.

Section 1502. All land use activities permitted by this Ordinance, including variances and special permits, may provide signs if such signs are in accordance with the following specifications:

1. Signs required by law and official signs required by governmental agency are permitted as required.
2. Temporary signs for construction:
 - One in number not to exceed 32 square feet in area. Such signs shall be Removed after construction has been completed.
3. Multi-family dwellings, town houses, rooming houses and tourist homes:
 - Identification signs shall not exceed one in number or be greater than 9 square feet in area.

4. Professional office, studio or funeral home:
 - One sign, provided that such sign does not exceed 9 square feet in area.
5. Home occupations:
 - Identification signs shall bear only the name of the person residing on the premises and the profession or occupation being conducted on the premises. Such signs shall not exceed one in number and 9 square feet in area.
6. Business establishment, retail stores, restaurants, banks and insurance companies:
 - Identification signs shall not exceed two in number the aggregate of which shall not exceed 50 square feet in area. Identification signs may be freestanding or attached to, or part of, the façade of the building.
7. Commercial recreation and amusement facilities whether indoor, automobile sales establishments, wholesale, bulk storage and warehouse facilities, building supplies and similar activities:
 - Identification signs shall not exceed two in number the aggregate of which shall not exceed 100 square feet in area. Such signs may be freestanding or attached to, or part of, the façade of a building.
8. Shopping centers or plazas, manufacturing, assembly or industrial use:
 - Identification signs shall not exceed two in number, each of which shall not exceed 100 square feet in area. Such signs may be freestanding or attached to, or part of, the façade of a building.
9. Printing, welding, plumbing and similar service uses:
 - Identification signs shall not exceed one in number and shall not exceed 60 square feet in area.
10. Gasoline service stations and service and repair garages:
 - Identification signs not to exceed two in number, each of which shall not exceed a total of 32 square feet in area.
11. Motels:
 - Identification signs not to exceed two in number each of which shall not exceed 100 square feet in area.
12. Billboards:
 - Outdoor advertising billboards or signs greater than 120 square feet in area. Such signs shall not exceed 500 square feet in area. Such signs may be located on premises which they do not advertise with the permission of the owner.

Section 1504. Illuminated advertising signs shall not be lighted between 10 o'clock p.m. and sunrise each day, except that business identification signs may remain lighted during normal business hours.

Section 1505. No sign shall be higher than two times the overall height of the building it identifies, or 25 feet from the ground, whichever is more restrictive.

Section 1506. If a sign is irregular in shape or consists of independent, detached letters or symbols, the area of said sign shall be determined by measuring the area within a regular polygon completely enclosing the sign or enclosing such independent letters or symbols as they are intended to be installed.

Section 1507. In determining the permissible area of any sign only the largest side of a two or three sided sign need to be measured.

Section 1508. All signs shall be properly repaired and painted as necessary to maintain their appearance. If such repairs or painting is not provided by the owner, the Zoning Enforcement Officer may order removal of the sign after the owner has received written notice.

Section 1509. Application for permit: Applications for permits shall be required in duplicate for signs in excess of 9 square feet in area. The application shall be submitted to the Zoning Enforcement Officer and contain the following information:

- (a) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant.
- (b) The location of the building structure, or land on which the sign is to be erected.
- (c) A sketch showing the description of the sign and the location of the same on the premises.
- (d) The Written consent of the owner of the building, structure, or land upon which the sign is to be erected, in the event the applicant is not the owner thereof.

Section 1510. Fee – the application for said permit shall be delivered to the Zoning Enforcement Officer with a fee of \$30.00.

Section 1511. Issuance of Permit – It shall be the duty of the Zoning Enforcement Officer upon the filing of the application for a permit to erect a sign, to examine the plans, specifications, and other data

submitted to him in consultation with the Planning Board. If it appears that the proposed sign is in compliance with the requirements of this ordinance, he shall thereafter within five days, issue a permit for the erection of said sign. If the Town Zoning Officer shall refuse to grant said permit, the applicant may appeal the decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilperson Edward LaVigne asked the Board to review the material and work with the Codes Enforcer to see what his concerns are.

Supervisor Kathy Miller stated that the Town is seeking volunteers to serve on a new Codes Revision Committee. Said committee will review and make recommendations to the Town Board regarding revisions to various Town laws and regulations, including the Land Use Ordinance (Zoning), Subdivision Regulations, Sign Law, among others. She stated the committee will include two Town Board members, two Planning Board members, and two citizen members, and will receive input from Code/Fire Enforcement Officer & Building Inspector Lynn Day. One of the things they are going to do is look at other Towns and their sign ordinances. The Town of Dryden and the Village of Lansing have a good one. The sign ordinance will be first on the agenda for this committee.

The issue of repairs of existing signs was discussed. As written, if an existing sign goes down they would need to apply for a variance. Councilperson Edward LaVigne stated that this was stimulated by the LED sign on the property owned by Mr. Christopher on 132 Asbury Road, (Cayuga Signs Inc.) He stated that existing signs are in place and with a moratorium it would prevent future signs from being installed until rules and regulations are in place to be used as guidelines. He stated that existing digital sign owners should be allowed to make repairs, if needed.

Councilperson Edward LaVigne asked if the Town Board members have been picked to serve on this committee. Supervisor Kathy Miller stated that you can apply to serve on the committee. There have been two that have applied already but if he would like to apply that would be great.

Counsel Guy Krogh suggested that the Public Hearing not be held on March 6th at 6:05 pm and be rescheduled for March 20th. This would allow time for amendments. Councilperson Robert Cree stated that this could be further discussed at the Work Session meeting on March 6th and the Public Hearing could be held on March 20th at the Regular Town Board meeting. This would allow enough time for the Town Clerk to send the notification to the Tompkins County Planning Department and via a request for the GML §239-1 review.

Councilperson Ruth Hopkins read the following statement:

It is clear to many, including me, that our sign ordinance is in need of updating in part because of ongoing changes in our town as well as changes in sign and advertising technology. A moratorium, 2-3 months, seems like a very wise move on the part of the Town.

However I wish to amend the motion for the resolution by deleting the first whereas paragraph and inserting another which I will read in a moment. But first my reasons:

I disagree that we should state that our current ordinance does not exist. This statement has the potential to cause embarrassment to the Town and its counsel and at the worst could open the Town to litigation such as suits and complaints from those who have been denied signs during the past 8 years.

The reasons for why the current sign ordinance is still in effect have not been reviewed and those reasons raise serious doubt that the sign ordinance was repealed.

I cite the current ordinance that states one of the purposes of the 2005 revision is the "control of signs" (Article 2), Further signs are defined in appendix 1 (A.104), the Town Sign Law is referenced in A.105, Signs are mentioned in 604.0 and the Sign Ordinance is mentioned in 802.9 (d) and 802.21. These references indicate a strong intent on the part of the Town to maintain the sign ordinance.

Further, the sign ordinance was amended by the Town Board in 2008 and once again included in the Town record. Why would the Town have amended a law if it did not intend to have one?

The Town has continued to post the sign ordinance, accept fees for sign permits, deny permits, and has referred sign variance requests to the ZBA and treated this ordinance as its intended ordinance. In fact 1.5 years ago the minutes of the ZBA acknowledged the current sign ordinance and recognize the need for update and clarification by the Town Board.

My suggested replacement for the first paragraph in the resolution is:

WHEREAS, the Town's Zoning and Codes Enforcement Office has recognized that the Town Board should review the sign ordinance being used by the Code Office for purposes of updating and clarifying the ordinance and aligning it with other town regulations.

Therefore, the following amended Resolution was hereby offered for consideration:

RESOLUTION 13-66

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING UPON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2013 FOR MORATORIUM UPON CERTAIN BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE AND SIGNS IN THE TOWN OF LANSING

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

WHEREAS, the Town's Zoning and Codes Enforcement Office has recognized that the Town Board should review the sign ordinance being used by the Code Office for purposes of updating and clarifying the ordinance and aligning it with other town regulations; and

WHEREAS, the lack of effective sign regulations has the potential to adversely impact and affect public safety and land uses and values; and

WHEREAS, such moratorium, proposed to be enacted by local law (if adopted) proposes to prohibit the erection, enlargement, placement, replacement, alteration, or repair of certain commercial and business signage and signs in the Town of Lansing, whether temporary or permanent; and such moratorium further proposes to adopt certain exceptions and a hardship variance procedure to allow relief to properties and landowners disproportionately and harshly affected by such moratorium; and

WHEREAS, since a Moratorium is a Type II Action under SEQRA, no environmental review is required; and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration thereupon, 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 6th day of March, 2013, at 6:05 o'clock P.M., to consider the adoption of proposed Local Law #1 of 2013, and to 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, in accord with law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk notify the County Department of Planning via a request for a GML § 239-1, *et seq.*, review as soon as is practical; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that this action is classified as a Type II Action under SEQRA (6 NYCRR Part 617, § 617.5(27, 30)), such that no environmental review is mandated or required.

The question of the adoption of such proposed amended Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Ruth Hopkins, duly seconded by Councilperson Katrina Binkewicz.

Councilperson Edward LaVigne asked if this Sign Ordinance even existed.

Counsel Guy Krogh stated that it does not exist. The Sign Ordinance as is listed is a reference under Article 15. Article 15 is a part of a prior Zoning Ordinance that was twice repealed. There is an express repealer provision and the Sign Ordinance got repealed with the rest of the Zoning Ordinance and completely superseded by the 2005 Ordinance and the one before it. There are references to a Sign Ordinance in the Ordinance, it states Signs see Ordinance. The 2008 amendment was not in reference to the Sign Ordinance it was an amendment to the fee permit. He noted that while other laws still refer to the missing sign law, any ambiguity in zoning law goes against the municipality in favor of the landowner. He is not aware of anyone that was denied a sign permit. If there was a denial they would have had a 4 months timeframe to file a claim.

Councilperson Edward LaVigne stated that he appreciated Councilperson Ruth Hopkins concern for the Town of Lansing. The window to file a grievance is gone based on this information. He suggested that the Town move forward and work together to propose a new law for the best interest of the people in Lansing.

Supervisor Kathy Miller asked if changing the Resolution to Councilperson Ruth Hopkins proposal, would it change much?

Counsel Guy Krogh stated that it was an introductory paragraph that was included because it is in fact a threshold question and the liability comes from the current people that are complaining and now have consulted a second attorney. What Counsel is attempting to do is have the Town Legislatively determine as a Town Board that this is in fact what has occurred.

Councilperson Robert Cree suggested to remove the first WHEREAS paragraph.

Counsel Guy Krogh stated that you don't even need the WHEREAS paragraphs. They are included to create Legislative history to assist a court in understanding why a Town did what it did.

After further discussion of the WHEREAS paragraphs, Councilperson Ruth Hopkins withdrew her substitution paragraph and the following Resolution was therefore amended and presented for consideration as follows:

RESOLUTION 13-66

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING UPON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2013 FOR MORATORIUM UPON CERTAIN BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE AND SIGNS IN THE TOWN OF LANSING

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

WHEREAS, the lack of effective sign regulations has the potential to adversely impact and affect public safety and land uses and values; and

WHEREAS, such moratorium, proposed to be enacted by local law (if adopted) proposes to prohibit the erection, enlargement, placement, replacement, alteration, or repair of certain commercial and business signage and signs in the Town of Lansing, whether temporary or permanent; and such moratorium further proposes to adopt certain exceptions and a hardship variance procedure to allow relief to properties and landowners disproportionately and harshly affected by such moratorium; and

WHEREAS, since a Moratorium is a Type II Action under SEQRA, no environmental review is required; and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration thereupon, 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 20th day of March, 2013, at 6:05 o'clock P.M., to consider the adoption of proposed Local Law #1 of 2013, and to 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, in accord with law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk notify the County Department of Planning via a request for a GML § 239-1, *et seq.*, review as soon as is practical; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that this action is classified as a Type II Action under SEQRA (6 NYCRR Part 617, § 617.5(27, 30)), such that no environmental review is mandated or required.

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 Katrina Binkewicz	Aye
Councilperson Robert Cree	Aye
Councilperson Ruth Hopkins	Aye
Councilperson Edward LaVigne	Nay
Supervisor Kathy Miller	Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on February 20, 2013.

SCHEDULE GRIEVANCE DAY AND APPOINT TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW:

Grievance Day for the Town of Lansing will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Tompkins Country Representative Pat Pryor and Councilperson Ruth Hopkins and Supervisor Kathy Miller will be the members of the Advisory Board of Assessment Review. A training session for the members is scheduled for May 2nd at 9:00 am at the Tompkins County Assessment Department.

APPROVE AUDIT:

RESOLUTION 13-67

Councilperson Robert Cree moved that the Bookkeeper is hereby authorized to pay the following bills and to make the following budget modifications.

CONSOLIDATED ABSTRACT # 002

DATED 2/20/13

AUDITED VOUCHER #'s 56 – 170

PREPAY VOUCHER #'s 56 – 61

AUDITED T & A VOUCHER #'s 4 – 6

PREPAY T & A VOUCHER #'s 4 – 14

<u>FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$ <u>107,546.20</u>
HIGHWAY FUND	\$ <u>73,209.70</u>
LANSING LIGHTING	\$ <u>2,621.12</u>
LANSING WATER DISTRICTS	\$ <u>153,267.51</u>
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ <u>1,280,343.79</u>
WARREN RD SEWER-CAPITAL PROJ	\$ <u>0.00</u>
LANSING SEWER DISTRICTS	\$ <u>2,594.55</u>
DEBT SERVICE	\$ <u>0.00</u>

Councilperson Edward LaVigne seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilperson Katrina Binkewicz	Aye
Councilperson Robert Cree	Aye
Councilperson Ruth Hopkins	Aye
Councilperson Edward LaVigne	Aye
Supervisor Kathy Miller	Aye

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Edward LaVigne:

Senior Citizens LOAP Van:

Councilperson Edward LaVigne still has concerns about the LOAP van. Highway Superintendent Jack French stated that the seniors are currently requesting a step for the van. This type of van doesn't come equipped with one. The van has had some mechanical issues. The van is 11 years old with approximately 60,000.00 miles.

Discussion followed on coordinating and upgrading the van to possibly a larger van.

Recreation Director Steve Colt stated that they have run into problems this year in some of his programs because there are not enough drivers. Some of the programs are small and they could possibly use the LOAP van. Councilperson Edward LaVigne suggested purchasing a larger van that could be used for LOAP and other purposes. Highway Superintendent Jack French stated that would require a special license for the drivers. This possibility could be looked into and considered in the future.

Woodsedge Elevator:

The elevator installation is still moving forward.

Katrina Binkewicz:

Friends of the Lansing Library:

Councilperson Katrina Binkewicz reported that they are working on the arts show submission is due by March 15, 2013. It is a little earlier this year.

Library:

The library is experiencing a lot of use and is pinched for space especially for teens.

Ruth Hopkins:

Councilperson Ruth Hopkins is formally asking for volunteers to be considered for the Volunteer Award Program. Recreation Director Steve Colt stated he has had tried to get a volunteer acknowledged through the Tompkins Trust Company and can't because he works there. For over 20 years the volunteer has been the youth umpire trainer and signer.

Councilperson Ruth Hopkins stated that it would be a great opportunity to recognize a volunteer.

Broadband:

Tompkins County Representative Pat Pryor stated that the awarding of the grant has not yet been announced but all indications look favorable.

Robert Cree:

Internal Audit:

Councilperson Robert Cree stated that even though a formal audit was completed, he recommends that the Town Board conduct an Internal Audit. Department Heads will be notified and the audit be conducted over two afternoons in April.

Kathy Miller:

Monthly Report:

The Supervisor submitted her monthly report for the month of January 2013 to all Board Members and to the Town Clerk.

Farmer's Market:

Supervisor Kathy Miller stated that Councilperson Katrina Binkewicz will be the liaison for the Farmer's Market. The Town Board plans on having a Town Coffee Booth at this year's market. Board members will take turns at the booth to informally meet with the public and answer questions. Supervisor Kathy Miller is hoping to see more food vendors at the market.

Ag Committee Meeting:

A meeting of the Ag Committee will be held tomorrow morning, February 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Combined Meeting of Town and Village of Lansing:

There will be a combined informal meeting of the Town of Lansing Board and the Village of Lansing Board on April 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

TOWN COUNSEL REPORT:

Library Subdivision:

Counsel Guy Krogh informed the Town Board that the subdivision for the Library still needs to be completed.

Dangerous Dog:

Counsel Guy Krogh has been informed by Country Acres, that they have reached the limit of their authority in regards to a dangerous dog case where two previous dangerous dog proceedings have occurred and tickets have been issued to the owner.

The owner has dogs that are frequently at large. One of them has already been adjudicated as a dangerous dog. This dog was at large and attacked the same person for the third time.

There was a prior confinement order that was disobeyed the remedy could potentially be contempt of court. This is not in the discretion of the Animal Control Officer this would be something the Town Board would have to authorize.

After further discussion Counsel Guy Krogh will outline the details and the procedure and provide the information to a Lansing Town Justice who issues the order.

ADJOURN MEETING:

RESOLUTION 13-68

Supervisor Kathy Miller moved to **ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 20, 2013 TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 7:55 PM.** Councilperson Katrina Binkewicz seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilperson Katrina Binkewicz	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