

March 16, 2011

The Lansing Town Board met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. at the Lansing Town Hall Boardroom with Supervisor Pinney presiding.

The Supervisor called the meeting to order and had the clerk take the Roll Call.

**ROLL CALL**

A. Scott Pinney	Supervisor	Present
Marty Christopher	Councilperson	Present
Robert Cree	Councilperson	Present
Kathy Miller	Councilperson	Present
Connie Wilcox	Councilperson	Present
Bonny Boles	Town Clerk	Present
Guy Krogh	Town Attorney	Present

Visitors: Steve Colt, Dan Veaner, Darlene Marshall, Charlie Purcell, Pat Pryor, Oliver Blaise, Sean Scanlon, Claes Nyberg, Dave Heck, Brian Flannigan, Steve and Nancy Loncto, John O'Neill, Boris Simkin, Ted Laux and a couple of other residents.

The Supervisor led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**Pat Pryor – Tompkins County Rep.:**

**County Budget:**

Ms. Pryor informed the Board that the County has been notified some of the State committed funds for 2011 will not be received as the State Budget cuts will begin July 1, 2011. This will mean that the County will have approximately 1.3 million dollars worth of cuts they were not planning on.

**Extending Town Taxes for the Elderly:**

Ms. Pryor was approached by a Lansing resident a couple of months ago asking if the County would allow Towns to offer extra days for senior citizens to pay their taxes. Ms. Pryor looked into this and stated that the County cannot take any action on this but they would very much be in support of the Town doing this.

Mrs. Wilcox stated that there are qualifications that have to be met and that it is not for all senior citizens. She stated that you have to have a senior exemption in order to get this.

**Dave Heck:**

**Bolton Point Increase:**

He asked why the Board passed the Bolton Point increase.

Mr. Pinney stated that the Board was not in favor of the 17% increase but it was already late in the budget process and it would have cost the residents more money in the long run as they would have to go back to negotiations. Mr. Pinney stated that the budget process will be discussed much earlier this year, leaving time to reconsider if there happens to be another large increase.

Mrs. Wilcox stated that the public relations committee will be meeting to discuss the minimum water bill as many people have addressed this matter. The committee understands that a lot of people do not use the minimum amount of water and they will look into it.

**Claes Nyberg:**

**AES:**

Mr. Nyberg stated that he read an article in the Ithaca Journal in regards to AES Cayuga being put up for sale. He asked the Board why the CEO of the corporation stated that economically, it no longer made sense to run the plant. He asked why you would tell your potential customers something was worthless if you were going to try to sell it.

Mrs. Miller feels they may be trying to devalue the company so someone will be interested in buying it.

**Sunpath Water:**

Oliver Blaise, Attorney for Boris Simkin approached the Board. He stated that Mr. Simkin would like to run a water line along Sunpath Road and he asked the Board for their backing before going ahead with the project. He stated that Mr. Simkin is willing to pay for a full EDU for his undeveloped land. (normally undeveloped land is charged ¼ to ½ an EDU).

After a lengthy discussion it was the Board's feeling that Mr. Simkin needs to find out how many EDU's there are and then come up with a cost for an EDU.

After he does this, Mr. Pinney will send letters to the residents in this area and explain what the cost factor is per EDU.

At this point, Mr. Simkin would then pay to have a map, plan and report done.

**Water District Extension – Loncto:**

Steve Loncto and Sean Scanlon approached the Board in regard to getting water extensions to their homes on Hillcrest Road. They asked to be allowed to join the Town of Lansing consolidated water district. Both houses have wells and they are having problems with them. They are in the process of obtaining easements from their neighbors. The neighbor (John Stevens) they have contacted that would allow the easiest installation of pipe will not return their calls. Other options are being looked into.

Mr. Krogh will contact Mr. Stevens and keep the Loncto's updated.

**Prioritize Work Place Violence Recommendations:**

After some discussion, it was decided to allow the Threat Assessment Team to take care of the recommendations.

**Schedule Grievance Day for Tompkins Co. Assessment Dept and Appoint Two Representatives:**

Mrs. Miller will be the Town's representative and the grievance day will take place on May 16, 2011 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Lansing Town Hall Boardroom.

**Prioritize To Do List:**

The Board went over the "to-do" list and prioritized it.

**Planning and Engineering Department Report:**

Mr. Overstrom was absent but the following report was presented:

## Code Office Monthly Activity Report February, 2011

### Planning Board - February 14, 2011

- Cayuga Way & Lakeview Subdivision 18 Month Extension Granted
- Eastlake-Waldorf School Preliminary Review of Application to Amend PDA for Educational Purposes, Set Public Hearing(s) for Recommendations of SEQR and Site Plan Application
- Lansing Commons Major Subdivision- Set Public Hearing (s) for SEQR Review and Preliminary Plat Approval
- Approval of January 24, 2011 Minutes

### Planning Board - February 28, 2011

- Lansing Commons-Public Hearing(s) SEQR & Application- Approved W/Conditions
- Waldorf School/Eastlake Public Hearing(s) Recommendations to TB (SEQR& PDA Use Change along w/Conditions)

### ZBA - February 15, 2011

- Area Variance Approved - 154 Ludlowville Road, Tax # 26.-5-14.3
- Area Variance Approved - Ridge Road, Tax # 12.-1-17.2

### Training/Other None

### Fire Safety Inspections & Re-Inspections Total: 19

### Construction Inspections Total: Approximately: 52

### Operating Permits Issued Total: 0

### New Addresses Issued for 2011 Total: 1

### Notice of Fire Year to Date Total: 1

### Expired Permit Notices First Notices: 4 Second Notices: 4 Renewed Permits -1 Renewed Permits YTD - 4

### Highway Department Report:

Mr. Purcell went over the following with the Board:

### Part-Time Clerk:

Mr. Purcell stated that, at the last meeting Mr. French asked the Board to increase the part-time clerk's job from 20 to 30 hours. Mr. Pinney looked into what was budgeted. He stated

that the job was budgeted for 23 hours per week. It was decided to increase her hours from 20 to 25 hours per week which will be over budget by approximately \$ 1,000.00. Mrs. Crozier will begin her new hours on Monday, March 21, 2011.

### **Warren Road Sewer:**

Mr. Purcell stated that Chicago Construction will start back to work on the Warren Road Sewer Project Monday, March 21, 2011.

### **Park and Recreation Department Report:**

Mr. Colt went over the following with all present:

## **Parks & Recreation Department**

**3/16/11**

### **Town Board Meeting**

#### **RECREATION**

- **LBP and LSP baseball and softball registration forms** are coming in steadily now. We anticipate many yet to come and the registration end date is next Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>. The following week I will start actually calling the missing players. It is very important for us to know the accurate registration totals
- **The final registration numbers are important** because those totals determine team totals, equipment preparation, shirt and hat orders, scheduling and coaching needs.
- **Dick's Sporting Goods has donated 25 kits** that include baseballs, scorebooks and equipment bags. This has been a great situation for us and over the past 4 years we have received thousands of dollars of donated equipment from Dick's corporate.
- **I am starting now to reorganize our team equipment** here in the basement and actually will start to pack it for distribution over the next 2-3 weeks.
- **We are starting to work on the Summer Program Booklet.** This year will be very different for us as the high school will NOT be available.
- **Our Outdoor Nature/Exploration Camp** will be different than the camp that we offered last year. This year we are working with Jennifer Miller that is finishing her Masters in Outdoor Education. We are working directly with the TC Health Department and will base the program on our own trails and park property. Several off site day trips are also being planned.

#### **PARKS**

- **The Myers Park admission pass** total is now up to 430 and will increase again as we start to get some consistent spring weather. We will also issue the passes at the park when we open.
- **The seasonal park staff is planning to start cleaning up** the grounds early next month. There will be a lot to do to prepare for a mid-May opening.
- **We have a commitment from a family to plant 2 memorial trees** in Ludlowville Park and I am working with the family members to plan the actual planting date so that they are able to attend.
- **The Myers Park Concert Series lineup is set** and I have included the dates and groups for you to see. (See attached copy).

- **Our credit card sales** for the month of February are over \$29K and that's not counting cash and checks.

Mr. Colt also went over the following report from the LRP Committee:

LRPC (Lansing Recreational Pathways Committee) report to Town Board for 3-16-2011

- The Lansing Town Trail has continued to be a popular place for our residents throughout the late winter season.
- This past week the melting snow and rains have created a muddy soft surface at the trail entrance. There is concern about vehicles getting stuck there and we are attempting to prevent this by having a temporary barrier installed. LRPC does not intend to close the trail but to give the users a precautionary warning about the "spring conditions".
- A new sign will include information about the spring conditions, the plan to improve the trail surface and trouble spots. This work will take place throughout the spring and summer. This work will be completed with the assistance of the Lansing Highway Department, donations and volunteers.

Submitted by:  
Maureen Cowen  
Chair  
Lansing Recreational Pathways Committee



# MUSIC IN THE PARK

**Lansing Parks & Recreation Department invites you to bring your dinner, coolers, and lawn chairs and enjoy pleasant Thursday evenings on the lake at Myers Park listening to some great bands.**

The 2011 schedule will include:

**July 7 – 6:30 – Finding Tomorrow** Fronted by Luke Kutler, the band is known for beautiful covers of hit songs from bands such as *The Fray* and *Switchfoot*. Luke is a multi-talented musician who is able to play guitar, bass, drums, and piano. Luke is joined by singer/songwriter Nina Lindberg on bass, Tom Arleo on drums, and Yiusong Liu on synthesizers/keyboards - ALL Lansing students who are outstanding!

**July 14 – 6:30 – Bad Alibi** The best in Classic Rock with all of the favorites you'll remember – with no excuses. This is the first appearance for Bad Alibi in the Myers Concert Series and features Lansing's own Scott Hollister on drums, Rob Romano on keyboards and Mark Miller on guitar!!

**July 21 – 6:30 – 5 Mile Drive** Covering some familiar classics and deeper cuts from the 60's and 70's as well as some of the best in recent music, the band also drives home its own engaging and innovative songs. Band members Kate Roeland, Jay Skezas, Kevin Moss, Mark Finnigan and Greg Emerson are excellent!

**July 28– 6:30 – Tailor Made** *Central New York's premier contemporary Country act with a smattering of great Classic Rock! Playing the local scene since 1994 and have opened for: Sammy Kershaw, George Jones and even Molly Hatchet. Tailor Made also has 3 CD's out with all original material.*

**August 4 – 6:30 – Iron Horse** Back to back years of the largest crowds to attend the concert series. If you like "Southern Rock" you can't miss this concert, featuring Lansing's own Dave Halton and Mark Armstrong. You better get to the Park early!!

**August 11 – 6:30 –The Prophets** The Prophets play a mixture of Chicago Blues (Howlin Wolf, Muddy Waters), blues based rock (Eric Clapton) with a good dose of Memphis (BB King and Elvis), New Orleans, Detroit, and Austin TX (Stevie Ray Vaughn). The 5 piece band is versatile offering strong vocals with creative blues/jazz arrangements and improvisations. If you want to get down to hard driven grooves that rock the house... come and listen.

**August 18 – 6:30 – The DixieKats** The DixieKats are a concert, show and dance band that play a variety of traditional Dixieland and Bayou Gumbo. The band plays music made famous by Louis Armstrong, Pete Fountain, King Oliver and more recently, Dr. John, Randy Newman and the Neville Brothers. The band has played the Lilac Festival in Rochester, the NY State Fair and the Hershey Sports Arena.

**Admission is free but donations will be appreciated!**

**Approve Minutes:**

**RESOLUTION 11 – 62**

A copy of the minutes of February 16, 2011 having been furnished to the Board Members beforehand, the Supervisor asked for a motion to make corrections or to accept the same as submitted.

**RESOLUTION** offered by Mrs. Wilcox and seconded by Mrs. Miller:

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of February 16, 2011 are hereby approved as submitted.

Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Marty Christopher, Councilperson  
Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Robert Cree, Councilperson  
Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Kathy Miller, Councilperson  
Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Connie Wilcox, Councilperson  
Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) A. Scott Pinney, Supervisor

**Approve Audit:**

**RESOLUTION 11 – 63**

**RESOLUTION** offered by Mrs. Wilcox and seconded by Mrs. Miller:

**RESOLVED**, that the Bookkeeper is hereby authorized to pay the following bills and to make the following budget modifications:

**CONSOLIDATED ABSTRACT # 003**

DATED	<u>3/16/11</u>
AUDITED VOUCHER #'s	<u>145 – 248</u>
PREPAY VOUCHER #'s	<u>145 - 156</u>
AUDITED TA VOUCHER #'s	<u>13 – 23</u>
PREPAY TA VOUCHER #'s	<u>13 – 17</u>

<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>
GENERAL FUND	\$ <u>241,771.42</u>
HIGHWAY FUND	\$ <u>57,138.07</u>
LANSING LIGHTING	\$ <u>1,318.03</u>
LANSING WATER DISTRICTS	\$ <u>1,009.03</u>
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ <u>5,906.24</u>
WARREN RD SEWER	\$ <u>1,336.23</u>
ALGERINE & LANSING STA RD WATER	\$ <u>0.00</u>
DEBIT SERVICE	\$ <u>0.00</u>

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS  
GENERAL FUND B  
3/16/2011 Meeting**

<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>	<b><u>FOR</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
B8020.200	B8020.402	From Planning Brd Equipment to PB Legal	2,500.00

Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Marty Christopher, Councilperson  
 Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Robert Cree, Councilperson  
 Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Kathy Miller, Councilperson  
 Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Connie Wilcox, Councilperson  
 Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) A. Scott Pinney, Supervisor

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Marty Christopher:**

Nothing to report.

**Robert Cree:**

**Audit Process:**

Mr. Cree met with Mrs. Bowman to start the audit process. Department Heads should have their entire documentations ready by the end of the month. Dates will be set up soon to meet with Department Heads.

**Kathy Miller:**

**Cornell Student Design Team:**

The design team at Cornell will be working on the Salt Point Project. They will design something that has a broader appeal than the last design did. It will also have an educational component to it. They have asked the students to make it “doable”, not something that would cost thousands of dollars to complete.

**Cayuga Lake Watershed Magazine:**

The magazine has an article about the trails across the road. She also stated that many people are using the trails, especially cross country skiers.

**Connie Wilcox:**

**Time Warner Cable:**

She is looking into internet for Myers Park. She will keep the Board updated on the progress.

**School Tax Collection:**

Mrs. Wilcox stated that last year there was an issue regarding the school tax collection taking place in the small courtroom as there are pre-trials on Tuesday and Wednesdays. She has spoke to the School District and they agreed that School taxes will not be collected on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings so the courtroom will be available for the Judges.

**Emergency Plan:**

Mrs. Wilcox attended a session on emergency plans and stated that the Town needs to have one in place.

**Farmers Market:**

The first meeting for the Farmer’s Market will be held on April 4, 2011. She asked if anyone knew of anyone with any talent as they would like to have entertainment at the Farmer’s Market this summer.

**A. Scott Pinney:**

**Budgets:**

Mr. Pinney informed the Board that the Planning Board’s Budget is already over by \$1,100.00. The main reason is because of the Waldorf School proposal. Mr. Pinney stated that it is the responsibility of the Chairperson or Department Head to watch their budgets. A Budget Modification has been done to cover the \$1,100.00 plus another \$1,400.00 to cover forthcoming expenses.

**Monthly Report:**

The Supervisor submitted his monthly report for the month of February to all Board Members and to the Town Clerk.

**Town Counsel Report:**

**Ron Seacord’s Project (Lansing Commons):**

Mr. Krogh stated that since Mr. Seacord no longer has a PDA, even though it was approved, the approvals need to be rescinded. The following resolution was then adopted:

**RESOLUTION 11-64**

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING PRIOR LANSING COMMONS PDA APPROVALS**

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lansing, held in and for the Town of Lansing at the Lansing Town Hall on the 16th day of March, 2011, the following members were present and voting throughout:

- A. Scott Pinney, Supervisor;
- Martin Christopher, Councilperson;
- Robert Cree, Councilperson
- Kathy Miller, Councilperson; and
- Connie Wilcox, Councilperson.

The following Town Board members were absent: none.

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

WHEREAS, upon May 20, 2009, and in accordance with resolution 09-109, the Town Board issued a preliminary approval for the Lansing Commons PDA, and after following the required procedures for PDAs under the Town’s Land Use Ordinance, a Final Approval was duly issued upon October 21, 2009 (resolution 09-170), as subject to recommended conditions as proposed by the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, such conditions could not be fulfilled such that the PDA application was withdrawn and the Developer has now proceeded with a traditional subdivision for the lands in question, and, in order to avoid confusion, and upon due deliberation thereupon, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, that the said prior preliminary approval and final approval of the Lansing Commons PDA, and any further or other PDA approvals following such resolutions of approval, be and hereby are rescinded and of no force or effect.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Mr. Pinney, duly seconded by Mrs. Wilcox and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted.

- Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Marty Christopher, Councilperson
- Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Robert Cree, Councilperson
- Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Kathy Miller, Councilperson
- Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Connie Wilcox, Councilperson

Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) A. Scott Pinney, Supervisor

**Executive Session:**

**RESOLUTION 11 – 65**

**RESOLUTION** offered by Mr. Pinney and seconded by Mrs. Wilcox:

**RESOLVED**, that the Regular Meeting is adjourned to go into Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. to discuss the performance of a particular employee.

Mr. Christopher excused himself at 8:53 p.m.

Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Robert Cree, Councilperson  
Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Kathy Miller, Councilperson  
Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Connie Wilcox, Councilperson  
Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) A. Scott Pinney, Supervisor

**Terminate Executive Session:**

**RESOLUTION 11 - 66**

**RESOLUTION** offered by Mr. Cree and seconded by Mr. Pinney:

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Session is hereby terminated and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Robert Cree, Councilperson  
Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Kathy Miller, Councilperson  
Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Connie Wilcox, Councilperson  
Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) A. Scott Pinney, Supervisor

**Adjourn Meeting:**

**RESOLUTION 11 – 67**

**RESOLUTION** offered by Mr. Pinney and seconded by Mrs. Wilcox:

**RESOLVED**, that the meeting is hereby adjourned at the call of the Supervisor at 10:16 p.m.

Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Robert Cree, Councilperson  
Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Kathy Miller, Councilperson  
Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) Connie Wilcox, Councilperson  
Vote of Town Board . . . (Aye) A. Scott Pinney, Supervisor

Minutes taken and executed by the Town Clerk.