### REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING July 21, 2021

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 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Andra Benson, Deputy Supervisor, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call by Deborah K. Munson, Town Clerk, showed the following to be

#### PRESENT:

Andra Benson, Councilperson

Bronwyn Losey, Councilperson

Doug Dake, Councilperson

Joseph Wetmore, Councilperson

**ABSENT:** Edward LaVigne, Supervisor

**ALSO PRESENT:** Patrick Tyrrell, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Michael Moseley, Deputy Highway Superintendent, C.J. Randall, Director of Planning, Guy Krogh, Town Counsel, Mike Sigler, Tompkins County Legislator, Patrick Jordan and Travis Buckley, Insero & Co., Mitch Quine & James Wayne, CS Energy, Cindie & Mike Day, Sarah Yunger, Susan Stickel, Tom & Robin Burke, Chris Pluta, Ruth Hopkins, Larry Fabbroni and Rocco Lucente, Village Solars, Phil Munson and a few other attendees.

Town Clerk Debbie Munson stated, Deputy Supervisor Andra Benson will preside over this meeting since Supervisor Edward LaVigne is absent.

### MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2021 – OVERRIDE TAX LEVY LIMIT

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore, moved to **OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2021 – OVERRIDE TAX LEVY LIMIT** at 6:33pm.

Councilperson Doug Dake, seconded the motion.

All in Favor -4 Opposed -0

No one addressed the Town Board.

### MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Councilperson Doug Dake, moved to CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2021 – OVERRIDE TAX LEVY LIMIT at 6:35pm.

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore, seconded the motion. All in Favor -4 Opposed -0

### 2020 DRAFT AUDIT PRESENTATION – INSERO & CO. CPAS – PATRICK JORDAN AND TRAVIS BUCKLEY

Mr. Jordan and Mr. Buckley stated the following:

- Completed the annual 2020 Draft Audit
- Reviewed Executive Summary
  - o Summarizes all documents
  - o Basic financial statements
    - Very positive
    - Unmodified Opinion everything is good
    - Reviewed internal controls no issues
- Thanks to Bookkeeper Charmagne Rumgay for getting documents uploaded to them and being very prepared; all staff were very professional
- Justice Courts Audit no issues
- All reports very positive
- Five-year period reports all positive
  - o Consistent with prior years
  - o Funds healthy
- Water Fund invested about \$600,000 capital otherwise pretty consistent

• Fund balances – Government-Wide Net Positions \$12,215,591

Councilperson Joe Wetmore asked about line 1170, Income - Spectrum Franchise Fees

• Expense was taken out of income line

Patrick Jordan stated this shows as net basis, instead of gross income and then another line for the expense. He noted this is fine, but will look further in to this.

### YELLOW BARN SOLAR PRESENTATION – CS ENERGY – JAMES WAYNE AND MITCH QUINE

Mr. Wayne and Mr. Quine updated the Town with their power point presentation and stated the following:

- About 1000 acres 75% in Groton, 25% in Lansing
- Connection in Lansing
- Clean energy to power 32,000 homes
- Goal to start construction in 2024

Public asked questions and Mr. Wayne and Mr. Quine responded with the following answers:

- Connection will be just off VanOstrand Road
- Lansing area is mostly concentrated
- Groton area is more spotty
- Groton not against solar, but has concerns (same as many towns)
  - New York State is heavily involved in process
  - o Property taxes
  - o Need to educate Groton
  - o Groton has not given CS Energy letter of support yet
- Tax agreement (PILOT)
- Host community agreement with Town
- Same project as presented October 2020
- Buffering
  - o Setbacks in Lansing Local Law are 60 feet they will go by this
  - o Setbacks in Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) are 50 feet
  - o Rows of evergreens at different levels
  - o Solar system on page 10 of their presentation shows large buffer
    - Some areas of local project will look like this
    - Some areas will need additional shielding
  - Trees can be planted
  - Will talk with individual landowners about their concerns and do extra landscaping
  - Engage with Town prior to ORES process
  - Commitments with host community agreement Town has leverage, can state specific buffering
  - Not planning tree clearing on VanOstrand and Buck Roads
- Working with C.J. Randall
- Hire as much local labor as possible will advertise
- No batteries on this project, but they are recyclable
- 25-30 years expect panels will be recyclable (based on what is happening in Europe)
- Property values generally stay about the same, based on other states studies
- \$200 million investment, for this project
- Maintenance
  - Vegetation grass below panels
    - Mow or sheep grazing
  - o Electrical
    - Monitor and replace small equipment
    - Local emergency responders
    - Train local fire department
- Building permit
  - Okay with Town doing the building and electrical permits

- Need to discuss fee
- ORES process notice goes out to residents within certain radius of project

### MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CS ENERGY'S YELLOW BARN SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY

### **MOTION M21**

Councilperson	, moved TO AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO
EXECUTE LETT	ER OF SUPPORT FOR CS ENERGY'S YELLOW BARN
SOLAR ENERGY	Y FACILITY NYSERDA 2021 RES SOLICITATION
APPLICATION	
Councilperson	seconded the motion

Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_\_, seconded the motion All in Favor - Opposed –

Above motion was tabled until the August Town Board meeting.

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – GUIDELINES

Available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

The public shall be allowed to speak only during the Public Comment / Privilege of the Floor period of the meeting, or during public hearings, or when they have reserved and been granted time upon the Agenda.

Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer (or his or her designee) and step to the front of the room.

Speakers must give their name and state whether they are speaking as a resident, a member of the public, or for any other person or organization.

Speakers must limit their remarks to 3 minutes, and comments unrelated to the subject matter of the public hearing are not allowed.

Speakers may not yield any remaining time they may have to another speaker.

With the permission of the presiding officer a Board or committee member may interrupt a speaker for the purpose of clarification or information (and not for any other reason or to debate or disagree). Such time shall not be counted against the speaker's 3-minute limit.

All remarks shall be addressed to the Board or committee as a body and not to any member thereof, nor to any member of the public whether present at such public hearing or not.

Speakers shall observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste.

Interested parties or their representatives may address the Board by written communications. Written documents and evidence may be submitted as part of the record of the public hearing.

Persons who exceed 3 minutes, violate rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity or good taste, or deliberately or by their behavior interfere with other person's right to comment or participate in the public hearing, or who deliberately or by their behavior interfere with governmental administration will be cut off, removed, or have non-recognized comments removed from the record, or any combination of the above. Before a comments or statements will be excised from the record, the speaker will be verbally warned that they are in violation of the rules for this public hearing.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – COMMENTS

#### Solar

Six residents stated concerns:

- Decrease in property value
- Environmental issues
- ❖ Maintenance of interior and exterior of project
- ❖ Negative appearance for those who live or travel through Town
- Visual impact on the residence
- Landscaping around exterior perimeter
- ❖ Distance project will be placed away from residence
- What happens when project obsolete
- Environmental effect of discarding project
- ❖ Long term effect on Town
- ❖ Do residents or Town benefit from project
- ORES publication is lacking
- Efficiency
- Effects on wildlife
- Clear cutting trees
- Health related concerns
- Sourcing of materials
- ❖ Do not want farmland taken for solar
- ❖ More than 1000 acres
- ❖ Town involve public more information meetings
- ❖ Town lower taxes of property within project
- ❖ Panels from China hazardous, toxic waste
- **❖** PILOT is unfair
- ❖ Decommissioning bond is travesty

#### **Village Solars**

One resident handed information to the Town Board, reviewed it and asked them to enforce the amenities of the PDA.

The information was given to Town Clerk, Debbie Munson and is available for anyone to review in the Town Clerk's Office.

### <u>LANSING COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT – CHRISTINE EISENHUT</u>

The following report was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

## TOWN BOARD UPDATES FROM THE LANSING COMMUNITY LIBRARY July 21, 2021

- 1. The Library is now open with express browsing without an appointment and curbside pick-up Monday/Wednesday 10-6, Tuesday/Thursday 10-5, Friday and Saturday 10-2. Computer appointments are now available.
- 2. The Summer Reading program, Tails and Tales has begun! Please see the website for details and events.
- 3. Congratulations to Cora G., winner of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Logo Contest. Her artwork will appear throughout the year on the website, newsletters, and the Summer Reading promotional materials.
- 4. The Library would like to thank Pat Tyrrell and his staff for their help in setting up a tent behind the Town Hall, so that the LCL can safely hold youth programs this summer.
- 5. The Cornell Raptor Program will be coming to the Library on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

- 6. The new Tween (kids ages 9-12) Book Club will feature a variety of titles. Each month participants will receive a kit that includes a copy of the book and fun materials and projects related to the selection.
- 7. The Library is providing free delivery to Woodsedge.
- 8. The Library now has an Empire Pass and passes to the Museum of the Earth and the Cayuga Nature Center available for check-out.
- 9. Plans are underway for book sale in August.
- 10. Appointments are now available for the Cayuga Medical Center telehealth pilot program. Please contact the Library for more information.
- 11. The LCL's wifi is not password protected. The community is welcome to park in the lot to access the internet.

### LANSING YOUTH SERVICES REPORT – MEGHAN LYONS

The following report was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

Lansing Youth Commission; Est. 1987 Supports Lansing Youth Services Youth Employment Programs July 2021

LYS's next meeting will be on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm LYS does not meet in July

1. Current LYS/RYS Program Offerings:

**Outdoor Adventure**: This group has loved making fires, natural paint projects, and anything to do with exploring Salmon Creek. Lots of birding was done and even though seeing the Osprey feed its young almost every day, it was always just as exciting as the first time, especially when also getting to watch a young Red Fox at the same time. 10 youth served.

**Game On:** Tabletop board games as well as puzzles and balancing games were all heavily utilized. The group also played, and made up games on the playground, played a lot of catch and had tons of fun with a kickball. 11 youth served.

**Leisure on the Lake:** The Lake and its awesome resources were the focus of this group. Fishing, lakeside games, arts and crafts were all a part of the fun. 9 youth served.

**Fishin' Fridays:** Filled with fishing, this group had just as much fun casting as they did speculating where the best spot may be. Learning basic gear care and knots took place daily, and they (mostly) baited their own hooks! 7 youth served.

**LYS Annual Fishing Derby!** After a year hiatus, this event returned with a warm welcome. We had 25 people from the community attend for a beautiful morning of fishing, snacks, prizes and awards. Some of the attendees used the gear from the PITCH grant and were able to go fishing for their first time!

**Summer programs** have begun, and participants are excited! Lake Life had a blast at Myers during this combined group with youth from the Joint Youth Commission's area. Activities included hiking, arts and crafts, a trip on the Floating Classroom, lots of tag and capture the flag, and of course, fishing. 10 youth served.

**The rest of the summer** has the following programs: Cardboard Boat Building, Get Lost, Funky Furniture, DIY Summer Edition, Eco Explorers, and an overnight backpacking program. All summer programs have between 8 and 11 participants and

friends regularly invite their friends to attend, which always makes for an exciting time!

- 2. LYS did not approve their 2022 budget yet. Clarifications were needed and have been provided. The group will either vote via email or hold a special meeting to inform the TCYSD of their budget request so it can be submitted to the Town at the beginning of August.
- 3. Meghan Lyons (Youth Services Liaison) is coordinating a training for youth commissions in October on Cultural Humility and creating DEI statements. This will be a virtual event for chairs and co-chairs of youth commissions.

#### LYS Goals:

- 1. Create orientation packet for new members outlines of fiscal revenue and funded programs. Set expectations to visit programs/uniform template to monitor programs.
- 2. Online placement for agendas, minutes, and reports
- 3. Regular tracking of goals
- 4. Conduct community needs assessment (focus on impacts of the pandemic)
- 5. Use DEI statement to track metrics and funded programs
- 6. Incorporate more youth input at meetings for feedback into program decisions.

### TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT - MIKE SIGLER

The following report was reviewed by Mike.

Tompkins County Legislator Michael Sigler July 21, 2021

Hello and thank you for having me again.

I'm happy to say the Legislature met for the first time in person in July. We've put in place a hybrid (online and in-person) approach. The public is now able to join the Legislature in-person for full Legislature or committee meetings. As virtual options for public comment are made available, Tompkins County will communicate that information with the public. For more information on public comment, visit: <a href="https://www2.tompkinscountyny.gov/legislature/publiccomment">https://www2.tompkinscountyny.gov/legislature/publiccomment</a>

Heather McDaniel, President of Ithaca Area Economic Development joined the meeting to present the recently developed Economic Recovery Strategy. McDaniel highlighted economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The strategy is organized in three phases of recovery: response, stabilization, and redevelopment and revitalization.

The response section of the strategy occurred during the beginning of the pandemic and focused on immediate relief, the stabilization phase highlights actions over the past year to save jobs and provide resources to at-risk businesses and increase consumer confidence, and the redevelopment and revitalization phase was referred to as what comes next – actions focused on targeted business sectors, workforce development, and infrastructure.

\$573,000 was appropriated from the County's 2021 contingent fund to support tourism promotion. The resolution references the specifically dire impact faced by the tourism industry and that this amount helps to make up for lost revenues for organizations supporting that industry.

Interim County Administrator Lisa Holmes shared that progress continues on the Reimagining Public Safety Plan. The positions to staff the Community Justice Center are posted.

COVID-19. 68.3 percent of Tompkins Population has received at least first dose of vaccine.

Public Health Director Frank Kruppa and Deputy County Administrator Amie Hendrix report that active cases are down to single digits, yesterday it was four, and vaccination rollout continues via pop-up clinics in rural areas and with community partners. We are now seeing travel related cases that then become household cases.

Following the Legislature's agreement in the <u>July 19<sup>th</sup> Expanded Budget Committee</u> (to use 100% of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to replace lost revenues and 75% of those funds for cash for the Capital Program. I want to assure residents we are not just going to squirrel away this money. It was felt that by doing it this way, we then simplify the reporting to the federal government, and we will be able to roll that money out more quickly to the community. We've already given our vision statements and now we'll meet August 10<sup>th</sup> to talk about the spending of that money. Our goal is to deploy these funds with fewer restrictions and reporting requirements than ARP funds.

County Finance Director Rick Snyder gave his annual financial report for the County last night. The current unassigned fund balance is \$48 million, which has increased \$29.9 million over the last eight years as surpluses have occurred. The current County policy is that at least 10% of general fund operating revenue should be held in the unassigned fund balance. The 2021 budgeted operating revenue is \$171.6 Million. It does look like from Snyder's recommendation we will be rolling out some of that money as he's calling for an 18 to 23% fund balance where we are at 24% now.

The Legislature unanimously (12-0) adopted the 2021-2022 Tompkins Cortland Community College operating budget. The commitment from Tompkins County is just over \$3 million and represents a 1.6% decrease over last year as enrollment of Tompkins County residents has declined slightly.

County Attorney Jonathan Wood updated the Legislature that the County is set to receive a portion of the settlement being reached with states, municipalities, and opioid distributors. Further details about the settlement are expected to be announced later this week and amounts to be received by municipalities for addiction and prevention services will be clarified over the coming months.

Thank you again for having me.

### PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT – PATRICK TYRRELL

The following report was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

Parks & Recreation 7/21/21
Town Board Meeting

#### **RECREATION**

- We hosted a 12U baseball tournament on July 10 and 11. We will be hosting a 10U baseball tournament this coming weekend.
- Youth camps have had record breaking numbers thus far, we are adding spots to whatever we can to accommodate.
- All our camps have been struggling with the weather, we have had to find alternate locations almost every day. A huge thank you to Lansing Central School and The Rink/The Field for helping us with this issue.
- Our summer baseball and softball teams have had many rain outs, we are constantly rescheduling.
- New windscreen has been delivered for the outfield fence on Christopher Field. We hope to have it installed this week. This was paid for by donations.
- We have begun converting the ballfields over to soccer and football. We have joined a new football league (Southern Tier Youth Football Conference) this year. We have purchased new uniforms for both levels of football.
- Soccer camp already has 217 kids enrolled and we expect to be close to 300 which would be our largest camp ever.
- All our adult programming has resumed.

#### **PARKS**

- We had to make a tough call and close our beachfront swimming at Myers Park this year due to the lack of lifeguards. Most of the State is in a similar situation, COVID didn't allow for lifeguard training last year.
- Music in the Park has started. We had to re-schedule week 1, Tailor-Made to September 2<sup>nd</sup>, but last week went well with City Limits. This Thursday is Destination, we expect a big crowd.
- We have had to contend with several storms lately, we have had some tree damage and flooding at Myers Park. Salt Point trail was washed out, we will be repairing that this week.
- Ludlowville has been busier than normal, we have seen a huge increase in patrons there, sometimes causing parking issues. Part of our new master plan is to slightly increase parking there.
- I have submitted some of our master plan concepts to Mike Sigler to see if the County can provide us with some money to bring these concepts to reality.
- The Parks & Trail Masterplan is almost complete, we hope to have it in front of the Town Board very soon. We are very pleased with the job MJ Engineering has done for us.

#### Pat also reported:

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) at Myers Park and Salt Point – no swimming

### **HIGHWAY REPORT – MIKE MOSELEY**

The following report was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

### HIGHWAY REPORT July 21, 2021

### CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT EXTENSION #5 (CWDX5-PERUVILLE)

**RD**) – The crews were delayed on the installation of the water line for this district due to the heavy rains.

**ROADSIDE MOWING** – We are mowing the roadsides to try and keep up with the weeds and grass.

 $\underline{\textbf{CULVERT REPLACEMENT}} - \text{We are in full swing on our replacement of road cross pipes and driveway culverts.}$ 

<u>HEAVY RAIN CLEAN UP</u> – Once again certain parts of the Town received heavy rains and wind that required clean up.

- Myers Road shoulders were cut to allow for proper water run off
- Road cross pipes were unplugged
- > Fiddlers Green shoulders were cut to allow for proper water run off

**ROAD IMPROVEMENTS** – At this point Springbrook Circle, Village Circle, Village Place, and Seacord Lane have been resurfaced with hot mix.

### Mike also reported:

- CWDX5 connected today near Mirabito
- Ludlowville Road working with Engineer for cost and feasibility

### <u>DIRECTOR OF PLANNING REPORT – C.J. RANDALL</u>

The following report was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

### **CORE PLANNING FUNCTIONS**

- Completed hiring of Code Enforcement Officer Scott Russell (start date 6/7) and Planner John Zepko (start date 6/28), respectively
- Review and classification of development applications
- Data and GIS Services

- Continued virtual meeting protocol during coronavirus outbreak for board and committee meetings
- Conservation Advisory Council staff support
  - Attended meeting on 6/3
- Planning Board staff support
  - Coordinated and attended Project Review Committee meeting on 6/3
  - Coordinated and attended 6/14 working meeting
    - Village Solars Request for Waiver to reconfigure on-site trails in Planned Development Area No. 1
  - Lansing Propane / Petroleum Storage and Distribution Facility
     (Phase 2) 15 Town Barn Rd
    - Project updates 6/28
  - Waza Turf Field 320 Peruville Rd
    - Public Hearing 6/28
  - Lake Forest Circle Major Subdivision Lake Forest Drive
    - Project updates 6/28
  - o Placement of 10' x 12' accessory building 281 Bill George Rd
    - Sketch Plan 6/28
    - Coordination with NYSDEC Division of Environmental Permits on 6/2
  - Meadow Brook Apartments and SDM Landscaping Site Improvements – Site Plan – 393-415 Peruville Rd
    - Preliminary and Final approval 6/28
  - o Cayuga Vista Apartments Cayuga Vista Dr
    - Project updates 6/28
- Zoning Board of Appeals staff support
  - No 6/8 meeting
- Interdepartmental Infrastructure Coordination
  - Attended Broadband Committee meeting on 6/1; coordinated presentation by Cohen Law Group
  - Attended Town Highway Building Renovation Project site plan meeting on 6/14
  - Coordinated and attended Water & Sewer Advisory Committee meeting on 6/2
    - Reviewed IAED water and sewer study updates with Town Engineer
  - Attended Parks, Recreation & Trails Master Plan Coordination meetings on 6/17
  - Attended Parks, Recreation & Trails Master Plan Virtual Public Workshop #2 on 6/22; assisted with publicity
  - Coordinated Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) WQIP meeting for Salmon Creek Streambank Stabilization Project and acquisition of vacuum truck on 6/16
- Attended Association of Towns' Legislation briefing on new Cannabis law (MRTA) on 6/1
- Attended Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council (ITCTC)
   Joint Policy & Planning Committee meeting on 6/15
- Attended review of draft NYSDEC TMDL with Tompkins County Water Resources Council staff on 6/16
- Coordinated with NYS OGS regarding Lansing Residential Center on 6/17
- Attended Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail Launch Event hosted by Tompkins County Planning & Sustainability on 6/22

- Coordinated and attended Electric Vehicle Working Group meeting with Cornell Cooperative Extension on 6/23
- Reviewed NYSEG Lansing Non-Pipe Alternatives Public Service Commission Order and initiated coordination with utility on 6/30

### LAND USE POLICY WORK PROGRAM

- Land Use Ordinance Update
  - Land Use Ordinance Audit narrative report forthcoming
- Environmental Protection Overlay Districts
  - Discussed Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway with Planning Board on 6/14
  - Scope of work and schedule of adoption forthcoming based on 2021 CAC Work Plan

### C.J. also reported:

- Lansing Residential Center
  - o Possible Town acquisition
  - Waiting for onsite wastewater treatment records from health department
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
  - Looking at providers
  - Possible sites
    - 1235 Ridge Road fire station
    - 1189 Auburn Road fire station
    - Myers Park
    - Town Hall by bus stop
  - Working with NYSEG
- Spectrum Franchise Agreement Audit Cohen Law Group
  - o Estimated to take three (3) to six (6) months
- Increase public engagement, as much as possible, on multiple issues
- Three (3) grants due next Friday notification mid-December
  - o Highway Salmon Creek stabilization
  - o Myers Park
  - o Highway vacuum truck
- Salmon Creek Bridge will not be completed until June 2022
- Planning Board preliminary list
  - $\circ \quad Short \ term \ rentals August$
  - Rural Agriculture (RA) changes and Byway revision September / October / November
    - Floating business zones
    - Agriculture committee review
- Cannabis decision needed by December 15th

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT – DAVE HERRICK**

No Report.

### AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT – CONNIE WILCOX

No Report.

### CONSENT AGENDA

a. <u>RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2021 TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C</u>

**RESOLUTION 21-105** 

### RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2021 TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Law #2 of 2021 proposes to authorize the Town Board to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Lansing, County of Tompkins, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, so as to allow, if necessary or desired, a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-C; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held upon July 21, 2021, at the Lansing Town Hall, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, New York, whereas the public was invited to comment upon the proposed Local Law, and whereat all persons interested in the subject were duly heard and all evidence submitted, if any, was duly received; and

WHEREAS, upon due deliberation thereupon, and in consideration of all discussions and matters arising from or in relation to the aforesaid public hearing, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby resolved, and thus be it so enacted, as follows:

RESOLVED, that Local Law Number 2 of 2021 be and hereby is approved and adopted in the form as presented to this meeting, and in such form "be it so enacted"; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in accord with §21 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the final adopted version of this Local Law shall be presented to the Supervisor for approval; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon such approval by the Supervisor (or other approval occurring pursuant to said §21 of the Municipal Home Rule Law), and within 20 days after the final adoption of this Local Law, the Town Clerk shall file a certified copy of this Local Law, together with the required certifications, if any, as follows: (i) in the Office of the Town Clerk; and (ii) with the New York State Secretary of State as required by Municipal Home Rule Law §27 (said filing may be made by delivery to the NYS Department of State, Division of Corporations, State Records and Uniform Commercial Code, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12231).

### TOWN OF LANSING, TOMPKINS COUNTY, NEW YORK LOCAL LAW NUMBER 2 OF 2021

### TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C

Be it enacted by the Town of Lansing as follows:

**SECTION 1: LEGISLATIVE INTENT:** This Local Law shall be known as "Local Law, Number 2 of 2021". It is the intent of Local Law Number 2 of 2021 to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Lansing, County of Tompkins pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-C, and to allow the Town of Lansing, County of Tompkins to adopt a Town budget for (a) Town purposes, and (b) any other special or improvement district, and Town improvements provided pursuant to Town Law Article 12-C, governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "Tax Levy Limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-C.

**SECTION 2: AUTHORITY**: This Local Law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-C, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the

Tax Levy Limit by the adoption of a Local Law approved by vote of at least sixty (60%) of the Town Board.

**SECTION 3: TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE**: The Town Board of the Town of Lansing, County of Tompkins is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-C.

**SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY:** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of the Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE**: This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

### b. RESOLUTION HIRING THIRD PART-TIME CONSTABLE FOR THE LANSING TOWN COURT

**RESOLUTION 21-106** 

### RESOLUTION HIRING THIRD PART-TIME CONSTABLE FOR THE LANSING TOWN COURT

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

WHEREAS, there is a need for a third Constable to act in a substitution capacity when the need arises as the Court operates with one Constable at all times; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing Supervisor has recommended that the third Part-Time Constable position be filled at the Town of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, acceptable and qualified individuals will be located, and is therefore proposed to be hired to fulfill such job requirements; and

WHEREAS, after review and discussion of such proposal, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, that a third Part-Time Constable hereby is approved to be employed for the Lansing Town Court, at the rate of \$45.00 per hour with a minimum of two hours, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate Town officer be and hereby is authorized to make such changes to the Towns' employment and civil service rosters, to file the required Civil Service forms to effect such changes per this Resolution, and to file Form 428s, if required.

### c. <u>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT AND PAYMENT OF VERIZON UTILITY CABLE CLAIM</u>

**RESOLUTION 21-107** 

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT AND PAYMENT OF VERIZON UTILITY CABLE CLAIM

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

WHEREAS, upon May 27, 2021, Verizon submitted claim number NYPR 210901 for damage caused to underground cabling owned by Verizon arising accidentally from damage caused during the Town's installation of a water line; and

WHEREAS, the Town duly notified its insurance carrier of the claim and such claim under GML § 50-e was assigned claim number TLANS-2021-001-001, and Verizon thereafter submitted its claim for damages in the amount of \$1,298.39 together with an invoice therefor, requesting adjustment thereof under the notice of claim procedures of the GML; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that it is responsible for the line break and that the cost of repairing the same is reasonable, and that accordingly this claim should be settled; so now therefore, and upon consideration of the foregoing by the Town, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. The claim by Verizon (through the CMR Claims Department, Oklahoma City, OK) is acknowledged in the sum of \$1,298.39 and ordered to be settled and paid, and the Town Supervisor and Bookkeeper may process such claim and a voucher therefore, settling such claim under the GML and Town Law § 68 in such amount.
- 2. Upon Verizon's written acknowledgement that payment fully settles such claim, payment may be delivered thereupon and the Town shall thereafter notify its insurer that this matter is settled.

### d. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWN OF LANSING NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY AND SCENIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

#### **RESOLUTION 21-108**

### RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWN OF LANSING NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY AND SCENIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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

WHEREAS, in November of 2017, and as is set forth in the updated 2018 Comprehensive Plan, the Town approved creating a Conservation Advisory Council to perform certain functions for the Town and to act in an advisory capacity under General Municipal Law § 239-x; and

WHEREAS, as is set forth in the 2018 Comprehensive Plan's Sustainability: Energy and Climate Change chapter, the Town of Lansing seeks to make a difference with regard to sustainability issues affecting the Town's infrastructure, economy, agricultural and ecological communities, drinking water supplies, and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2019, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing adopted Resolution 19-49 creating an advisory body to be known as the Conservation Advisory Council (hereinafter termed "Council" or "CAC") under authority granted to the Town by General Municipal Law Section 239-x; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2019, the Town of Lansing Conservation Advisory Council unanimously recommended the adoption of the Climate Smart Communities pledge in order to engage with Cornell Cooperative Extension to develop planning documents, including a Natural Resource Inventory, which will further Comprehensive Plan Goal NR-7A "to complete an Open Space Inventory prioritizing open areas in Lansing for conservation based on natural, scenic, and cultural values" as defined in section 239-y of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2019, *via* Resolution 19-163, the Town of Lansing adopted the Climate Smart Communities pledge, and the Town of Lansing Conservation Advisory Council was therein appointed as the Town's Climate Smart Communities Task Force for the New York State Climate Smart Communities program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing Conservation Advisory Council ("CAC") and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County have prepared the Town of Lansing Natural Resources Inventory dated July 2021 (the "NRI"), as well as a Scenic Resources Inventory ("SRI") to supplement the same, each and both to assist the Town, its various agencies and boards, and the public, in identifying and considering important natural resources located within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the NRI was prepared by members of the CAC at no cost to the Town through a partnership with Cornell University and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, with funding from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's Climate Smart Communities Program; and

WHEREAS, the NRI includes maps displaying the Town's mineral, water, biological, cultural and recreation resources, and their significance to the Lansing community; associated data; and a descriptive report summarizing the inventoried resources and findings; and is intended to provide information for comprehensive land use and conservation planning, as well as to allow natural resource information to be considered in local planning and zoning decisions; and

WHEREAS, the NRI can provide information to designate critical environmental areas, develop and implement a municipal open space plan, amend existing zoning and subdivision regulations, assist in the evaluation of the effects of proposed land use and zoning changes, inform environmental review of development proposals, and document current conditions so changes over time can be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the completed NRI and SRI are available on the Town's web site for access by the public, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the NRI and the SRI is a Type II Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(24) and 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(27) for which no further action under SEQRA is required; and

WHEREAS, expressing its gratitude to the Town Conservation Advisory Council and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County for their work in creating these valuable resources for the Town, and upon due deliberation thereupon and all of the foregoing, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lansing hereby approves and adopts the Town of Lansing Natural Resources Inventory and Scenic Resources Inventory, respectively, both dated July 2021, as created and recommended by the Town's Conservation Advisory Council in its advisory capacity, as a collected and organized inventory of data identifying important natural, visual, and community resources within the Town of Lansing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the acceptance and approval of the NRI and SRI, and any recommendations regarding municipal actions which may be taken as provided therein, shall in no way be deemed binding upon the Town or it's various boards or agencies with regard to present or future actions; By adopting the Natural Resources Inventory and the Scenic Resources Inventory, it is the intent of the Town Board that this valuable and comprehensive inventory of the Town's natural and visual resources be regularly consulted and utilized by the Town, its various boards, departments, and the public to assist in the development, management and protection of these resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is the further intent of the Town Board, to periodically update and amend this Inventory at least every 10 years, or as often as may be appropriate in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, utilizing the now-adopted Lansing Natural Resources Inventory and Scenic Resources Inventory, including as such are built for this purpose, the Town Board directs the Conservation Advisory Council to complete an Open Space Inventory ("OSI"), as

defined in State enabling legislation at GML 239-y, to prioritize open areas in a municipality for conservation based on natural, scenic, and cultural values; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is requested to upload this Resolution and the NRI and SRI to the Town's website and provide a copy of this Resolution and website link to the members of the Town of Lansing Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals and to the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board requests the Conservation Advisory Council present the NRI and SRI to the Town of Lansing Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, which presentation the Director of Planning has determined shall count towards the training on land use reviews, process, and procedures as required by Section 5(A) of the Town of Lansing Local Law 1 of 2020.

e. <u>RESOLUTION MAKING SEQRA DECLARATION OF LEAD AGENCY – SALMON CREEK STREAMBANK STABILIZATION AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT</u>

**RESOLUTION 21-109** 

## RESOLUTION MAKING SEQRA DECLARATION OF LEAD AGENCY – SALMON CREEK STREAMBANK STABILIZATION AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, The Town of Lansing, in cooperation with Tompkins County Soil & Water Conservation District, proposes a long-term stabilization strategy including realignment of approximately 1,650 feet of Salmon Creek, a major tributary of Cayuga Lake, extending 110 feet upstream and 550 feet downstream of the current impacted roadbed area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing has aggressively pursued grant funding for the Salmon Creek Streambank Stabilization Project to support both water quality improvement and hazard mitigation, with cooperation from the Tompkins County Soil & Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County Soil & Water Conservation District, retained Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. in 2011 to prepare a Feasibility Study Stabilization of Salmon Creek; and

WHEREAS, this project incorporates that Feasibility Study as well as the recent FEMA Seneca HUC8 Risk MAP Watershed Study engineering data models for Salmon Creek (including Gage Analysis and Tributary Regression Analysis) for the purpose of determining the technical and financial feasibility of designing a long-term stabilization strategy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Salmon Creek Streambank Stabilization and Water Quality Improvement Project has several water quality and flood mitigation components; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) is a competitive, statewide reimbursement grant program open to local governments for projects that directly address documented water quality impairments; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) requires that a Lead Agency be established for conducting environmental review of projects in accordance with local and state environmental law; and

WHEREAS, this is an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and is subject to environmental review; and

WHEREAS, State Law specifies that for actions governed by local environmental review, the Lead Agency shall be that local agency which has primary responsibility for approving and carrying out the action; and

WHEREAS, the Action is subject to review and approvals from other involved agencies that include the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is the local agency with primary responsibility for approving the action; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lansing does hereby declare its intent to be Lead Agency for the environmental review for the Salmon Creek Streambank Stabilization and Water Quality Improvement Project and directs staff to transmit an application through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application for funding from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Program.

### f. <u>APPROVE AUDIT and BUDGET MODIFICATIONS AND SUPERVISOR'S REPORT</u>

### **RESOLUTION 21-110**

The Supervisor submitted his monthly report for the month of June 2021, to all Board Members and to the Town Clerk. The Supervisor's Report was reviewed by Councilperson Joseph Wetmore. The bills were reviewed by Councilperson Joseph Wetmore and Councilperson Doug Dake. The Supervisor's Report be approved as submitted and the Bookkeeper is hereby authorized to pay the following bills and to make the following budget modifications.

### **CONSOLIDATED ABSTRACT # 007**

DATED	_07/21/2021
AUDITED VOUCHER #'s	_502 - 643_
PREPAY VOUCHER #'s	502 - 506
AUDITED T & A VOUCH	ER #'s <u>52 - 59</u>
PREPAY T & A VOUCHE	ER #'s <u>52 - 55</u> _

<u>FUND</u>	<u>TO</u>	TAL APPRO	<u>PRIATIONS</u>
GENERAL FUND	(A&B)	\$	147,594.36
HIGHWAY FUND	(DA&DB)	\$	177,642.46
LANSING LIGHTING	G (SL1,2,3)	\$	1,531.83
LANSING WATER D	ISTRICTS (SW)	\$	31,620.57
TRUST & AGENCY	(TA)	\$	59,121.59
WARREN RD SEWE	ER (SS1-)	\$	532.27
CHERRY RD SEWE	R (SS3-)	\$	0.00
DRAINAGE DISTRIC	CTS (SDD1-10)	\$	0.00
PERUVILLE RD CW	D#5 (HC)	\$	17,556.78

**AMOUNT** 

### **BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

### GENERAL FUND A July 21, 2021

**FOR** 

FROM	<u>10</u>	<u>FOR</u>	A	WIOUNI
A599	A1640.400	From Fund Balance to Town Barn Contractual Additional Repairs	\$	250.00
A599	A7560.400	From Fund Balance to Other Performing Arts  Donations cover most of the Music in the Park	\$	550.00
		GENERAL FUND B July 21, 2021		
FROM	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>A</u> l	<u>MOUNT</u>
B599	B8020.101	From Fund Balance to Planner Personnel Hiring of Planner	\$	37,000.00
B599	B8020.432	From Fund Balance to Broadband Committee Funds needed	\$	20,000.00
B599	B8020.433	From Fund Balance to Conservation Advisory Council Funds needed	\$	5,000.00
		HIGHWAY FUND DB July 21, 2021		
FROM	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>A</u> l	<u>MOUNT</u>
DB599	DB5110.200	From Fund Balance to Street Maint Equipment Lease payment	\$	27,000.00
		WATER FUND SW July 21, 2021		
FROM	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>A</u> l	<u>MOUNT</u>
SW599	SW8310.402	From Fund Balance to Water Admin Legal Additional Funds needed	\$	3,000.00
SW599	SW8340.200	From Fund Balance to Trans & Dist Equipment Lease payment	\$	27,000.00

### CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 21-105 – 21-110

### **RESOLUTION 21-111**

FROM

TO

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

RESOLVED, that the Consent Agenda Resolutions **21-105** – **21-110**, are hereby approved as presented and amended, and

The question of the adoption of such proposed Consent Agenda Resolutions were duly motioned by Councilperson Doug Dake, duly seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wetmore, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Doug Dake – Aye

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye

Councilperson Bronwyn Losey – Aye

Deputy Supervisor Andra Benson – Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolutions were approved, carried, and duly adopted on July 21, 2021.

## RESOLUTION GRANTING A WAIVER FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TOWN OF LANSING LAND USE ORDINANCE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREA NO. 1 (VILLAGE CIRCLE - VILLAGE SOLARS) §1610 (17)

Larry Fabbroni and Rocco Lucente stated:

- ➤ Information reported during Privilege of the Floor was mis-leading
- ➤ Trail is longer with more amenities 12 exercise stations added all marked every .10 mile with map
- ➤ East West Trail completed
- ➤ Amenity trails around stormwater facilities done
- > Fountains are being used
- > Circumference residential trail needs to be changed, so it does not go through a building
- ➤ Added trail to south end
- ➤ Added connection to Warren Road
- ➤ Left paved path along Warren Road, but close to road and unsafe internal circumference path is much safer
- > Trying to enhance doing more, not less
- Added dog park, picnic area, basketball court larger, and food trucks three (3) times a week
- Landscaping is one and a half times more than what was planned
- ➤ Rocco will walk through the project with anyone

### **RESOLUTION 21-**

### RESOLUTION GRANTING A WAIVER FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TOWN OF LANSING LAND USE ORDINANCE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREA NO. 1 (VILLAGE CIRCLE - VILLAGE SOLARS) §1610 (17)

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

WHEREAS, Planned Development Area No. 1 was established by Local Law No. 1 of 2013, passed by Town Board Resolution #13-78 on April 17, 2013, which added \$1610(12) to the Town of Lansing Land Use Ordinance ("LUO"); and

WHEREAS, by narrative dated December 22, 2020, the Town received a request for Waiver from Larry Fabbroni, P.E., project engineer, under the provisions of LUO §1610(17), to modify the design of sidewalks and pathways as required by PDA in § 270-67F(4); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board duly considered the matter on June 28, 2021 and by motion unanimously recommended the Town Board grant a Waiver to allow the modification of the design of sidewalks and pathways as required by PDA in § 270-67F(4); and

WHEREAS, Local Law 6 of 2017 requires that the Town Board consider the request for the waiver under LUO §1610(17)(a)-(d) and, upon deliberation thereupon, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, this application for a waiver be and hereby is approved as follows, subject to the following conditions, restrictions, and determinations:

1. The Waiver is approved to allow all sidewalks and pathways to be constructed pursuant to map "Revised Village Solars PDA Pathways: New Exercise Trail 2021-2022," prepared by L. Fabbroni, P.E., L.S., dated July 2021.

The question of the adoption of suc	h proposed Resolution was duly motioned by			
Councilperson, duly seconded	by Councilperson, and put to a roll call			
vote with the following results:				
Councilperson Doug Dake –	Councilperson Bronwyn Losey –			
Councilperson Joseph Wetmore –	Deputy Supervisor Andra Benson –			

Above resolution was tabled until the August Town Board meeting.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO IMPLEMENT MYERS PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT, AND MAKING SEQRA DECLARATION OF LEAD AGENCY FOR REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS UPON THE FOREGOING PROPOSED PROJECTS

#### **RESOLUTION 21-112**

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO IMPLEMENT MYERS PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT, AND MAKING SEQRA DECLARATION OF LEAD AGENCY FOR REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS UPON THE FOREGOING PROPOSED PROJECTS

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

WHEREAS, consistent with the Cayuga Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan and the Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail Plan (approved under the NYSDOS Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan), and to help protect the Cayuga Lake watershed and enhance access to its water resources, the Town has been examining needed updates to local waterfront plans and facilities; and

WHEREAS, after receiving notice that the Town was not selected for funding from the Environmental Protection Fund in the 2019 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), the Town created the Town of Lansing Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee via Resolution 19-160 on December 18, 2019, to advise the Town Board on all matters pertaining to or affecting the coordination, oversight, acquisition, development, funding and programming of the parks, recreation, and trail system; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2020, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing passed Motion M20-15 Authorizing the Issuance of Parks, Recreation, Trails Master Plan Request for Proposal (RFP); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee reviewed proposals on July 16, 2020 using a Weighted Decision Matrix based on the criteria articulated in the Request for Proposal and selected three (3) firms to interview; conducted interviews with three (3) selected firms on August 10 and 11, 2020; and passed a unanimous Motion on August 25, 2020 making a Final Evaluation and recommending the services of M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. to the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing passed Resolution 20-125 authorizing the execution Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan Agreement with M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. with PLACE Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing Parks and Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee along with consultants M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. with PLACE Alliance conducted broad community engagement efforts on February 25, 2021; June 5, 2021; and June 22, 2021 to gather community feedback on concept plans for Town parks, including Myers Park; and

WHEREAS, proposed improvements consist of several projects at Myers Park for revitalization of recreational facilities adjacent to Cayuga Lake, including upgrading the restroom facilities and pavilions for ADA accessibility and as private unisex facilities;

expanding opportunities for walkable public spaces for recreation and fitness; restoration of the natural communities where land meets Cayuga Lake; and implementation of Cayuga Lake Blueway Plan with ADA-accessible improvements to the kayak launch to allow people who use non-motorized paddle craft (kayaks, canoes, standup paddleboards) to access local business, recreation areas and to enjoy the beauty of the Finger Lakes region by providing enhanced access for launching and docking paddle craft; and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County successfully submitted a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) grant from the New York State Department of State through the 2015 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process to implement the Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail Plan, the objective of which is to solidify Cayuga Lake as a prime paddling destination in the northeast; and

WHEREAS, the plan identifies priority sites to develop in the short term as launch sites or "trailheads" on the Blueway Trail throughout Tompkins, Seneca, and Cayuga Counties, one of which is Site E14: Lansing Town Park in the Town of Lansing (Myers Park); and

WHEREAS, the Town is applying for funding in 2021 to implement the Myers Park Revitalization Project through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund (\$750,000 maximum award with 25% match required); and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) requires that a Lead Agency be established for conducting environmental review of projects in accordance with local and state environmental law; and

WHEREAS, State Law specifies that for actions governed by local environmental review, the Lead Agency shall be that local agency which has primary responsibility for approving and carrying out the action; and

WHEREAS, the Action is subject to review and approvals from other involved agencies that include the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP); and

WHEREAS, in connection therewith and in consideration of the adoption and approval of such Park Master Plan, as updated, the Town will undertake a coordinated SEQRA review and deem the matter an Unlisted Action, as the Town Board recognizes that SEQRA encourages an early look at environmental issues and thus a look at the lakefront impacts was deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is the local agency with primary responsibility for approving the action; and in furtherance thereof and upon deliberation by the Town Board, it was duly and further

### RESOLVED and DETERMINED as follows:

- 1. The Town Board of the Town of Lansing does hereby declare its intent to be Lead Agency for the environmental review for the Myers Park Revitalization Project and directs staff to transmit an application through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for funding from New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") under the Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, for the purpose of funding and implementing the Town of Lansing Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan improvements for Myers Park.
- 2. The Town Supervisor and Director of Planning be and hereby are authorized to submit one or more grant applications to help implement such Project, and the Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute any necessary documents required by State of New York to submit or finalize such applications relating to the proposed Project in the amounts aforesaid, with a required in-kind match consisting of labor, equipment, materials, and, if needed, cash, from the Town.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Doug Dake, duly seconded by Councilperson Bronwyn Losey, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Doug Dake – Aye

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye

Councilperson Bronwyn Losey – Aye

Deputy Supervisor Andra Benson – Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on July 21, 2021.

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNDER THE TITLE 9 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1993, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN OF LANSING MYERS PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT

#### **RESOLUTION 21-113**

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM
THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC
PRESERVATION UNDER THE TITLE 9 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION ACT OF 1993, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN OF LANSING MYERS PARK
REVITALIZATION PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, consistent with the Cayuga Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan and the Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail Plan (approved under the NYSDOS Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan), and to help protect the Cayuga Lake watershed and enhance access to its water resources, the Town has been examining needed updates to local waterfront facilities including capital improvement projects for Myers Park, and in furtherance thereof and upon deliberation by the Town Board, it was duly and further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lansing has applied for financial assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") under the Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, for the purpose of funding and implementing the Town of Lansing Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan and improvements for Myers Park; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lansing is authorized and directed to accept these grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 for the project described in the grant application; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lansing is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with OPRHP for such development of the Myers Park Revitalization Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lansing is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any required deed of easement granted to OPRHP that affects title to real property owned by the municipality and improved by the grant funds, which may be a duly recorded public access covenant, conservation easement, and/or preservation covenant; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the governing body of the municipality delegates signing authority to execute the Master Contract and any required deed of easement to the individuals who hold the following elected or appointed municipal office and employment position titles: Town Supervisor and Director of Planning.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Joseph Wetmore, duly seconded by Councilperson Doug Dake, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Doug Dake – Aye

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye

Councilperson Bronwyn Losey – Aye

Deputy Supervisor Andra Benson – Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on July 21, 2021.

#### A SHORT BREAK WAS TAKEN AT 8:45 PM

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Doug Dake** – reported the following:

<u>Planning Board Meeting</u> – see Joe's report

### Planning Board Working Meeting

- Todd Walter Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)
- Short-term rentals C.J. Randall previously covered

### **Bronwyn Losey** – reported the following:

<u>Broadband Committee</u> – C.J. Randall previously covered

- Handful of houses not being served Lake Ridge Road and Brooks Hill Road
  - o Barrier cost of going between pole and house

Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization will come to the August Town Board Meeting to speak.

<u>Joseph Wetmore</u> – reviewed the following report:

Joseph Wetmore Town Board Member Report July 2021

### **Planning Board**

Monday, June 28.6:30 – 8:30pm

- \*Waza Turf Field Applicant: Public Hearing
- \*Meadow Brook Apartments and SDM Landscaping Site Improvements: Preliminary and Final Approval
- \*Mirabito Lansing Propane / Petroleum Bulk Storage & Distribution Facility (Phase 2): Project updates
- \*Placement of 10' x 12' accessory lakeshore building 281 Bill George Rd: Sketch Plan
- \*Project: Village Solars Waiver from Planned Development Area (PDA) Town Code Section 270-67F(4): Review of request for Waiver; recommendation to Town Board
- \*Cayuga Vista Apartments: Project updates

### **Broadband Committee**

**Tuesday, July 6.7:00 – 9:00pm** 

Renegotiation with Spectrum Cable TV franchise agreement

Staff is meeting with the consultant to describe what the Town has done up until now. Turning over all the documents that we have, so they can both perform the audit and start the negotiation.

Spectrum has been notified that the Cohen Law Group is representing the Town.

Addresses that are falling between the cracks that can be hooked-up in the short term

Reviewed houses that are not being serviced. Still one of the biggest barriers in our community is connection costs that are way too high, including Lake Ridge Road, Ridge Road and Brooks Hill Road.

Long term goal

Reviewed the County presentation from June 9th Committee meeting.

County study is disappointing.

There are third-party providers that are not included in the County study. The County letter that described was the new parameters of the study group, including that there will be less information passed from the consultants to the towns.

It's unclear how many people will switch over to Municipal system. How many will switch for faster service and/or for a better price

Concern that this trunk line is primarily going to end up being used for Bitcoin mining

Talk about how the pandemic money can be used to help fund Broadband for our community

Suggestions included identify houses more than a hundred fifty feet from the cable line. Could this money be used to help bridge the connection cost? What we decide based on income, house value?

Some talk about County issues. There are dead zones for the radio communications for the County. Could those be filled in?

### American Rescue Plan Funds

How would Town (community) like money to be used?

Joe suggested the following general items:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts
- Replace lost revenue
- Support economic stabilization
- Address public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact

Doug suggested use it for Broadband

Joe suggested to reimburse Town expenses as a result of COVID and put money back for highway paving

Andra suggested a special Town meeting for input

Bronwyn suggested doing a survey

Andra Benson – thanked the CAC for all their hard work

### MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore moved to ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PROPOSED, PENDING OR CURRENT LITIGATION AND THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION/SALE/LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY WHEN PUBLICITY MIGHT AFFECT VALUE AT 9:04 PM.

Deputy Supervisor Andra Benson seconded the motion.

All in Favor – 4

Opposed - 0

### MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore moved to **EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:22 PM.** Deputy Supervisor Andra Benson seconded the motion. All in Favor -4 Opposed -0

### **ADJOURN MEETING**

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Deputy Supervisor at 9:22 p.m.

Minutes taken and executed by the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah K. Munson, RMC Town Clerk