

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**August 16, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Lansing Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, NY, and streamed live on YouTube on the above date at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Edward LaVigne, 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:**

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| Andra Benson, Councilperson  | Ruth Groff, Councilperson     |
| Bronwyn Losey, Councilperson | Joseph Wetmore, Councilperson |
| Edward LaVigne, Supervisor   |                               |

**ABSENT:** No one absent

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Moseley, Highway Superintendent, Patrick Tyrrell, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Mary Ellen Albrecht, Bookkeeper, Guy Krogh, Town Counsel, Dennis Griffin, Jesse Young, Jack Young, John Dennis, Surena McCloud, Mark Lesselroth, and a few other attendees.

**DISCUSSION OF REMOVAL/CANCELLATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING**

All Town Board Members, except Supervisor Ed LaVigne, agreed to change the agenda to discuss the removal/cancellation of the public hearing before opening the public hearing.

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore stated:

- He does not have the maps he requested
  - Has not seen the plat and neither has the public
    - A plat is needed before having a public hearing
    - A plat consists of the lot size, dimensions, which lots are being changed, etc.

Mark Lesselroth, representing Lucente Homes, LLC, stated:

- He asked John Zepko, Director of Planning, what was needed
  - John emailed him stating the Town was all set
    - Showed Joseph Wetmore John Zepko’s email
- Larry Fabroni told him the Town should have everything that is needed to move forward
- No one told him a plat was needed
- He will talk with John Zepko and get a plat / find out what is missing

Town Board agreed to reschedule the public hearing for September 20, 2023, if the plat (or whatever is needed) is to the Town Clerk no later than September 10, 2023.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SUBDIVISION OF 39 VILLAGE CIRCLE (TAX MAP 39.-1-38.2) – LUCENTE HOMES, LLC**

**PUBLIC HEARING TABLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20, 2023.**

**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**

Two members of Cayuga Lake Environmental Action Now (CLEAN) stated the following:

- Cargill possibly selling the salt mine
- Posters/maps were presented
- Bad things can happen when a salt mine collapses
- Town should be aware of the transaction - environmental bond
- Cargill will get their bond back

The following handout was given to the Town Board.

I'm John V. Dennis, a member of CLEAN. Cayuga Lake Environmental Action Now was formed in 2017 when Cargill was planning to build Shaft 4, but we are also concerned about PFAS-containing effluents released into the lake, leachate from Cayuga Power's Coal Ash Landfill released into the lake, and HABS. A few quick points:

- 1) an auction or sale to a hedge fund or private equity firm could greatly increase risks to Cayuga Lake and to salt miners.
- 2) In 2021, Cargill closed their Avery Island Salt Mine in LA.
- 3) Their Whiskey Island Salt Mine in Cleveland has water intrusion problems.
- 4) That leaves Cayuga and Watkins Glen mines as Cargill's saleable mines.
- 5) We have heard that the Cargill Family seeks a more green image and would like to divest their entire Salt Division.
- 6) We recommend that the ToL Board resolve:
  - a. To oppose the sale of the mine. After 53 profitable years of operation, Cargill needs to be kept on the hook for subsidence and salinity issues for at least 100 years, with significant financial assurance retained in NY.
  - b. To oppose any further salt mining under the lake (ToL has jurisdiction out to the center like of the lake and could actually block movement of salt to Portland Point.
  - c. To oppose new salt mining under land either near Shaft 4 or south of Gulf Creek
  - d. To consider the repurposing of Portland Point to feature salt museum, a significant regional ecotourism destination that might even become reachable by a rails-trails pathway from Sayre PA. If Cargill paid for the transformation and building of the museum, it might be named the Cargill Salt Museum.

7) The recent train derailment and diesel spill is the latest example of the environmental risk that further salt mining under land or under the lake poses to Cayuga Lake.

8) FYI: CLEAN is not opposed to salt mining per se. As the map of the Hampton Corners Salt Mine (HCSM) shows, it is well laid out and has a 3000 ft barrier pillar between it and the flooded Retsof Mine. In anomalous areas, Cayuga Salt Mine, by contrast, has <100 feet thickness of carbonate beam to protect from a collapse that could lead to a rubble chimney going all the way up from the mine to Cayuga Lake.

9) American Rock Salt has done 2 EISs and has had no fatalities; Cargill has done zero EISs in 53 years and has had 6 fatalities over that time. HCSM has a logical layout, has a unionized work force and has more than one genuine escapeway from all mining faces. It is not under a lake. Cargill has failed to conduct an EIS for the CSM.

10) We think that concern should be expressed directly to the Governor's Office: the mine should be closed, financial assurance vastly increased and no sale to any third party allowed. Local stakeholders need to speak up or Albany will not take notice of any forthcoming sale that we will otherwise be powerless to stop.

### **LANSING COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT – CHRISTINE EISENHUT**

Submitted the following report to the Town Board and it was included in the meeting packet which was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

#### **TOWN BOARD UPDATES FROM THE LANSING COMMUNITY LIBRARY August 2023**

1. The library wishes to express its gratitude and best wishes to Michelle Calupca as she begins a new chapter as a librarian at the Manlius Library. She will be greatly missed.
2. The Summer Reading program celebrated the final event of the season on August 10<sup>th</sup>. All activities have been very well attended.
3. The Friends of the Library are hosting a Cookie Contest Fundraiser on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at Myers Park. All ages and baking levels are welcome. See the library's website for more information.
4. There will be a Book Sale from September 2-16 during open hours of the library.

5. The library is participating in the Target Circle Program. Shoppers can vote for the LCL and help direct Target's giving program to benefit our library by visiting [target.com/circle](https://target.com/circle). Please vote by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. The library collected a generous number of supplies and monetary donations to help support the Lansing PTO Pack-a-Backpack program.
7. On display during the month of August will be the Sculpture, Painting and Poetry of Shawn Hull.
8. The library has a mobile wireless hotspot available for check out. Also, the Wi-Fi is not password protected. The community is welcome to park in the lot to access the Internet.
9. Instructor John Burger hosts T'ai Chi classes at the Community Center on Fridays from 10:30-11:30am.
10. Learn to play American Mah Jongg every Tuesday at 10:15am and play American Mah Jongg every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00pm.
11. The library continues to provide free delivery to Woodsedge.
12. The library has an Empire Pass and passes to the Museum of the Earth and the Cayuga Nature Center available for check out. Board games, puzzles, story time kits, and STEAM kits are also available.
13. The library continues to distribute free self-test COVID-19 kits, antibacterial wipes and N95 masks to Lansing households.

**LANSING YOUTH SERVICES REPORT – RICK ALVORD**

No report.

**TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT – MIKE SIGLER**

No report.

**HIGHWAY REPORT – MICHAEL MOSELEY**

No written report.

Mike reported the following:

- Working on routine maintenance and improvements
- Water repairs done on East Shore Drive near the rink
- Ross Road stone and oil
- Helped NYS DOT with drainage by the Central Fire Station
- 2 Auburn Road – will e-mail information to the Town Board

**PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT – PATRICK TYRRELL**

Submitted the following report to the Town Board and it was included in the meeting packet which was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

**Parks & Recreation  
August 2023  
Town Board Meeting**

**RECREATION:**

- We hosted our annual Adam Heck soccer camp last week with over 300 kids participating. Unfortunately, it rained almost every day so now we have extensive repairs to do on the field to get them ready for fall soccer.
- Our current programs are art, Hogwarts, horseback riding, and football.
- Several lacrosse teams are renting field space from us at the Town Barn field.

- Our trails group has been meeting regularly and I think we are making good progress.
- We are again this Fall hosting Modified soccer games to help Lansing Schools.
- The Town Hall will be hosting a Red Cross Blood drive this Friday 8/18 from 1pm-6pm.

**PARKS:**

- August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we hosted Destination in the park, we estimate about 4000 people were in attendance.
- All the playground repairs have been made and the new mulch has been put in place. There is still a pile at Myers Park that needs to be distributed to other playgrounds, we hope to have that cleaned up this week.
- Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> in Pavilion F we celebrated WWII vet George “Gus” Isaac’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was an amazing tribute with many in attendance.
- The marina has an abundant amount of seaweed and lily pads, we’ll be working this week to rake out what we can.
- We have received donated logs from Cascadilla Tree service to replace the concrete barriers at Salt Point and make it look more natural. This project will be put on the schedule.
- Lansing Lighthouse 5k will be held August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Myers Park guarded swimming is closed. Our lifeguards have headed back to college. We will still monitor our beachfront for algae blooms daily.

Supervisor Ed LaVigne reminded the Town Board that e-mails need to be responded to timely. Pat previously asked for guidance on the following items and after discussions decisions were made.

1. Myers Park Grant – Town Board agreed not to accept the grant.
2. Salt Point Cooperation Agreement with DEC or a possible purchase – Town Board agreed to have Town Counsel Guy Krogh contact DEC.
3. Jonas Falls easement / license – Town Counsel Guy Krogh stated:
  - Survey is not completed yet
  - No original easement (it was a license)
  - Easements have impacts on titles
  - Need to see on a map what the Town wants
  - Need the report done by the interns

Town Board agreed the following people will be a new trail subcommittee:

John and Jesse Young, Property Owners

Randy Marcus, Attorney

Guy Krogh, Town Counsel

Ruth Groff, Town Board Member

Pat Tyrrell, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

**DIRECTOR OF PLANNING REPORT – JOHN ZEPKO**

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**Planning & Code Enforcement**

John Zepko, Director, CPESC, CFM

Reporting Period July 2023

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**CORE PLANNING FUNCTIONS**

- **General Admin**
  - The Department continues to seek applicants for the position of Planner. To date zero applications have been received.



- 7/06 - Met w/ project team for Yellow Barn Solar regarding ORES application
- 7/12 - Conducted site visit of Benson Farm Conservation Easement with TC Planning
- 7/13 - Met w/ owners of Cayuga Operating facility regarding regulations for battery energy storage
- 7/21 Met w/ representative of Bear Peak Energy Storage
- **Planner conducting classification and review of development applications**
- **Planning Board staff support**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals staff support**
- **Hazard Mitigation Planning**
- **Floodplain Management**
  - The Department of Planning & Code Enforcement continues to work to resolve the official findings from the 31 May 2023 Community Assistance Visit (CAV) conducted by NY DEC. 11 properties required some follow up action or documentation. Of these 11, two (2) have been resolved. We remain in contact with the DEC and are providing a work plan to ensure continual progress.
- **Stormwater Management**

**LAND USE WORK PROGRAM**

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- **Code Revision Committee**
  - no July meeting

**COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT**

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- **Agricultural and Farmland Protection Committee staff support**
- **Conservation Advisory Committee Council**
  - 6/29 – met w/ Chair of CAC to discuss CAC work plan, process for monthly update, liaison roles, etc

**PLANNING BOARD**

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- **26 June meeting** – the Planning Board heard the following:
  - 825 Lansingville Road – approval of minor subdivision
  - Lansing Community Solar – Lansingville Rd – conditional approval granted

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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- No July meeting

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

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■ **July 2023 Permit Information**

	<b>JULY 2023</b>
Fees Collected	\$3,773.40
Estimated Project Cost	\$810,120.00
Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	17
Building Permits	17
One & Two Family Residences	0
New Mobile Homes	0
New Businesses	0
Multi-Family Residences (3 or more units)	0

<b>TOTAL 2023 Misc. Fee Collected to date</b>	<b>\$16,260.00</b>
	<b>Jan 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023</b>
Fees Collected	\$69,010.45
Estimated Project Cost	\$14,181,255.00
Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	113
Building Permits	138
One & Two Family Residences	6
New Mobile Homes	0
New Businesses	0
Multi-Family Residences (3 or more units)	1

**ENGINEER’S REPORT – DAVE HERRICK**

No report.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT – DEBBIE MUNSON**

Submitted the following report to the Town Board and it was included in the meeting packet which was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

**TOWN CLERK  
AUGUST 2023**

**Water and Sewer Payments**

August is very busy collecting water and sewer payments. Total bills: 1836 of which 359 were emailed. Payments are due by August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)**

NYS LIHWAP will no longer accept applications after August 31, 2023. Applications submitted or postmarked through August 31, 2023 will be accepted and processed consistent with program rules.

**Notary Public**

Ashley Workman passed her Notary Public test. We are waiting on New York State to issue her number, so we can order her stamp.

**Sharpsteen Road**

Speed limit reduction was requested and submitted to New York State in August 2022. I just received notification from New York State that the request to lower the speed limit was denied.

**Professional Currency Counter**

We just received a new currency counter which counts currency and detects counterfeits. We purchased this with the plan of sharing it with other departments, so please let us know if you would like to borrow it.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **MOTION THAT THE BOND RESOLUTION FOR CWDX5, BE CONFIRMED, THAT THE CDWX5 PROJECT IS DECLARED COMPLETED**

**M23-22**

**MOTION THAT THE BOND RESOLUTION FOR CWDX5, BE CONFIRMED,  
THAT THE CWDX5 PROJECT IS DECLARED COMPLETED**

Motion that the Bond Resolution for CWDX5, which empowered the Town Supervisor, consistent with and under the Local Finance Law, as the chief executive and fiscal officer of the Town of Lansing, to manage, pay, reinvest, and close the bond funds and bond accounts (see Resolution No. 19-154, Sections 7 through 10), be confirmed, that the CWDX5 project is declared completed, and that any remaining funds from the referenced bond be authorized to be used for the project though re-payment of bond principal and interest, and the bond fund account, upon reaching zero, be closed.

**b. RESOLUTION TO RELEVY YEARLY WATER AND SEWER CHARGES ON THE 2024 TOWN AND COUNTY TAX BILLS**

**RESOLUTION 23-107**

**RESOLUTION TO RELEVY YEARLY WATER AND SEWER CHARGES ON THE 2024 TOWN AND COUNTY TAX BILLS**

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing Town Board hereby authorizes the Receiver of Water and Sewer Rents to relevy water and sewer accounts each year on the Town and County Tax Bills; and

WHEREAS, to assure proper notification to all account holders, the Lansing Town Board hereby directs SCLIWC (Bolton Point) once a year to place a timely reminder notice on the August water bills, or the Receiver of Water and Sewer Rents will send the courtesy reminder letter generated by Williamson Law Book, to all owners and tenants who have a balance of \$1.00 or more for the water and sewer charges on their account; and

WHEREAS, the last day for payment will be the second Tuesday of October; and

WHEREAS, after the collection date the Receiver will notify SCLIWC to remove said amounts from accounts to be relevied on the Town and County Tax Bills; and

WHEREAS, by no later than the second Tuesday of November the Receiver will send the amounts to be relevied on the Town and County Tax Bill to the Tompkins County Assessment Department; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Receiver will relevy the unpaid water and sewer account charges plus a 10% fee on all accounts with a balance of \$10.00 or more to the Town and County Tax Bills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all unpaid water and sewer account charges under \$10.00 will be adjusted.

**c. RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING BID DOCUMENTS FOR TOWN HALL, COMMUNITY BUILDING AND HIGHWAY BUILDING CUSTODIAL SERVICES**

**RESOLUTION 23-108**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING BID DOCUMENTS FOR TOWN HALL, COMMUNITY BUILDING AND HIGHWAY BUILDING CUSTODIAL SERVICES**



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

WHEREAS, in 2018 and 2019 and in 2021 - 2023 the Town had publicly bid custodial services, and upon an examination of the value and costs thereof the Town desires to continue to contract for such services in 2024 - 2026 and must therefore again competitively bid such prevailing wage contract for custodial services pursuant to the NYS General Municipal Law § 103 and NYS Labor Law Articles 8 and 9, including as set forth in and required by the Town’s Procurement Policy; and

WHEREAS, detailed bid documents and specifications have been developed, including a contract to be executed by the selected bidder(s), and the Town Board has fully reviewed the same; and

WHEREAS, this is a Type II Action under SEQRA, such that no environmental review is necessary or required, and accordingly, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby RESOLVED and DETERMINED as follows:

1. The bid documents be and hereby are approved, and the Town Clerk is directed to advertise the bids and to send bid documents to any person requesting the same.
2. The form of the bid documents and the contract to award to the successful bidder be and hereby is approved, and the Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute each of the same by, for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Town of Lansing upon approval of the final form of such documents and the contract by Town Counsel.

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTIONS M23-22 AND RESOLUTIONS 23-107 – 23-108**

**RESOLUTION 23-109**

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

RESOLVED, that the Consent Agenda Motion **M23-22** and Resolutions **23-107 – 23-108**, are hereby approved as presented and amended, and

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

Councilperson Andra Benson – Aye	Councilperson Ruth Groff – Aye
Councilperson Bronwyn Losey – Aye	Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye
Supervisor Edward LaVigne – Aye	

Accordingly, the foregoing Motion and Resolutions were approved, carried, and duly adopted on August 16, 2023.

**RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO VETO PENDING LEGISLATION (S3505B AND A4282B) THAT WOULD IMPACT THE TIMING OF LOCAL ELECTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 23-110**

**RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO VETO PENDING LEGISLATION (S3505B AND A4282B) THAT WOULD IMPACT THE TIMING OF LOCAL ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, towns, counties, and cities in Upstate New York have long held local elections for legislative and administrative offices in odd-numbered years under the dictates of New York State law; and

WHEREAS, holding these town and county elections in odd-numbered years has benefited local elected officials, candidates for local office, and the constituents they

serve, as they provide the opportunity for local candidates to convey their message to the voters in an election environment uncluttered by the more prominent, better-funded messaging from candidates for state or federal office; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature in June 2023 adopted Senate Bill S3505B and Assembly Bill A4282B, bills that would transition local elections for most town and county legislative and administrative offices to even-numbered years, beginning in 2025; and

WHEREAS, this adopted legislation will soon be presented to New York Governor Kathy Hochul, for her signature or veto; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2023, the Tompkins County Legislature adopted by Resolution Number 2023-147, a Resolution that urged Governor Hochul to veto this pending legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing agrees with the rationale of the Tompkins County Legislature, as provided in its Resolution, that rationale being that to move local elections to even-numbered years would increase the workload of local boards of elections in even-numbered years; and require significantly larger paper ballots in even numbered years, a requirement that could impede the ability of voting machines to process said ballots, overwhelm the duties of poll workers, and slow the voting process at polling locations; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, as the Tompkins County Legislature stated, “These bills could significantly obscure the campaigns of candidates for local county and town offices, whose issues and positions would be eclipsed by higher-profile state and federal races”; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lansing opposes the enactment of S3505B and A4282B and urges Governor Hochul to veto these bills; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Senators Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Lea Webb, New York State Assembly members Carl Heastie and Anna Kelles, the New York State Association of Counties, and the New York State Association of Towns.

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

Councilperson Andra Benson – Aye	Councilperson Ruth Groff – Aye
Councilperson Bronwyn Losey – Aye	Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye
Supervisor Edward LaVigne – Aye	

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on August 16, 2023.

#### **A SHORT BREAK WAS TAKEN AT 7:34 PM**

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS AND SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS**

#### **RESOLUTION 23-111**

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS AND SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS**

The Supervisor submitted his monthly report for the months of June and July 2023, to all Board Members and to the Town Clerk. The Supervisor’s Reports were reviewed by Councilperson Joseph Wetmore and Councilperson Ruth Groff. The bills were reviewed

by Councilperson Ruth Groff and Councilperson Joseph Wetmore. The Supervisor's Reports be approved as submitted and the Bookkeeper is hereby authorized to pay the following bills and to make the following budget modifications.

**CONSOLIDATED ABSTRACT # 008**

DATED 08/16/2023

AUDITED VOUCHER #'s	<u>711 – 885</u>
PREPAY VOUCHER #'s	<u>711 – 718</u>
AUDITED T & A VOUCHER #'s	<u>46 – 53</u>
PREPAY T & A VOUCHER #'s	<u>46 – 48</u>

<u>FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>
GENERAL FUND (A&B)	\$ <u>202,606.87</u>
HIGHWAY FUND (DA&DB)	\$ <u>92,349.66</u>
ARPA (HF)	\$ <u>1,200.00</u>
DRAINAGE DISTRICTS (SDD1-)	\$ <u>1,069.52</u>
LANSING LIGHTING (SL1, 2 &3)	\$ <u>1,480.15</u>
WARREN SEWER DISTRICT (SS1)	\$ <u>19,814.51</u>
LANSING WATER DISTRICTS (SW)	\$ <u>311,192.74</u>
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)	\$ <u>72,651.84</u>

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS  
AUGUST 16, 2023 MEETING**

**GENERAL FUND A  
August 16, 2023**

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A5010.120	A7110.130	From Hwy Secretary to Parks/Hwy Labor Correction	\$ 42.16
A599	A7110.400	From Fund Balance to Parks Contractual Emergency Repairs to Park Playground per M23-18	\$18,376.00
A2003	A7310.100	From Youth Rec Fees (Revenue) to Youth Personal Svcs Revenue overage to expenditure	\$13,218.72
A599	A1440.403	From Fund Balance to Engineering-Transportation Addtl needed	\$ 3,500.00

**GENERAL FUND B  
August 16, 2023**

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
B599	B3620.400	From Fund Balance to Safety Inspector Contractual Addtl needed	\$ 1,000.00
B599	B8020.401	From Fund Balance to Planning Board Engineer	\$ 1,000.00

Addtl needed

B688	B8020.433	From Parks Grant to Conservation Advisory Council Park Foundation Grant Funds for Open Index	\$11,586.25
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**GENERAL FUND DB**  
**August 16, 2023**

DB599	DB5112.400	From Fund Balance to Road Improvements To be reimbursed by POP/CHIPS Verbal approval @ 7/19 meeting	\$40,000.00
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**ARPA HF**  
**August 16, 2023**

HF599	DB5110.200	From Fund Balance to Street Maintenance Equipment Correction (Paid from DB, s/b ARPA, Res 23-62)	\$32,629.46
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**SEWER FUND SS1**  
**August 16, 2023**

<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>	<b><u>FOR</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
SS1-599	SS1-8120.402	From Fund Balance to Sewer Legal Addtl needed	\$ 2,500.00

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

Councilperson Andra Benson – Aye	Councilperson Ruth Groff – Aye
Councilperson Bronwyn Losey – Aye	Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye
Supervisor Edward LaVigne – Aye	

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on August 16, 2023.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Andra Benson** – reported the following:

Lansing Library – written report above

**Ruth Groff** – reported the following:

Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) – did not attend the meeting, but handed the meeting minutes to Town Board Members

**Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee**

Documents previously given to Town Board Members

- Master Plan – mentions Jonas Falls on page 73
- Design Connect Report – final report is completed

Jonas Falls – preliminary document will be given to Town Board Members

**Joseph Wetmore**

Submitted the following report to the Town Board and it was included in the meeting packet which was available on Town of Lansing website and as a handout.

**Joseph Wetmore**  
**Town Board Member Report**  
**August 2023**

**Planning Board  
Monday, July 24·6:30 – 8:30pm**

825 Lansingville Rd, applicant proposes to subdivide a ~4-acre flag lot from the ~66.2 acre parent lot. The property is in the AG Zone.

Genie Solar Energy, Lansingville Road, Tax Parcel Number 16.-1-19.2, applicant proposes to construct a 5 MW ground-mounted solar, approximately 18 acres in size, on a 107.2-acre parcel in the RA zone

Code Amendments Ch. 7, Committees

**TCCOG Meeting  
Thursday, July 27·3:00 – 5:00pm**

1. Report from County Administration
  - a. Draft shared services plan
  - b. Strategic operation Plan Survey

There is a scam saying that the County will pay \$300 to participate.

2. County Food System Plan



3. 10 Year Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP) Draft

This Plan will:

- a. Serve as a countywide framework for the coordination of solid waste management;
- b. Establish countywide materials diversion goals and objectives as well as a plan to monitor progress toward the goals;
- c. Satisfy NYSDEC requirements for solid waste planning and comprehensive recycling analyses

Program Strategy #1 – Promote Waste Reduction Programs

Goal: Establish robust waste reduction programming to increase waste reduction through modifications in behavior, as well as purchasing, while supporting a sharing economy.

Program Strategy #2 – Promote Reuse Programs

Goal: Expand reuse activity and infrastructure in Tompkins County, supporting material exchange, repair, creative reuse for residential, commercial, and

institutional generators, and focusing on materials such as packaging and dishware, building materials, paint and hazardous waste, electronics, and textiles.

**Program Strategy #3 – Expand Recyclables Recovery**

Goal: Increase the participation in recycling programs and types of materials accepted for recycling at the County’s Recycling and Solid Waste Center (RSWC), while reaching residents, institutional, and commercial generators, as well as public spaces and events.

**Program Strategy #4 – Organic Recovery Programs**

Goal: Promote wasted food prevention, donation of surplus edible food, and organics recycling opportunities for all community members, including residents, businesses, and institutions.

**Program Strategy #5 – Rethink**

Goal: Engage the community in rethinking waste, encompassing strategies for product stewardship, as well as green purchasing for residents, municipalities, businesses, and institutions.

**Program Strategy #6 – Managing Residue**

Goal: Continue the successful PAYT program, household hazardous waste collection, environmental management of closed landfills, and preparedness for management of disaster debris.

**Program Strategy #7 – Local Laws and Enforcement Programs**

Goal: Research and update local laws; provide public education and enforcement of the revised laws, rules, and regulations.

**Program Strategy #8 – Communications**

Goal: Educate the community to address operational needs, including promotion of the 4Rs to promote sustainable materials management.

**Program Strategy #9 – Data Collection and Evaluation Efforts**

Goal: Continually improve data collection and reporting to monitor and assist with the implementation of the program strategies.

**Program Strategy #10 – Review Available Technologies**

Goal: Evaluate alternative waste disposal technologies that are available to the County.

**4. Subcommittee, Liaison, and Other Reports**

a. Broadband –Developing RFP for developers to run broadband to properties that don’t have it available in the county.

b. Transportation -- Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT) to recover from both the pandemic and the driver and equipment shortages that have limited its service since early-2000. In summary, it’s best stated that the agency is improving, but that it has a long ways to go to match its 2019 service levels. May 2023 ridership totaled just fewer than 176,000 patrons, down more than 51,000, or 22.6 per cent from 2022. It’s a year-to-year drop-off that’s been evidenced since February. (By comparison, May ridership was about 350,000 in 2019, pre-pandemic.) The rural component of those declines in May (-21.7%) mirrored the system-wide average drop-off. Non-campus urban ridership dropped by not as much; -13.8%, May ’22 to ’23.

**Yellow Barn Solar HCA Discussion**

**Monday, August 7:3:00 – 4:00pm**

We discussed the proposed host community agreement with Groton and our consultants.

Joe also reported:

Cargill

- Is for sale
  - New owner could affect the community

Ed Lavigne stated the following regarding Cargill:

- What influence does the Town have
- Need facts
- Still a rumor



**Bronwyn Losey** – reported the following:

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) – meeting cancelled

Broadband Committee – met with lawyer regarding Spectrum/Charter contract

**Edward LaVigne**

Sewer District #1 (Youngs)

- Go back to original agreement
  - No need to go to Water and Sewer Advisory Board (WSAB) or Town Board
  - Guy reviewed updated easements – they look fine

**WORK SESSION MEETING**

Formation of Drainage District # 11 (East Shore Circle Subdivision)

- Youngs agree with Engineer’s Report (MPR) by T.G. Miller, P.C., dated August 7, 2023
- Planning Board listed drainage district as a condition for subdivision
- September – public interest order setting a public hearing for October
- October – public hearing
- November – probably form district

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore moved to **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:09 PM.**

Councilperson Ruth Groff seconded the motion.

All in Favor - 5                      Opposed - 0

Minutes taken and executed by the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah K. Munson, RMC  
Town Clerk