

39.-1-38.2, within the Village Circle Village Solar PDA #1, under the provisions of Town Code § 270-67V:

The developer may subdivide (and rejoin or consolidate) the PDA parcel into separate or differing tax parcels to assist in the delineation of project phasing, tax management issues, and financing for project development. In each such case, suitable cross easements shall be implied, required, and provided for access and common use of project facilities, and such proposed subdivision and line locations shall be subject to review and approval by the Town Board. Once approved by the Town Board, the Town Code Enforcement Officer may seal such map for filing with or delivery to the County Clerk or Assessor's office; and

WHEREAS, an environmental review was already conducted upon this proposal on 12 September 2022, and as the existing approvals and negative declarations already considered any potential adverse environmental effects of this approval, and as the passage of time and lack of changes in the proposal and final development plan do not create any risk of new environmental impacts not previously considered, the Town Board reaffirms the findings and negative declaration issued in Planning Board Resolution #22-13 and has determined that no supplemental environmental review is required; and

WHEREAS, upon a review and in consideration of the phased subdivision mapping submitted in furtherance of the existing approved PDA plan and approval; and

Now Therefore Be it RESOLVED, that the proposed phasing and subdivision plat or map as submitted be and hereby is approved, and the Town's Code Enforcement Officer be and hereby is authorized to seal and certify such proposed subdivision and lot line maps for filing with or delivery to the County Clerk and County Assessor's Office for approval and filing.

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 September 20, 2023.

CAYUGA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION NOW (CLEAN) PRESENTATION – JOHN DENNIS AND SERENNA MCCLOUD

John and Serenna reviewed parts of the following, which were handed to the Town Board and later put on the Town website. They would like the mine closed.

Why Cayuga Salt Mine should be closed
Serenna McCloud & John V. Dennis
20 Sept 2023 Presentation to ToL Board



The Salt Mine Under the Lake

- Mine cavities occupy approximately 6 sq. miles.
- Cavity volume is 10 to 15 billion gallons.
- Each day of mining extraction creates a larger future pool of brine → the lake.
- Mining continues northward under a thinning carbonate beam of separation from the Lake.
- RESPEC recommended that Cargill transition to Large Pillar Mining under Anomaly C, but John K. Warren recommends maintaining a setback from A-D anomalies.

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Why might Cargill be selling after just investing about \$50M? Perhaps:

- On-going difficulty since beginning of Covid to find people to work under -ground
- Road salt demand projected to be flat next decade
- Competition from foreign & solar salt
- Rate of return on investment no longer attractive
- Legal liabilities a la Avery Island Salt Mine
- Poor PR for Cargill Family
- Mine layout highly inefficient and unsafe
- Technical difficulties have cropped up in the mine

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Mine Closure is Needed

- Cargill's miners are at risk due to:
 - Accidental collapse of the active mine
 - Lack of federally -mandated two means of egress
- Salt mining has resulted in Cayuga Lake being more than twice as saline as 9 other Finger Lakes
- An accidental or intentional flooding prior to or subsequent to the mine's retirement may permanently impair an invaluable resource, Cayuga Lake a la Lake Peigneur

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Legal Background

- 1970 Cargill buys Cayuga Rock Salt; DEC created; 1972: Clean Water Act
- 1978 State Environmental Quality Review Act regulations adopted
- 1994: Retsof Salt Mine suffers a roof collapse; 18 sq. miles of mine cavities flooded
- 1995: NYS Legislative Hearings to investigate Retsof failures held in Albany
- 1997: Cargill applies for a renewal permit and requests a mine expansion of 5056 acres
- 2000 Cargill/DEC Stipulation Agreement: Cargill does not recognize NYS's jurisdiction to regulate their mining operations
- 2002 Geologic and seismic data FOIAed to submit public comment on renewal permit application. DEC denies access to some EEA information as trade secret.
- 2017: No EIS required prior to approval of \$35M Shaft 4 & 1-mile tunnel in N. Lansing
- 2022: Cargill closes Avery Island Mine in Louisiana.
- 2023: Cargill reportedly hires Deutsche Bank to sell Cayuga Salt Mine.

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Is Cargill Violating Their Mining Permit?

Yes, unless DEC has issued undisclosed Oks

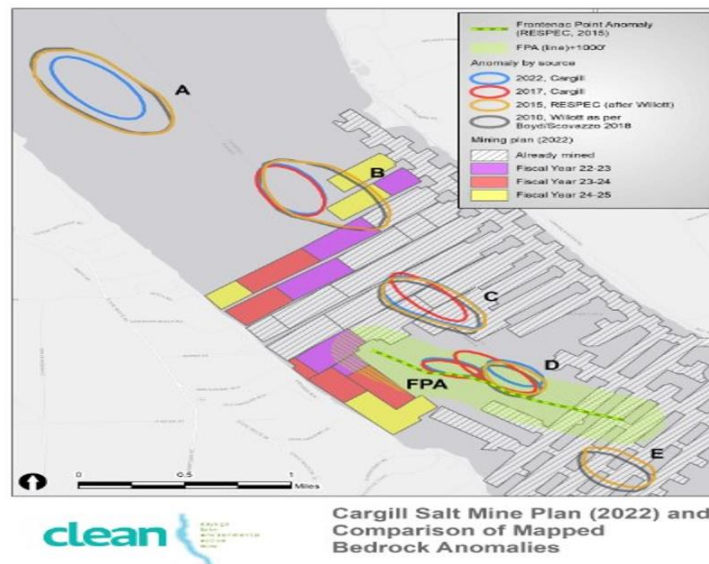
- Cargill's 3-Year Mine Plan shows planned mining right up to new Anomaly B and under 2010 version of Anomaly B.
- Lack of an established standoff from Anomaly B is non-compliant with section 10 of the permit
- We estimate the 2017 map shrinkage of 2010 Anomaly B freed up \$93M in mineable salt
- The public has never seen any further studies & the 2017 we-shrunk-the-anomalies map has no consultant attribution.

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Section 10 of 2021 Mining permit

- **10. Further Investigations** Cargill shall conduct further investigations and report on the adequacy of the thin rock overburden at the northern extent of the mineral lease area where the solid rock overburden becomes thinner where the glacial till and lake sediments thicken and lake depth increases. **Additionally, further investigation and reporting shall be conducted for areas identified as anomalies A and B** (and any other anomalous areas identified through additional investigations) if Cargill proposes to mine under these areas, or up to these areas without an established standoff. The aforementioned conditions must be thoroughly analyzed for stability by Cargill and reviewed by the Department before mining proceeds in these areas.

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What about taxes & jobs?

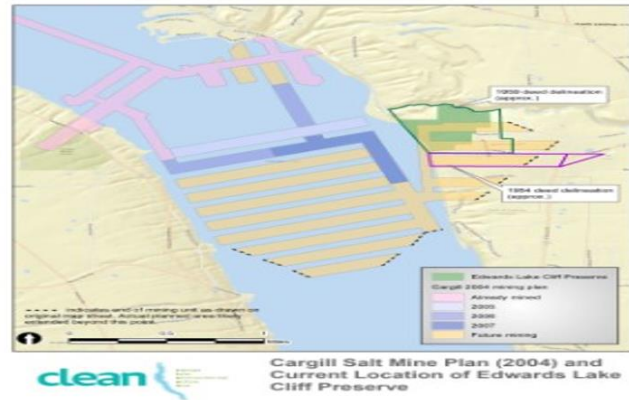
- Cargill's main 105acre 5000' shoreline parcel:
 - Land assessed: \$1,750,000
 - Total assessment: \$16,340,000 up from 11.3M 2022
 - **Equals \$155,619/acre**
- Cornell's Merrill Sailing Club, 2.54acre 1100' shore-line parcel
 - Land assessed: \$1,500,000
 - Total assessment: \$2,935,000
 - **Equals \$1,155,512/acre or 7.4X the 105 ac parcel**

Jobs: Cargill must pay for retraining, health insurance, generous severance packages & pensions

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Will a new owner mine under land?



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Continuous Mining Machines

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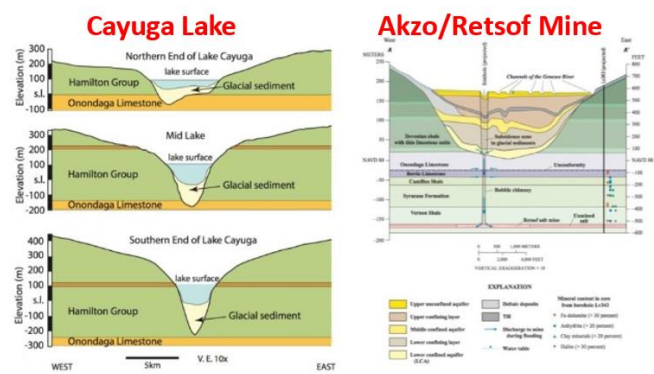
Likely subsidence damage



Where would road salt come from? Hampton Corners Vs Cayuga SM

descriptor	Cargill Cayuga Salt Mine	ARS Hampton Corners Salt Mine
Corporate gross revenues	\$177B in 2023	\$40M in 2022
Mining under a large lake	Yes	No
Number of employees	≈210	≈400 w trucking
Is workforce unionized?	No	Yes
Geologists on Staff	0	2
Annual production	2.4 million tons	4.3 million tons
Recognizes NYS authority to regulate their mining	No	Yes
EISes	0 over 53 years	2 in 23 years
No. of fatalities	6	0

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Left Figure: East-West Cayuga Lake sections from *Technical requirements needed to approve construction of Shaft #4 in the Cayuga Salt Mine, New York State* by Dr. John K. Warren (after Mullins et al., 1995).

Right Figure: Stratigraphic section A-A' depicting rubble chimney above collapsed room in salt mine, Livingston County, N.Y. from *Brine Migration from a Flooded Salt Mine in the Genesee Valley, Livingston County, New York: Geochemical Modeling and Simulation of Variable-Density Flow*, Richard M. Yager et al. 2009.

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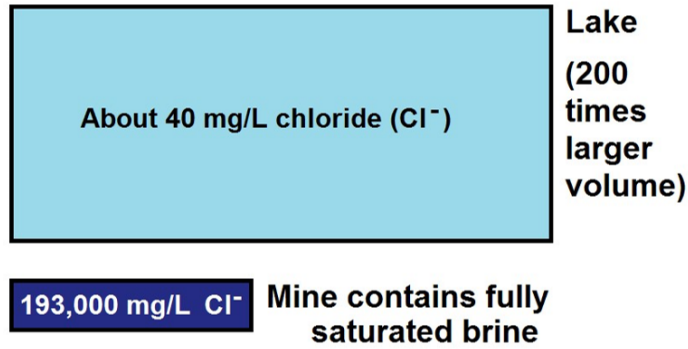
Lake Peigneur Disaster, 1980->
800-1200 mg/L Chloride in 1998
≈3.2-4.8X EPA drinking water standard



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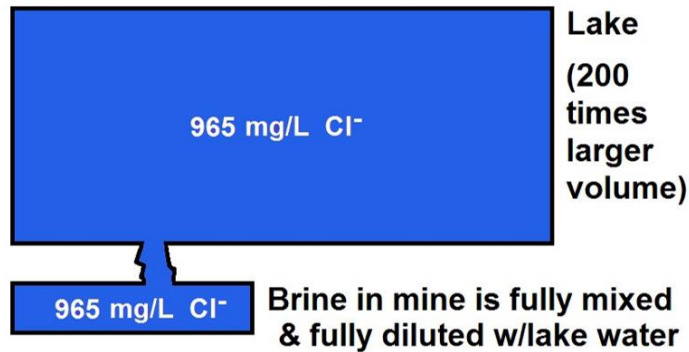
Rough Quantification of Risk

If water in flooded mine dissolves unmined salt from pillars, etc., and becomes fully saturated....

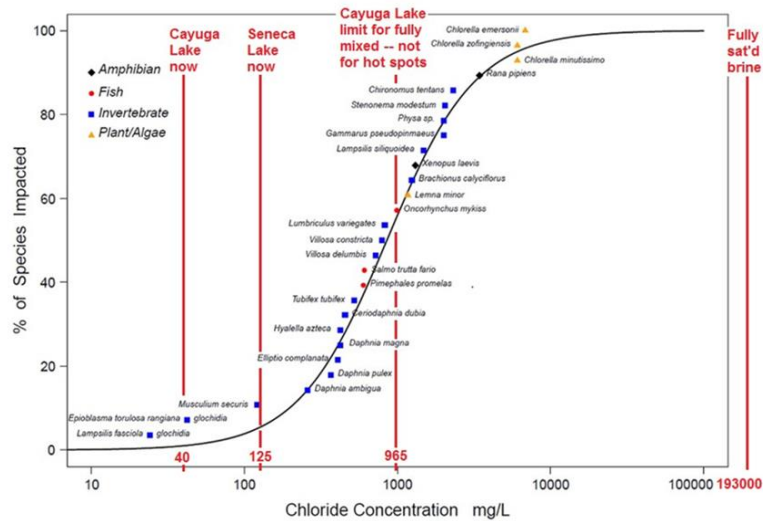


Rough Quantification of Risk

If a collapse "chimney" connected mine to lake, full mixing (*unlikely*) would approach 1000 mg/L:



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Adapted from Lawson & Jackson, FACETS 6, 317-333 (2021), Fig. 4

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Anomaly Flux

Anomaly	2010, Willott acres	2017, Cargill acres	Change from 2010, Willott	2022, Cargill acres	Change from 2010, Willott	Salt Value of Change,
A	159.28	--	--	78.27	-50.9%	\$91,669,296
B	137.06	55.18	-59.7%	55.18	-59.7%	\$92,653,770
C	71.72	41.22	-42.5%	72.09	0.5%	-\$418,685
D	29.53	38.78	31.3%	21.84	-26.0%	\$8,701,850
E	44.03	--	--	--	--	

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Conclusions

- 1) Close the mine subject to an EIS and careful closure Plan
- 2) Cargill should post a \$10B bond with NYS pending closure of mine voids
- 3) Cargill miners should get:
 - a) Retraining
 - b) health insurance until age 65
 - c) Ample severance & pension benefits
- 4) Cargill Family endow a Finger Lakes Salt Mining Museum at Portland Point

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Predictable subsidence above mine – or sudden & less predictable?

- This process is typically slow and gradual– unless a sudden collapse occurs:
 - Himrod Mine, Seneca Lake, fatality, closes 1976
 - Avery Island mine in Louisiana, fatal roof collapse in 2020 (salt dome)
 - Retsof mine, Livingston County, NY, collapse & unstoppable flooding in 1994-95 (bedded salt)

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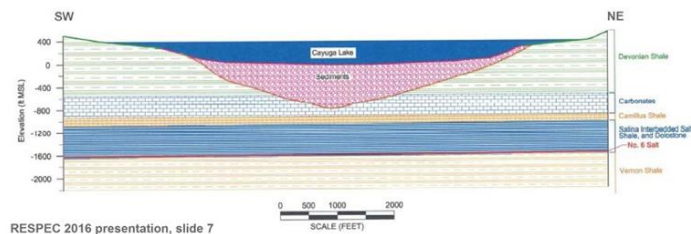
- Mine cavity volume is roughly 10 to 15 billion gallons (say 12.5 billion gallons). Cayuga Lake volume is about 2.5 trillion gallons (**200x larger**).
- Mine flooding, either accidental or intentional, will bring relatively fresh water into the mine.
- Water in the mine will dissolve salt from pillars and other unmined salt, so that the water in the mine becomes very salty brine (much saltier than ocean water). Fully saturated brine has a specific gravity of about 1.2 and is about 26.5% salt by weight, or about 318,000 mg/L salt or **193,000 mg/L chloride**.

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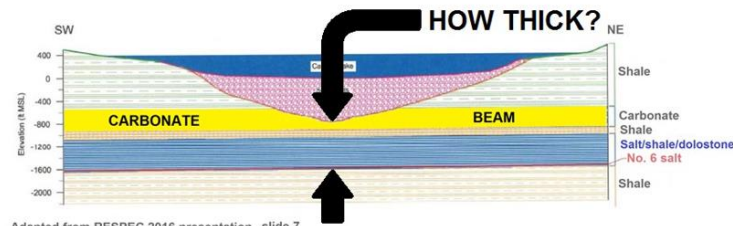
The Under Land Option

1. Mining proponents may suggest mining under land due to:
 - thicker/stronger rock more resistant to collapse
 - no direct vertical pathway to the lake
2. But under land mining still increases the size of the future brine reservoir threatening the lake.
3. The recent salt train derailment spilt about 300 gallons of diesel fuel within one mile of the Bolton Point Water System intake.
4. Future mining under Lake Watch makes no sense: the salt stretches from Syracuse to Detroit.

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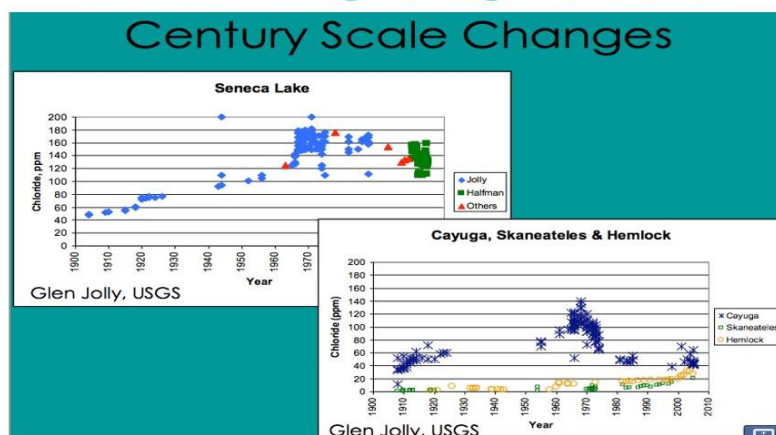
RESPEC 2016 presentation, slide 7



Adapted from RESPEC 2016 presentation, slide 7

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Has Salt Mining Damaged the Lake?



Low chloride levels in early century indicate natural brine seeps are not driving salinity.

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Suggestions from John and Serenna, after the presentation, regarding what the Town can do.

- Public can raise awareness to pressure the Governor to stop the sale of the mine.
- Make it unattractive to potential buyers.
- Town put pressure on DEC.
- If another company buys the mine have the new buyer post \$10 billion bond.
- Town pass resolution barring use of part of mine.

Cargill employees about 200 people.

AGRICULTURE AND FARMLANDS PROTECTION COMMITTEE (AG COMMITTEE) PRESENTATION – CONNIE WILCOX, CHAIRPERSON

Connie Wilcox stated the following:

- Town Board lacks communication with the Ag Committee
- Ag Committee was not informed of proposed changes for appointments to committees and sub-committees
- New proposed procedure has Ag Committee a sub-committee of Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) – this is ludicrous
 - Councilperson Joseph Wetmore told Ag Committee at September 6, 2023 meeting, this has been removed from the proposed changes
- New proposed procedure makes it hard to get volunteers
- Connie handed the Board the farmer's document: " Comments with Proposed Amendments to Town Code for Additions to Chapter 7 Committees and Subcommittees"

- Appears to be the Town Board wants total control with no input from public
- Need better communication with constituents and committees
- Many people in Town do not use the computer – frustrating cannot reach people
- Walk in Town Hall and people are not available

Comments on Proposed Amendments to Town Code for Additions to Chapter 7
Committees and Subcommittees

Article 1 Section 2.A.2. Would this be likely to occur frequently between CAC and AFPC as they currently exist?

Section 4. First line typo? "any other documents or updated are required"

Article III Section 1. CAC is earlier referred to as an Advisory Agency. CAC is not a board, so should it be removed from this list?

Section 2. Seems overly cumbersome for the Town Board.

Sentence #2. Why wouldn't they always be invited to participate?

If existing members are required to go through the entire process as though they were new, if this is being considered, will not help to retain good/busy people to volunteer their time.

Section 3. If CAC becomes a CAB would it prevent those members from serving on the AFPC?

The farmer pool is far more limited in its population vs. any other agency, SGB or SGC. Being involved in more than one entity is more likely to be necessary.

Section 5. Last sentence. Why aren't they capable of continuing to select their own vs planning and zoning?

Section 10.A. Neither AA involved is interested in forming an unnecessary hierarchy, but if, in the opinion of the Town Board, one needs to exist why not have the AFPC be the lead agency? This also further hinders the ability of a person to serve on more than one entity if desired or necessary. Also 40% of AFPC membership being actual farmers seems like bad math. I would think they should always comprise the majority of the committee.

B. Shouldn't terms be staggered so all don't expire at the same time?

Are D-H new provisions? If not why are other agencies responsibilities not also referred to in this document in so much detail? Are these consistent with other agencies?

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In the event that AFPC remains as is and not a subcommittee, what are the implications relative to this paragraph?

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

Three residents spoke about Ludlowville Road/Snake Hill Road/Crooked Hill Road

- Heard there was estimate for 2 million dollars to repair road
- Believes road was previously repaired for \$400,000 – thinks road could be repaired again for same money
- Engineers are very conservative to be sure they do not get sued
- Cannot even walk on road now
- Alternatives should be looked at to repair the road
- Road was previously repaired with the help of a grant
- Road was closed in mid 80's, then repaired and worked fine until recently
- All people in Salmon Creek Valley use road
- Brickyard Road not available in winter
 - Snake Hill Road is emergency exit
- Residents not getting answers to their questions
- Need better communication to Town residents
- Report from Engineering company
- How much will the repairs cost
- Resources for funding

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 September 2023

1. 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. Please vote by September 30th.
2. There will be a Watercolor Workshop for adults with artist Lee O'Connell on Saturday, September 30th 10:00-noon. Space is limited so registration is required.

3. The library will host a bilingual story time on Thursday, September 21st at 10:30 to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.
4. On display during the months of September and October will be the textiles of Patricia Brown.
5. The Friends of the Library will be hosting a fundraiser – Costumes and Cocktails on October 20th from 8:00-11:00pm at the Lake Watch Inn.
6. 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.
7. Instructor John Burger hosts T'ai Chi classes at the Community Center on Fridays from 10:30-11:30am.
8. Learn to play American Mah Jongg every Tuesday at 10:15am and play American Mah Jongg every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00pm.
9. The library continues to provide free delivery to Woodsedge.
10. 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.
11. 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

Submitted the following report.

**Tompkins County Legislator
Michael Sigler
September 2023**

Hello,

Sorry I can't be with you tonight, but we have an expanded budget meeting at the County. It's that time of the year and we're working on the 2024 budget. Money is tight, but we'll see where our priorities are. We're looking at non-Mandated expenditures of over 200 million dollars and mandated expenses of almost 45 million. I'll keep you updated.

I want to thank Dominick Recchio in advance as I pull liberally from his reports.

Some areas I've been working on. One of Tompkins only group homes is slated to close. It's Abbott House over near the airport. I'm talking to the Governor's office to see if there's anything that can be done to keep it open. I didn't think there were too many beds/apartments for those with neurodiverse people, so I'll keep working on it. The Lansing Carnival was great. I raised \$45 in the dunk tank. I went to the Watchfire on Friday at Myer's Park. It's to symbolize a marker, calling our lost and missing service member's home. I also was in the Ithaca Airport 5K on Sunday which raised money this year for aviation scholarships.

The County is moving ahead to look at plans for a Center of Government. I don't know how this will turn out. We need the space as we have to move the District Attorney and Clerk out of the courthouse and we can save money moving some departments out of space we now lease into a new space we own. This is just a request for quote, so we can get some engineering and design work done, so we know what kind of costs we're talking about. Lee Shurtleff brought up an interesting question. He didn't support moving

forward because “there have been too many instances of individuals being harmed or crimes being committed in the City of Ithaca, including an incident at Aldi, which is one block away from the Department of Motor Vehicles, and a shot fired incident on Buffalo Street near the proposed Center of Government. Shurtleff also referenced 2022 incidents near the Tompkins County Human Services Building on West Martin Luther King/State St.”

We also agreed to sell the Red House that’s been a source of some controversy.

Whole Health Commissioner Frank Kruppa updated us on the recent cluster of Legionellosis cases in the County. Kruppa stated that “the incubation period is 2-14 days, and we are at day 15 from the onset of symptoms of our last case.” He added that while it’s important to see two incubation periods pass, the time since the last case is a positive indicator.

HIGHWAY REPORT – MICHAEL MOSELEY

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.

HIGHWAY REPORT September 20, 2023

Road Maintenance/ Improvement

- Finished Newman Road erosion project with Tompkins County Soil & Water. Big thanks to Angel Hinickle for all her help.

Tree & Brush Maintenance

- Tree & brush maintenance along roadside to aid line of sight.

Water/Sewer Maintenance

- Crews worked on 6 water main breaks.
- Storm water district maintenance.

Community

- Helped prep for the Lansing parade/carnival.
- The Highway Department had a great time driving truck, loader, gradall, and dump truck in parade.

Mike also stated:

- Thanked his crew, and Pat’s, for their hard work
- There were over twelve (12) water main breaks in the last two (2) weeks

2 Auburn Road

- Working with Dave Herrick, Town Engineer, and hope to have information to Town Board in October
- Town Attorney also needs to look over information

Ludlowville Road/Snake Hill Road/Crooked Hill Road

- Town Board has been given information
- Contacted contractor Orchard, Earth and Pipe
 - Have estimate in October
- Dondi Harner, T.G. Miller, P.C. stated:
 - Packet from Stopen Engineering – evaluation, surveyed existing slopes
 - Meeting with contractor Orchard, Earth and Pipe tomorrow
 - Contractor did work on road in 90’s
 - Get cost for three options
 - ❖ Full road open, one lane walking trail, only stabilize road
 - Potential funding opportunities to apply for

Dondi answered questions:

- Walking/trail road map – removed western drive lane

- Need fire truck turn around
- Stopen Engineering did not think the micro pile system plan that was written by James Mason, Engineer, requested by Ludlowville residents, would be cost effective on unstable grounds below

Councilperson Ruth Groff will look at Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding through ITCTC.

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 September 2023 Town Board Meeting

RECREATION:

- Fall soccer has started, our participation is higher than last year.
- Our programming has slowed slightly with school starting, the current list includes football, soccer, horseback riding and swimming.
- Several lacrosse teams are renting field space from us at the Town Barn field.
- Cornell and Ithaca College club softball teams will be renting field space from us this Fall.
- Our trails group has been meeting regularly and I think we are making good progress.
- We have hosted several Modified soccer games for the school.
- Small Fry Football is doing well with several wins thus far, looking like another great season.
- Wildflower seeds have been planted along the ball field ditches and in front of the Baker BBQ pavilion. We hope that it will look beautiful this Spring.
- Budget 2024 packets have been distributed in board members mailboxes.
- I have also sent emails concerning 2023 budgetary items for board members to review.
- We are working on updating our website and phone system.

PARKS:

- On September 15th, Myers Park hosted the annual POW/MIA Watch Fire. Another great tradition that we hope will continue for many years to come.
- We are still working on distributing the last bit of playground mulch that was delivered to us. Getting around the playground structures is a little tricky with our equipment.
- The front flower bed has been planted with mums for the upcoming Fall season.
- I have been added to the Cayuga Lake Hydrilla task force, they meet monthly. We have discovered some in our marina area.
- 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 was held August 26th, again a very successful fundraiser.
- Myers Park guarded swimming is closed. We continue to check for harmful algae blooms daily. Several have been spotted around us but nothing along Myers Park lakeshore or Salt Point.
- The last day for camping is October 9th.
- Boats in the marina and dry dock must be out by November 1st.

Pat also stated:

- Budget issues
 - Everything costs more
 - Day Camp is all inclusive – additional staffing required
- Music in the Park went well

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING REPORT – JOHN ZEPKO

No report.

John stated he submitted the building permits and certificate of occupancy 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
SEPTEMBER 2023**

Hunting Licenses

September has been very busy selling hunting licenses. Lifetime license holders who have not received theirs in the mail can come to our office to have a replacement printed until October 1st at no cost. After October 1st, lifetime license holders will have to pay for a replacement license. Deer Management Permits (DMPs) are available until October 1st.

Board Vacancies

Jessie created a new procedure for taking care of board/council vacancies to make sure new appointments are filled before January 1st each year.

Listed below will be the vacancies as of December 31, 2023. Chairs of each board/council will be notified which members terms are expiring. Incumbents wishing to be reappointed must submit an application for reappointment. Applications will be available on the Town’s website beginning on October 2nd through 16th. Paper applications will be available at the Town Clerk’s office and can be e-mailed, if requested. Notice of vacancies will be posted on bulletin boards located in the Town Hall.

- Planning Board – 3 vacancies: (1) 7-year term and (2) 1-year terms
- Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 vacancies: (1) 5-year term and (1) 1-year term
- Board of Ethics – 1 vacancy: (1) 5-year term
- Conservation Advisory Council – 5 vacancies: (5) 2-year terms

Relevies of Unpaid Water and Sewer Bills

Our office will be mailing about 258 reminder letters to all water and sewer accounts with an outstanding balance in advance of the relevy. The letters state balances must be paid in full by October 10th. If they remain unpaid after this date, the balance plus a relevy penalty of 10% will be added to their 2024 Town and County Tax Bills.

2024 Budget

Our budget worksheets have been completed and submitted to the Bookkeeper. We met with the Bookkeeper and Highway Superintendent to discuss sewer revenue and expenses. We reviewed the revenue versus the expenses and together we projected numbers for next year.

Tompkins County Health Department Fall Rabies Clinics

The Health Department has scheduled one clinic – Caroline Town Highway Garage on September 28th. Preregistration is recommended. Visit this link to sign up for a time slot - <https://tompkinscountyny.gov/health/eh/rabies#clinics>

TOWN CLERK PRESENTS THE TENTATIVE 2024 TOWN OF LANSING BUDGET

Town Clerk Deborah Munson presented the Tentative 2024 Town of Lansing Budget to the Town Board. Hard copies of budget were handed to Town Board Members before Executive Session and the Supervisors Office will e-mail Budget to Town Board.

Town Clerk Deborah Munson reviewed the Budget schedule:

- Town Board Budget Meeting September 27, 2023
 - Town Board reviews, modifies and puts changes in writing
- Town Board Meeting October 18, 2023
 - Resolution to approve changes
 - Tentative Budget moves to Preliminary Budget
- Town Board Meeting November 8, 2023
 - Budget public hearing
 - Final budget approval

Supervisor Ed LaVigne stated:

- Contact Bookkeeper Mary Ellen Albrecht, Information Aide Jennifer Schenck or Supervisor Ed LaVigne with any questions, prior to September 27, 2023 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DRAFT 2024 TOMPKINS COUNTYWIDE SHARED SERVICES INITIATIVE (CWSSI) PLAN

RESOLUTION 23-114

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DRAFT 2024 TOMPKINS COUNTYWIDE SHARED SERVICES INITIATIVE (CWSSI) PLAN

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Countywide Shared Services Initiative (CWSSI) generates property tax savings by enabling collaboration between local governments across the state, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State offers grant programs to incentivize and aid local government efficiencies through shared services, and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for financial incentives, Tompkins County is required to convene a Shared Services Panel comprised of municipal chief elected officials and develop a draft plan outlining new initiatives that demonstrate significant property tax savings, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Shared Services Panel has convened multiple times in recent months and identified the pilot Countywide Rapid Medical Response program for inclusion in the 2024 CWSSI Plan, and

WHEREAS, the CWSSI requires that a public hearing be held ahead of the approval of the draft 2024 Plan, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing would provide an opportunity for public comment and input on the impact of the Countywide Rapid Medical Response program, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Tompkins County Government Operations Committee, that the public hearing on the draft 2024 CWSSI Plan, be held at the Lansing Town Board meeting scheduled for October 18, 2023, at 6:31 p.m., and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Lansing Town Clerk is authorized to place proper notice of this public hearing in the official newspaper of the Town.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-26

b. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BID, ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF AWARD AND CONTRACT TO CAYUGA COMMERCIAL CLEANING, LLC FOR TOWN BUILDINGS CUSTODIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION 23-115

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BID, ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF AWARD AND CONTRACT TO CAYUGA COMMERCIAL CLEANING, LLC FOR TOWN BUILDINGS CUSTODIAL SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, detailed bid documents and specifications had been developed, including a contract to be executed by the selected bidder, and the Town thereafter duly advertised for public bidding and conducted a public bid opening, and all bids were examined for compliance with bid requirements, including overall pricing and best value bidding standards and criteria, and the best value-lowest overall cost bidder duly identified; and

WHEREAS, as a result of such examinations and meeting, and upon input from the Town Supervisor, such bid was deemed and determined to be in compliance with bid requirements, and such bidder is not listed upon any State Debarment List, such that the Town Board desires to now award such bid; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the foregoing, and upon due deliberation and consideration thereof, and in compliance with the specifications and the requirements for public bidding upon procurements and public works, including but not limited to the Town's Procurement Policy and General Municipal Law §§ 101 and 103, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, that the Project bid be and hereby is awarded to Cayuga Commercial Cleaning, LLC, pursuant to its bid dated September 10, 2023; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town deems this Resolution to be legally sufficient as a Notice of Award, which Notice of Award shall be submitted to the successful bidder together with prepared contract documents, and which such delivery shall constitute acceptance of the bid by the Town; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon receipt of the required insurance coverages, the contract that was part of the bid documents be completed and the Town Supervisor be and is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute such contract by, for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Town of Lansing, and the Supervisor be further authorized to make, negotiate, and execute such changes and such further or other documents and agreements as are or may be necessary or convenient to cause such contract or bid award to be fully authorized and services to commence in 2024 in as timely a fashion as practicable and continue through 2026; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk register the award with the Department of Labor under the PRC number assigned for this bid and project.

c. RESOLUTION APPROVING OFFICE RENOVATIONS TO IMPROVE SECURITY IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

RESOLUTION 23-116

RESOLUTION APPROVING OFFICE RENOVATIONS TO IMPROVE SECURITY IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

WHEREAS, by recommendation of the Tompkins County Sheriff’s Office, the Town Clerk’s Office proposes to improve security in the office by installing one-way mirror glass in the door and adjacent counter window, replacing the existing glass; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk included \$1,500 in the 2023 budget for this project under the building repairs expense account; and

WHEREAS, the current quote from McPherson Builders is \$2,043, the building repairs expense account has sufficient funds to cover this security improvement; and

WHEREAS, per existing Town Procurement Policy Section IV, all building repairs and maintenance projects exceeding \$1,000 require specific Town Board approval; it is therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board affirms that funds from A1620.405 are intended to be used for building repairs and maintenance; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk or her designee be and hereby are authorized to affect the following repair per the Town of Lansing Procurement Policy: McPherson Builders install one-way mirror glass in the door and adjacent counter window, replacing the existing glass in Town Clerk's Office for a total not to exceed \$2,043.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 23-114 – 23-116

RESOLUTION 23-117

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

RESOLVED, that the Consent Agenda Resolutions **23-114 – 23-116**, are hereby approved as presented and amended, and

The question of the adoption of such proposed Consent Agenda 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 Resolutions were approved, carried, and duly adopted on September 20, 2023.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS AND SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

RESOLUTION 23-118

RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS AND SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

The Supervisor submitted his monthly report for the month of August 2023, 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 Bronwyn Losey. 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 # 009

DATED 09/20/2023

AUDITED VOUCHER #'s	<u>886 – 894</u> <u>896 – 1013</u>
PREPAY VOUCHER #'s	<u>886 – 892</u>
AUDITED T & A VOUCHER #'s	<u>54 – 60</u>
PREPAY T & A VOUCHER #'s	<u>54 – 56</u>

<u>FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>
GENERAL FUND (A&B)	<u>\$ 138,187.83</u>
HIGHWAY FUND (DA&DB)	<u>\$ 137,346.88</u>
DRAINAGE DISTRICTS (SDD1-)	<u>\$ 3,037.52</u>
LANSING LIGHTING (SL1, 2 &3)	<u>\$ 1,491.90</u>
WARREN & CHERRY SEWER DISTRICT (SS1,3)	<u>\$ 27,473.07</u>
LANSING WATER DISTRICTS (SW)	<u>\$ 15,669.80</u>
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)	<u>\$ 96,315.34</u>

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 MEETING**

**GENERAL FUND A
September 20, 2023**

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A1440.401	A1440.403	From Eng-Sewer P&M to Eng Transportation Addtl required to cover expenditures	\$ 1,000.00
A1440.406	A1440.403	From Eng-Misc Water Ext P&M to Eng Transportation Addtl required to cover expenditures	\$ 4,000.00
A1440.407	A1440.403	From Eng-Surveying to Eng Transportation Addtl required to cover expenditures	\$ 3,300.00
A1440.408	A1440.403	From Town Center to Eng Transportation Addtl required to cover expenditures	\$ 2,000.00
A599	A1610.400	From Fund Balance to Technology Addtl required to cover expenditures	\$ 23,666.93
A599	A1630.400	From Fund Balance to Community Center- Contractual Addtl required to cover fire suppression	\$ 2,415.86
A599	A1950.400	From Fund Balance to Taxes & Assess Munic Property Addtl required to cover expenditures	\$ 1,612.74
A1550	A3510.402	From Dog Control Fees (Revenue) to Control of Dogs-Other Use unanticipated revenue to cover expenditures	\$ 80.00
A599	A7310.100	From Fund Balance to Youth Program-Personal Srvcs Addtl required to cover expenditures	\$ 1,334.00

A599	A7310.110	From Fund Balance to Youth Program-Personal Srvcs Addtl required to cover expenditures	\$ 15,197.44
A2003	A7310.400	From Youth Rec Fees (Revenue) to Youth Program-Contractual Use unanticipated revenue to cover expenditures	\$ 22,569.69
A599	A7310.400	From Fund Balance to Youth Program-Contractual Addtl required to cover expenditures	\$ 23,944.95
A2750	A3001	From "Prev Used A3001" to State Revenue Sharing (per Capita) Per OSC - correction for AIM payment received	\$ 27,085.00

LAKEWATCH LIGHTING SL3
September 20, 2023

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A599	SL3-5182.400	From A Fund Bal to Lakewatch Lighting-Contractual Addtl required to cover expenditures	\$ 4,500.00

SEWER FUND SS1
September 20, 2023

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
SS1-8120.401	SS1-8120.402	From Sewer Engineer to Sewer Legal Addtl required to cover expenditures	\$ 3,500.00

WATER FUND SW
September 20, 2023

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
SW599	SW8320.403	From Fund Balance to Source of Supply-Drake Rd CWD#4 Addtl required to cover expenditures	\$ 1,050.00
SW599	SW8320.404	From Fund Balance to Source of Supply-Peruville Rd CWD#5 Addtl required to cover expenditures	\$ 200.00

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Andra Benson, duly seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wetmore, 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 September 20, 2023.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Andra Benson – reported the following:

Lansing Library – written report above

Ruth Groff – reviewed the following report:

**Ruth Groff
Town Board Member Report
September 2023**

- **Ithaca Tompkins County Transportation Council (“ITCTC”) Joint Policy/Planning Committees: September 12, 1:00pm**
 - Planning Committee items:
 - Transportation Improvement Program (“TIP”) modifications approved: A) Obligation date changes for multiple project phases – Tompkins County and Town of Dryden; B) Stewart Ave. bridge obligation date and funding changes
 - Both Planning and Policy Committee items – each had the same items on their agendas:
 - TIP amendments approved: A) NYSDOT project funding adjustments; B) Bridge New York projects – new funding and funding adjustments
 - Joint Committee items:
 - Resolution 2023-07 – Commending Mr. Dwight Mengel for contributions to and services performed on behalf of the ITCTC. Mr. Mengel is retiring from his position as Chief Transportation Planner at the Tompkins County Dept. of Social Services, therefore the ITCTC formally thanked Mr. Mengel for his many years of service, leadership, and contributions to the operation of the ITCTC.
 - Director’s Report:
 - Ithaca Carshare Insurance legislation update: the Bill was modified and sent back to Governor Hochul on September 9, and as of the September 12 meeting, she had not yet signed it.
 - Ithaca Bikeshare is averaging 4 rides per day, per bike, which is better than any other bikeshare program. They will be ordering 100 more bikes.
 - Member Reports:
 - Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (“TCAT”) buses are from Proterra, which is in bankruptcy, so getting repairs and parts is now a problem for TCAT. They are looking for other e-bus manufacturers to fill the gap.
 - TCAT is still looking for drivers
 - The City of Ithaca is expanding sidewalks
 - There are plans to extend the Black Diamond Trail to Trumansburg
 - Cayuga Heights Road is scheduled to be finished in October
- **Conservation Advisory Council (“CAC”): September 7, 6:30pm**
 - The primary discussion was with Katie from Bergmann, regarding the Open Space Index and Conservation Plan
- **Capital Improvement Committee: September 6, 9:00am**
 - As the list of projects has been essentially completed, the next step is for descriptions of each project to be written for inclusion in a formal report. Several committee members agreed to write those descriptions as they pertained to their areas of expertise – Mike Moseley, Patrick Tyrrell, and Dave Herrick. I will be preparing financial snapshots for each project.
- **Parks, Recreation, and Trails Committee: August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 19, 11:30am**
 - Patrick Tyrrell, Ruth Hopkins, and Ruth Groff have weekly update meetings with Ellie Peterson, Intern from Cornell, regarding her work on potential plans for the Jonas Falls area. Since she has completed the majority of the work on that project, but still has many hours left on her contract with the Town, she has begun converting the study that was done by the Cornell Design Connect team, into a format consistent with that of a trails master plan.

- The Trails Committee has been meeting weekly to share lessons learned as several groups are working on different segments of the trail. The focus has been on learning about easements, and identifying multiple options for each segment, but the primary discussions have been around landowner outreach, and possible funding sources.

Bronwyn Losey – reported the following:

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) – meeting cancelled

Broadband Committee – waiting to hear back from Spectrum

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
September 2023**

Yellow Barn Committee

Thursday, August 17·1:00 – 2:30pm

We discussed the next steps regarding the Host Community Agreement.

Planning Board

Monday, August 28·6:30 – 8:30pm

Duthie/United Storage 431 Auburn Rd, Tax Parcel Number 30.-1-16.32

Project Description: The applicant proposes to construct an approximately 9,600 square foot building on the existing ~9 acre lot. The property is in the IR – Industrial/Research Zone.

Declared Lead Agency, Set Public Hearing.

Cayuga Lake boat tour and water health presentations hosted by AM Kelles, Sen. Webb and Sen. May

Tuesday, September 5·2:00 – 5:00pm

Assemblymember Anna Kelles, Senator Lea Webb and Senator Rachel May, hosted an informative afternoon exploring Cayuga Lake and its ecosystem aboard the Discover Cayuga Lake boat. Guests included Tompkins County municipal leaders (including Ruth Groff and myself) and local water health experts. We experienced the “floating classroom” with hands-on activities led by Bill Foster and crew. Cayuga Lake and its watershed is vitally important as a source of freshwater in the region (and is where Bolton Point gets its water). Following the boat tour, we gathered at Ithaca Farmers Market for a presentation by Dr. Roxanne Razavi, Assistant Professor of Environmental Biology at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF), on per- and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals (PFAS or “forever chemicals”).



Yellow Barn Committee
Thursday, August 31·1:00 – 2:30pm

We discussed the next steps regarding the Host Community Agreement.

Bolton Point Board meeting
Thursday, September 7·4:00 – 5:00pm

1. Management Staff Report
2. Committee Reports
 - A. Budget and Finance Committee
 1. July 31, 2023 Financial Report
 2. Approval of the September 7, 2023 Warrants
 - B. Engineering and Operations Committee
 1. July 26, 2023 Meeting Notes
 2. August 23, 2023 Meeting Agenda
 - C. Personnel and Organization Committee
 1. July 26, 2023 Meeting Notes
 2. August 23, 2023 Meeting Agenda
 3. Resolution for Approval of Revised Personnel Policies
 4. Resolution for Appointment of Mark Fessenden Janik to EMT Position

Edward LaVigne – reported the following:

Budget

- Need to keep services and value to taxpayers without going over budget
- Need to hold to budget and try to increase fund balances
- Budget modifications are crippling

WORK SESSION MEETING ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Shipping Containers

Councilperson Joe Wetmore stated shipping containers should not be used as buildings. He would like the code committee to review this.

Director of Planning John Zepko stated the Town needs to be cautious not to regulate activities of specific businesses.

Supervisor Ed LaVigne stated the Town needs to be careful not to be reactionary and not to zone something out.

