### BUDGET TOWN BOARD MEETING November 6, 2024

A Budget 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 Ruth Groff, 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:

Judy Drake, Councilperson Christine Montague, Councilperson Ruth Groff, Supervisor (left @ 6:31pm) Laurie Hemmings, Councilperson Joseph Wetmore, Councilperson

**ABSENT:** No one absent

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Moseley, Highway Superintendent, Mary Ellen Albrecht, Bookkeeper, Jennifer Schenck, Accountant, David Durrett, and Deniquea Hawkins

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025
ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR TOWN WATER, LIGHTING, DRAINAGE, AND
SEWER DISTRICTS

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore, moved to **OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025 ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR TOWN WATER, LIGHTING, DRAINAGE, AND SEWER DISTRICTS** at 6:31 pm.

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings seconded the motion. All in Favor -5 Opposed -0

Supervisor Ruth Groff left the meeting at 6:31 p.m. and Deputy Supervisor Joseph Wetmore continued to preside over the meeting.

One resident spoke about their high electric bill and asked what could be done to lower it.

### MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Councilperson Judy Drake, moved to CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025 ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR TOWN WATER, LIGHTING, DRAINAGE, AND SEWER DISTRICTS at 6:33 pm.

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings seconded the motion. All in Favor -4 Opposed -0

# MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025 TOWN OF LANSING ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings, moved to **OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025 TOWN OF LANSING ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET** at 6:33 pm.

Councilperson Judy Drake, seconded the motion. All in Favor -4 Opposed -0

Bookkeeper Mary Ellen Albrecht explained the changes from the preliminary budget to what will become the final budget. She stated the changes are from the retirement system and the money will come from the fund balance.

The changes are stated in the resolution approving the Town 2025 Budget.

No one addressed the Town Board.

### **MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Councilperson Laurie Hemmings, moved to CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025 TOWN OF LANSING ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET at 6:42 pm. Councilperson Judy Drake, seconded the motion.

All in Favor – 4 Opposed – 0

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPECIAL DISTRICTS BUDGET AND TOWN BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025

#### **RESOLUTION 24-150**

## RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPECIAL DISTRICTS BUDGET AND TOWN BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing, having duly held public hearings on November 6, 2024, upon the Preliminary Budget approved by this Board and filed with the Town Clerk for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025, including the lighting, water, drainage districts, and sewer Special District Budgets for 2025, and the Town Board having heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter, and the matter of the Budget for this Town for such fiscal year having been fully discussed and considered, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, at such meeting, having discussed the changes and final updates to such Preliminary Budget, and as so amended, duly approved and established the same as the annual Budget for this Town for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the said Budget approved and filed as aforesaid, for 2025, is hereby amended as follows:

### **Changes to Preliminary Budget for Final Adopted Budget**

NYSLRS Pensi	on Employer C	Contributions			
		2025 E	BUDGET		
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Dec	Total (For Adopted Budget)	<b>Preliminary Budget</b>	Net Change from Preliminary to Adopted
A9010.800	\$ 34,821.51	\$123,317.87	\$ 158,139.38	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 68,139.38
B9010.800	\$ 9,717.62	\$ 34,414.29	\$ 44,131.91	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 14,131.91
DA9010.800	\$ 15,386.25	\$ 54,489.29	\$ 69,875.54	\$ 90,000.00	\$ (20,124.46)
DB9010.800	\$ 12,956.84	\$ 45,885.72	\$ 58,842.56	\$ 72,000.00	\$ (13,157.44)
SW9010.800	\$ 8,098.03	\$ 28,678.58	\$ 36,776.61	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 33,276.61

Increase in Employer Contributions to the NYSLRS Pension Plan are largely due to the increase in employer contribution rates per NYS.

<u>SW1030 – Consolidated Water District</u> – Increase from \$499,517 to \$505,354.25 (After doing research, the unit charge must remain \$155/unit)

RESOLVED, that the proposed Preliminary Special Districts Budget and the proposed Preliminary Town Budget, as so amended, be and hereby are approved and adopted as the Town of Lansing Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Town shall prepare and certify as provided by law duplicate copies of the said annual Budget hereby adopted and deliver one of such copies to the Supervisor of the Town, and that the Supervisor shall present such copy to the Board of Legislators of the County, as required by law.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Judy Drake, duly seconded by Councilperson Laurie Hemmings, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Judy Drake – Aye

Councilperson Christine Montague – Aye

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on November 6, 2024.

## MOTION FOR TOWN OF LANSING TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM TOMPKINS COUNTY TOURISM PROGRAM

#### **MOTION M24-24**

# MOTION FOR TOWN OF LANSING TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM TOMPKINS COUNTY TOURISM PROGRAM

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings, moved to accept a grant of \$12,000 from the Tompkins County Department of Planning & Sustainability / Tompkins County Tourism Program for a Lansing Greenway Feasibility Study.

Councilperson Christine Montague seconded the motion.

All in Favor – 4

Opposed -0

# MOTION AUTHORIZING BOOKKEEPER TO PRE-PAY EXCELLUS INVOICE FOR RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE

### **MOTION M24-25**

### MOTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OF LANSING BOOKKEEPER TO PRE-PAY EXCELLUS INVOICE FOR RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings, moved to authorize Town of Lansing Bookkeeper to pre-pay Excellus Invoice #000040773130 dated October 11, 2024 in the amount of \$86.00. This invoice was received after the October 16, 2024 Town Board meeting and therefore was not able to be included for approval at that meeting. This invoice will be included as a pre-pay on Abstract #11 at the November 20, 2024 regular Town Board meeting.

Councilperson Christine Montague seconded the motion.

All in Favor – 4

Opposed -0

# RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF 2025-2027 HIGHWAY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

#### **RESOLUTION 24-151**

# RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF 2025-2027 HIGHWAY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, through its Steward in August of 2024, the Highway Association, as a recognized employee bargaining unit, requested bargaining to update the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement (the "Agreement") and cover a new term, January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the bargaining unit and the Town duly met and bargained the terms, conditions of employment in, and the final language of such proposed "Agreement", and the parties tentatively agreed upon the final form of said Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the bargaining unit duly met and approved by majority vote the Agreement and has requested that the Town now proceed to do the same, and the Agreement having been submitted to the Town Board for review and approval prior to and at this meeting, and the Town Board having deliberated thereupon, now, upon motion duly made the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has duly RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. The Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Town of Lansing and Lansing Highway Association, dated January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, be and hereby is accepted and approved.
- 2. The Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute the same by, for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Town of Lansing.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Judy Drake, duly seconded by Councilperson Laurie Hemmings, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Judy Drake – Aye

Councilperson Christine Montague – Aye

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore – Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on November 6, 2024.

### **MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings moved to ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MEDICAL, FINANCIAL, CREDIT OR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON / CORP, OR MATTERS LEADING TO SAID DISMISSAL, REMOVAL, PROMOTION, APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, DISCIPLINE, DEMOTION, OR SUSPENSION AT 6:49 PM.

Councilperson Judy Drake seconded the motion. All in Favor – 4 Opposed – 0

### **MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings moved to **EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:08 PM.** 

Councilperson Christine Montague seconded the motion. All in Favor -4 Opposed -0

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Councilperson Judy Drake moved to **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:09 PM.**Councilperson Laurie Hemmings seconded the motion.
All in Favor – 4 Opposed – 0

Minutes taken and executed by the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah K. Munson, RMC Town Clerk