

EMERGENCY TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 23, 2025

An Emergency 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 7:30 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	Laurie Hemmings, Councilperson
Christine Montague, Councilperson	Joseph Wetmore, Councilperson
Ruth Groff, Supervisor	

ABSENT: No one absent

ALSO PRESENT: Jessica Hall, Deputy Town Clerk, Diana Kennedy, Martin Kennedy, Deb Myers, Doug Myers, Frank White, Greg Bush, Terry Bowen, Tony Eisenhut, Sandy Sweazey, Daniel Baruch, Daniel Boles, John Payne, Amy Steffie, Thomas Steffie, Doug Boles, Adam Buck, Dave Buck, Jane Paige, Diane Duthie, Ken Beyea, Julie Boles, Kerry Anne Buckman, Danny Pace, Carl Schimmelfing, Robert Campbell, Scott Grooms, Dan Segal, Erin Lovejoy, Dennis Griffin, Aimee Caffrey, Dave Caffrey, Patricia Barnes, Todd Eldred, Jason Lovejoy, J. Scott Hicks, Jodie Binns, David Bickal, Lynn Ashbaugh, John V. Dennis, Mike Sweazey, Schnock, Anita Fenner, Mark Fenner, Sarah Segal, Debra Meeker, Maureen Stanhope, Diane Kinne, Annemarie Zwack, Lory Walrad, Cory Baker, Joe Lovejoy, Tyler Mix, Lauren Baker, Stephanie Perine, Carl Perine, Kennedy Perine, John Duthie, Roger Dedrick, Siobhan Hull, Matt Bogumil, Tom Swartout, Lin Davidson, Lars McCann, Jim Baker, Josh Nalley, Kelly Lovejoy, Beth Kelly, Rose M, Fernando Figueroa, Melissa Zarem, Scott Pinney, and a few other attendees.

MOTION APPROVING HARTER SECREST & EMERY LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWN OF LANSING FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Supervisor Ruth Groff read the scope of services listed in the engagement of services letter provided by Harter Secrest & Emery LLP.

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MOTION APPROVING HARTER SECREST & EMERY LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWN OF LANSING FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore moved to approve Harter Secrest & Emery LLP as special counsel for the Town of Lansing for legal services and authorizing Supervisor Ruth Groff to execute the Engagement Letter.

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings seconded the motion.

All in Favor – 5 Opposed – 0

Accordingly, the foregoing Motion was approved, carried, and duly adopted on October 23, 2025.

BOARD DISCUSSION – SETTING DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 7 OF 2025 – TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON LAND USE DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND APPROVALS

Supervisor Ruth Groff read the following, which the Town Board Members agreed with:

We have been receiving written comments regarding the moratorium since September 18, and during this time we have received nearly a thousand, all being compiled by the staff of the Town Clerk's office for posting on the Town's website.

We, the Town Board, realize that at the October 15th meeting we should have set a firm deadline for written public comments. A deadline set for a date prior to the November Public Hearing would give the Board time to review all comments before the Public Hearing.

We called this emergency meeting to address that need for a deadline. The reason it was an emergency meeting is because we wanted to give advance notice of the deadline, and we wanted to do it publicly to avoid confusion or misunderstanding.

Please note that there is still a Public Hearing scheduled for the regular Town Board meeting on November 19th. The comments at that meeting, as always, will be part of the public record.

I am asking the Board if they will agree to setting a deadline for written comments as Wednesday, November 12th at 4:00 pm. This gives the public nearly three weeks advance notice and gives the Clerk's office time to compile the comments into the public record before the November 19th Public Hearing. As is our standard procedure, all documents and agenda items are sent to the Clerk's office the week before the meeting, giving them time to compile the packet and get it to the Town Board for review prior to the regular meeting, and to be able to post it on the Town's website in advance of the meeting.

If the Board is in agreement, we are formally setting the deadline date and time for submitting written comments as November 12th at 4:00 pm.

Written public comments submitted via email should go to clerksoffice@lansingtwnny.gov

Written public comments sent via USPS should go to:

Town Clerk
PO Box 186
Lansing, NY 14882

Public written comments will be posted on Town of Lansing website, when they come to the Town Clerk, as other business allows.

Banner on Town of Lansing website will be changed to:
Instructions for submitting comments / comments received.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore moved to **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 PM.**
Councilperson Laurie Hemmings 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