

Investments:

- Charmagne and Ed met with Tompkins Trust Company
- Will meet with Chemung Canal Trust Company and M & T Bank
- Will share information with Town Board before making decision

Sewer:

- Department of Transportation – Town waiting on Village of Cayuga Heights and Village of Lansing
- Sewer Agreement – Guy Krogh will write draft

A SHORT BREAK WAS TAKEN 7:50 PM TO 8:01PM

MOVE MEETING TO WORK SESSION MEETING

Meeting moved to the Work Session at 8:01 p.m.

WORK SESSION MEETING ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Stanley Burke Recognition:

- Doug Dake will take care of this, maybe in the summer
- Ludlowville Park – maybe pavilion or band stand

Peter Wheeler Recognition:

- Joseph Wetmore has language for the plaque and will work with Patrick Tyrrell
- Ludlowville Park – maybe band stand

MOTION TO APPROVE NAMING OF NEWEST ROAD IN LANSING, AT MILTON MEADOWS, LOUISE BEMENT LANE, AFTER LANSING TOWN HISTORIAN

Councilperson Andra Benson, moved **TO APPROVE NAMING OF NEWEST ROAD IN LANSING, AT MILTON MEADOWS, LOUISE BEMENT LANE, AFTER LANSING TOWN HISTORIAN**

Councilperson Katrina Binkewicz, seconded the motion.

All in Favor - 5 Opposed - 0

A presentation will be done once the road is dedicated.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNITED STATES TO “PULL BACK FROM THE BRINK” AND PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR

Town Board Discussion: Need to make statement as Town and hope the collective voices will be heard better than the individual voices. No one wants nuclear war, but this appears to be political. Sometimes it is important for the Town to address issues of public safety and send message “higher up” even if it does not have any impact.

RESOLUTION 19-64

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNITED STATES TO “PULL BACK FROM THE BRINK” AND PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR

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

WHEREAS, since the height of the Cold War, the United States and Russia have dismantled more than 50,000 nuclear warheads, but 15,000 of these weapons still exist and pose an intolerable risk to human survival; and

WHEREAS, 95 percent of these weapons are in the hands of the United States and Russia and the rest are held by seven other countries: China, France, Israel, India, North Korea, Pakistan, and the United Kingdom¹; and

WHEREAS, the use of even a tiny fraction of these weapons would cause worldwide climate disruption and global famine; to wit, as few as 100 Hiroshima sized bombs, small by modern standards, would put at least five million tons of soot into the upper atmosphere and cause climate disruption across the planet, cutting food production and putting two billion people at risk of starvation²; and

WHEREAS, a large-scale nuclear war would kill hundreds of millions of people directly and cause unimaginable environmental damage³ and catastrophic climate disruption, dropping temperatures across the planet to levels not seen since the last ice age; and

WHEREAS, despite assurances that these arsenals exist solely to guarantee that they are never used, there have been many occasions when nuclear armed states have prepared to use these weapons, and war has been averted only at the last minute⁴; and

WHEREAS, former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara said, speaking about the Cuban Missile Crisis, “It was luck that prevented nuclear war,” yet our nuclear policy cannot be the hope that luck will continue; and

WHEREAS, as the effects of climate change place increased stress on communities around the world and intensify the likelihood of conflict, the danger of nuclear war will grow⁵; and

WHEREAS, the planned expenditure of more than \$1 trillion to enhance our nuclear arsenal will not only increase the risk of nuclear disaster but will fuel a global arms race and divert crucial resources needed to assure the well-being of the American people and people all over the world⁶; and

WHEREAS, there is an alternative to this march to nuclear war: in July 2017, 122 nations called for the elimination of all nuclear weapons by adopting the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons⁷; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Lansing Town Board calls upon our federal leaders and our nation to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and make nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of our national security policy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Lansing Town Board calls upon our federal leaders and our nation to spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- * renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first (first-strike capacity); ending the President’s sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack without approval by Congress; and
- * taking US nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert; and
- * cancelling the 1.7 trillion dollar plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons; and
- * actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals, as established in the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to U.S. Congressman Tom Reed, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, and President Donald J. Trump.

¹ <https://fas.org/issues/nuclear-weapons/status-world-nuclear-forces/>

² <http://www.psr.org/assets/pdfs/two-billion-at-risk.pdf>

³ <http://www.psr.org/assets/pdfs/projected-us-casualties-and-destruction.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/attach/2015/04/Close%20Calls%20with%20Nuclear%20Weapons.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/once-again-climate-change-cited-as-trigger-for-war/>

⁶ <https://www.armscontrol.org/factsheets/USNuclearModernization>

⁷ <http://www.icanw.org/the-treaty/>

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 Doug Dake - Nay
Supervisor Edward LaVigne - Nay

Councilperson Katrina Binkewicz - Aye
Councilperson Joseph Wetmore - Aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on February 13, 2019.

ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Supervisor at 8:11p.m.

Minutes taken and executed by the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah K. Munson
Town Clerk