

**Lanesboro City Council
Special Meeting
Monday, July 21st, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Gymnasium and Zoom**

Present: Mayor Resseman, Members Dybing, Smith, Bakke, and Harvey

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85611405626>

Absent: None

Visitors: Ceil Allen, Lester and Diane Dunn, John and Denise Dahle, Jereme and Pauline Suckow, Ryan Kling-Punt, Michael Seiler, Darla Taylor, Torey Johnson, Lexi Johnson, Michael Murphy, Chris Ruskell, Alysha Himle, Barb Jeffers, Attorney Tom Manion, Officer Gideon Prudoehl.

Public Hearing – Vacation of Hillside Avenue: Mayor Resseman called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00p.m.

- Administrator Peterson shared a statement from John and Denise Dahle in support of vacating Hillside Avenue and in opposition to any development of Hillside Avenue.
- Ryan Kling-Punt stated that he agreed with the Dahle statement and referred to the engineer's statement that it would be hard to develop a roadway as required by the ordinance. He felt that road improvements would only benefit Mr. Greenslade, not the entire community.
- Jereme Suckow also stated agreement to Mr. Dahle and Mr. Kling-Punt's statements. He also shared concern for the number of trees that would have to be removed if improvements were to be made.
- Pauline Suckow shared her thoughts on the community, noting how special it was to her. She also stated that she has felt harassed since the discussion regarding access to the adjacent had been requested. She would like to see Hillside Avenue vacated.
- Mike Murphy reviewed the state statute regarding vacation of Public Right of Ways. He requested that the City Council deny the vacation request. His client, Mr. Greenslade would like to construct and maintain a private access way to his property within the right of way. A development agreement would be required before any work would be completed. He felt that if the petition were to be granted, Mr. Greenslade would incur damages.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:18 p.m. with no further comments offered.

Call the Special Meeting to Order: Mayor Resseman called the Special Meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

Agenda: Member Harvey motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- A. **Vacation Petition:** Discussion began with Attorney Tom Manion reviewing the requirements within the State Statute. Members asked several clarifying questions regarding options to vacate or not, and whether or not improvements must be made. Member Smith motioned to table the discussion until next month. Motion failed without a second.

Member Bakke motioned to vacate Hillside Avenue. Motion failed without a second.
Member Dybing motioned to deny the request for vacation. Motion carried with Mayor Resseman and Members Harvey, Smith, and Dybing in favor. Member Bakke voted no.

- B. **Access Way Request:** Mayor Resseman motioned to deny the request to improve Hillside Avenue, noting financial concerns and felt that it was not in the best interest to develop this area at this time. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjourn: Member Bakke motioned to adjourn the special meeting at 6:46 p.m. Mayor Resseman seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk