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

WHEREAS, changes in the General Municipal Law, the Labor Law, rules for public works, competitive and public bidding, and rules for allowed piggybacking upon NYS and cooperative purchasing agencies, together with the passage of time, require that the Town update its 2019 procurement policies; and

WHEREAS, in connection with purchasing needs and the DPW project, the Town undertook analysis and investigation into whether the joint cooperative municipal purchasing agency known as OMNIA Partners could be used by the town for procurements under NYS law; and

WHEREAS, an analysis of OMNIA Partners and Tennessee's laws respecting procurements, public works, competitive bidding, best value bid rules, and other criteria, was undertaken to determine congruity with the processes and public purposes underlying procurement and competitive bidding requirements in NYS, including per key criteria identified for such analyses by OSC and OGA; and

WHEREAS, OMNIA Partners has state-specific listings and bidding processed for cooperative purchasing, and several other states have signed-on to directly authorize the use of such agency by municipalities and agencies subject to competitive bidding and public procurement rules, and an overall analysis of Tennessee laws shows solid, but not complete, congruence with NYS public bidding and procurement requirements and public policies of NYS, as some OMNIA Partners bids (but not all) use best value criteria and procedures that would not be relevant or procedurally proper in NYS; and

WHEREAS, this action is classified as a Type II SEQRA Action and, upon due deliberation by the board, it is hereby RESOLVED as follows:

1. The revised and updated Procurement Policy for the Town of Lansing as presented to this meeting is approved, and all staff and officers are directed to utilize the same from this date forward.
2. OMNIA Partners is approved for piggybacking procurements, including as a public bid list exception under General Municipal Law § 103, but in each case subject to the review and reporting requirements set forth in the Town's Procurement Policy.