

**Ruth Groff**  
**Town Board Member Report**  
**February 2023**

- **Capital Improvement Committee: February 1, 9:00am**
  - The committee went through a pared down version of the Capital Plan, reviewing only projects that met the threshold of \$500,000. Determining timing, cost, and funding source was the primary focus.
- **Town Historian:**
  - I attended a meeting of the Municipal Historians on Saturday, January 14, at 10am, at the Tompkins County Public Library. Lansing Town Historian, Fannie Welch, did not join us due to medical issues.
  - I met with John Howell, President of the Lansing Historical Association, on February 3, at 10am, to discuss their plans for exhibits in the building, and for community programs and involvement. He and the Town Historian had recently requested funds for additional tables and chairs for the building, but those requests were subsequently withdrawn, as a sufficient quantity of those items were located elsewhere.
- **Conservation Advisory Council (CAC): February 2, 6:30pm**
  - John Steinmetz, from Bergmann and Associates, presented two matrices that were used to develop the priority weighting for the open space criteria, and several charts that portrayed that priority of the ranking process, comparing it to the results of the community survey question #6. The charts showed that the ranking process was very much in line with the results of the survey. However, the process of prioritizing the results of the survey is only in the beginning stages, and will most likely take the remainder of the year to finalize.
  - The CAC wishes to acknowledge their gratitude for the ability to engage Bergmann and Associates in this process. Having their experience and expertise has made this effort much more efficient and credible.
  - The CAC is hoping to find better ways to communicate with the public, including educating homeowners on the mission of the CAC and the purpose of the Open Space Index and its impact.