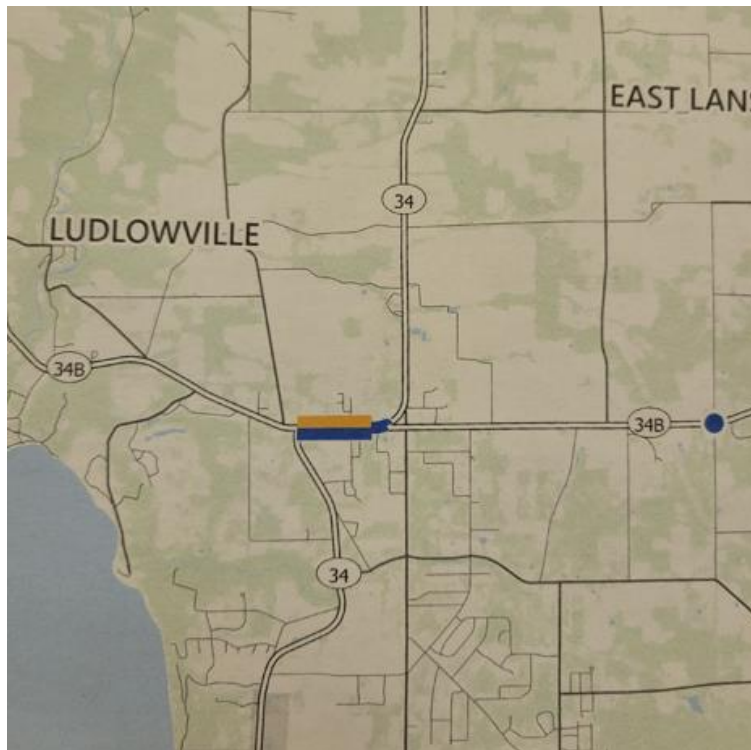


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Supervisor Report
July and August 2024

- **Tompkins County Council of Governments:**
 - June 27, 3:00 p.m.
 - July 25, 3:00 p.m.
- **Monthly meeting with Superintendent of Lansing School District:** July 1, 10:00 a.m.
- **Highway facility meeting:**
 - July 2, 12:00 p.m.
 - Internal meeting with Guy Krogh, David Herrick, Mike Moseley, and me, to discuss how to proceed with the engineering design firm and the construction management firm. It was confirmed that we need to move forward with the project and take stronger control of the agendas.
 - July 11, 1:00 p.m.
 - We met with LeChase, the construction management firm, to discuss conclusions from the internal meeting on July 2.
 - July 18, 10:00 a.m.
 - Continued discussions on next steps to move the project along
 - July 31, 11:00 a.m.
 - David Herrick, Mike Moseley, and I met with Scott Bova from Colliers, to discuss valued engineering options to reduce the cost of the Highway facility project.
- **Town Supervisors:**
 - July 8, 10:00 a.m.
 - Supervisors from around the county discussed issues pertaining to their municipalities.
- **Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission (Bolton Point):**
 - July 11 -
 - 3:30 p.m. – Budget Committee meeting
 - 4:00 p.m. – Regular Commissioners meeting
 - July 24 –
 - 1:00 p.m. – Personnel and Operations Committee meeting
 - August 8 –
 - 3:30 p.m. – Budget Committee meeting
 - 4:00 p.m. – Regular Commissioners meeting
- **NextEra, subsidiary of Florida Power & Light:** July 15, 11:00 a.m.
 - John Zepko, Guy Krogh, and I met with representatives from NextEra regarding the proposed solar farm in Lansing. The company is planning the project to be 150MW, and to cover 2,500 acres, with 800 of those containing panels. They are hoping to have a community meeting near the end of summer.
- **Local Government Leaders:** July 19, 9:00 a.m.
 - These meetings are hosted by Joel Malina, V.P. University Relations, Cornell University. Participants are municipal leaders around the county, sharing information about projects they are involved in, and sharing ideas.
- **Code Revision Committee:** July 24, 10:00 a.m.

- Topics were flag lots, corner lots, and maximum dwellings per lot. John will work with Guy to determine where the best place is in the zoning law to insert the topic of maximum dwellings.
- **EV Request for Proposal Review:** July 26, 11:00 a.m.
 - The municipalities in the county discussed the different RFP responses.
- **Fuel Station tour:** July 29, 11:00 a.m.
 - Mike Moseley and I met at the fuel station by the airport with a representative from the county for an overview of the fuel station. He explained the benefits of the Highway Department and the Fire Department signing up for a WEX account, which allows them to get fuel from that station, or any station in the state, when needed, and it tracks the purchase by person and vehicle.
 - That station has a generator backup, so we would be able to obtain fuel even in a power outage.
- **Lansing Historical Association:** July 31, 4:00 p.m.
- **Tompkins County Monthly Elected Officials meeting:** August 1, 8:30 a.m.
- **Tompkins Joint Safety Action Plan In-Person Advisory Committee meeting:** August 1, 2:30 p.m.
 - There was a presentation from Cambridge Systematics, Inc., the consulting group that has been overseeing the Tompkins County SS4A (Safe Streets For All) Joint Safety Action Plan
 - The goal of the SS4A Program is to provide recommendations for prioritized locations to help improve safety and develop strategies for eliminating fatalities and serious injuries in the region.
 - A county map was displayed that highlighted locations that are most likely to benefit from safety improvements.
 - Lansing was represented with gold and blue lines on the section of road from the intersection of 34 and 34B by Crossroads, down to the intersection by Rogues Harbor.
 - The yellow line indicates “Vulnerable Road User Screening”
 - The blue line indicates “Fatal and Serious Injury Screening”
 - I met the DOT representative for our district, Valerie Kaiser, Safety Evaluation Section, Traffic Safety and Mobility. She advised me that she had been assigned to Lansing regarding that section of road by the town center.



- **Personnel Management Committee:** August 7, 8:00 a.m.
 - The committee is continuing to review the Employee Handbook and is currently updating Section 500.
- **G6 Sewer meeting:** August 8, 10:00 a.m.
 - This is the “Gang of 6” which includes the 6 municipalities that currently utilize the Cayuga Heights waste treatment plant.
 - Some of the agreements are expiring in 2025
 - If we want to increase capacity, they are considering 3 different options
 - We need to know how much future development is anticipated
 - If the facility expands, the Total Daily Maximum Load (TDML) does not increase (this is the maximum load of phosphorous that is allowable)
 - We need better ways to treat for phosphorous
- **Cayuga Solar (AES):** August 9, 10:00 a.m.
 - John Zepko and I met with the representative of Cayuga Solar
 - Cayuga Solar is planning a 400 acre or less, 60MW solar farm near Milliken Station
 - They have been working with the Finger Lakes Land Trust (FLLT) for the purchase of some of the land
 - FLLT required certain concessions regarding environmental issues, to include a wildlife corridor through the farm, with the condition that no trees are to be cut along that corridor
 - Cayuga Solar is partnering with Cornell to establish a small solar farm next to the new Cayuga Shores wildlife management area, where Cornell will be researching agrivoltaic farming
- **Cornell Breakfast with other Local Government Leaders to meet the Interim President, Michael Kotlikoff:**
 - August 13, 8:30 a.m.
 - All the municipal leaders had the opportunity to share with Mr. Kotlikoff the issues that we face, and to ask Cornell to assist us in certain endeavors.
- **Met with Ronny Hardaway, Mayor of the Village of Lansing:** August 14, 1:00 p.m.
 - A discussion with Ronny to discuss ways the two municipalities can work together on various projects by applying for funding through intermunicipal agreements.