

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA

February 20, 2025

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Livonia, County of Livingston and the State of New York was held at Livonia Town Hall, 35 Commercial St Livonia NY 14487

PRESENT: Eric Gott, Supervisor
Joseph Breu, Councilmember
Peter Dougherty, Councilmember
Andy English, Councilmember
Matt Gascon, Councilmember
Hayley Anderson, Clerk
Jim Campbell, Attorney, Town of Livonia-Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Several Residents.

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gott at 7:00 PM.
Supervisor Gott led the pledge.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

RESOLUTION 23-2025

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES 01/16/2025

On motion of Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember Breu the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to approve the Meeting Minutes from 01/16/2025.

RESOLUTION 24-2025

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES 01/22/2025

On motion of Councilmember English seconded by Councilmember Gascon the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to approve the Meeting Minutes from 01/22/2025.

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RESOLUTION 25-2025

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES 02/06/2025

On motion of Councilmember xx seconded by Councilmember xx the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to approve the Meeting Minutes from 02/06/2025.

RESOLUTION 26-2025

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Paid to Supervisor for the General Fund	\$2,823.74
Paid to County Treasurer for Dog Licenses	\$196.00
NYS Comptroller’s Office (Bingo and Games of Chance Licenses)	\$0.00
Paid to NYS Ag & Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program	\$70.00
Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses	\$146.44
State Health Department (marriage licenses)	\$22.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$3,258.68

Tax Collection is going well, with about 88% collected so far.

Conesus Lake Association has called inquiring about policies for who can and cannot rent out the WEC building. They have sent over policies for renting out key FOB’s to the building as well as a facilities use application. They would like clarification from the Board if there is anyone who specifically is not allowed to utilize the building.

The Board will look into this and follow up.

On motion of Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember English the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to approve Clerk Woodruff’s Monthly Report.

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RESOLUTION 27-2025

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1-2025- A LOCAL LAW CHANGING THE PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED ASSESSMENT GRIEVANCE DAY

On motion of Councilmember English seconded by Councilmember Dougherty the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to set the Public Hearing for March 20, 2025 at 7PM at the Livonia Town Hall, 35 Commercial St. Livonia NY 14487

RESOLUTION 28-2025

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR GOTT TO SIGN LETTER OF INTENT FOR PRO-HOUSING CERTIFICATION

On motion of Councilmember Gascon seconded by Councilmember English the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to authorize Supervisor Gott to sign the letter of intent for the Town of Livonia to become a Pro-Housing Community.

RESOLUTION 29-2025

BECOME A PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITY

On motion of Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember Breu the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

WHEREAS, the Town of Livonia believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic

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opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities; WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Livonia, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the ProHousing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible

DISCUSSION ON LITTLE LAKES COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT

Maryann Thompson presented and thanked the Board for their past support and states she will try to be more vigilant about keeping them up to date. There have been a lot of accomplishments at the Little Lakes Community Center. To name a few-a new roof, the windows glazed and re-painted, pickle ball, music jams, and acts of hope. Over 200 people have joined their team reach app. This winter, starting back in November, they opened the doors to Livonia travel basketball teams. There are also karate classes and 8 business' in the building. MaryAnn expressed her gratitude to the volunteers that are working together to make this such a vibrant place to be. She asked if the Town would consider offering any assistance in re-paving the parking lot. Supervisor Gott advised that Highway Superintendent Paul Dwyer contacted Jim about this request previously and if he remembers correctly that it was not appropriate to use excess resources from the Town.

RESOLUTION 30-2025

APPOINT MATTHEW BEACH TO MEO POSITION

On motion of Councilmember Breu seconded by Councilmember Dougherty the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays - 0

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Resolved to appoint Matthew Beach to the MEO Position effective 2/3/2025.

RESOLUTION 31-2025

SET BULK CLEAN-UP DAY FOR 2025

On motion of Councilmember Gascon seconded by Councilmember Breu the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to set Bulk Clean-Up day for April 26, 2025 from 7am-10am.

DISCUSSION ON EMS MEETING FROM 2/6/2025

Supervisor Gott advised that the Town Board Met with Attorney Pinsky and EMS staff at the Livonia Public Library and it was much more productive than the first one. The Goal remains to continue to utilize ALS and BLS. One Resident asked the board to do whatever the town can for the EMS, cause we can insure a house but not a human.

DISCUSSION ON WATER DISTRICT

Nothing to report-petitions have been turned in and will be reviewed after the petition period ends which is tomorrow 2/21/25. If this project moves to a vote then the Board will take the steps necessary to do so. A resident asked if people who already have water that are in the proposed district as a “0” unit have signed the petition, if their signature will count or not.

Janice Quinn submitted a letter to the Town Board members. Supervisor Gott advised that the Board has discussed having an outside organization put together communication to everyone in the proposed district to avoid any further miscommunication.

Another resident asked if it could be done in the form of a mailer. This has been strongly considered by the Town Board.

Another resident asked if people who are within the district could have at all been misinformed by the person collecting signatures to move the process to a vote, then how can their signatures be authenticated? Another resident responded stating the description of what they were signing was clear on the top of the petition. The first resident advised any good defense attorney would consider those invalid signatures. Supervisor Gott reminder the residents that Clerk Woodruff and Attorney Campbell would be reviewing every signature.

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A resident explained he would like US Postal Service to be the form of communication because he doesn't have reason to go to the website and doesn't use computers.

RESOLUTION 32-2025

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR GOTT TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR BIG TREE ROAD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (TAP GRANT)

On motion of Councilmember Breu seconded by Councilmember Dougherty the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays - 0

Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds, therefore.

WHEREAS, a Project for the **Pedestrian Improvements at Big Tree Road in the Town of Livonia, Livingston County, P.I.N. 4765.10** (the Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of **80%** Federal funds and **20%** non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the **Town of Livonia** desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of **Preliminary Engineering**.

NOW, THEREFORE, the **Livonia Town Board**, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the **Livonia Town Board** hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the **Livonia Town Board** hereby authorizes the Town of Livonia to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of **preliminary engineering** work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$660,000.00** is hereby appropriated from the Town of Livonia and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the **Livonia Town Board**

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shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the **Livonia Town Supervisor** thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the **Supervisor of the Town of Livonia** be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the **Town of Livonia** with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project. and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately

RESOLUTION 33-2025

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On motion of Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember English the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to pay claims 75-98 in the amount of \$69,704.14 from the Abstract dated January 30, 2025.

RESOLUTION 34-2025

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On motion of Councilmember Breu seconded by Councilmember Gascon the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to pay claims 99-116 in the amount of \$68,127.06 from the Abstract dated February 6, 2025.

RESOLUTION 35-2025

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On motion of Councilmember Gascon seconded by Councilmember Dougherty the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to pay claims 117-160 in the amount of \$1,310,188.30 from the Abstract dated February 20, 2025.

RESOLUTION 36-2025

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL WITH CARLTON MAXWELL AND LISA BENNETT

On motion of Councilmember Breu seconded by Councilmember Dougherty the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to enter Executive Session at 7:56PM

RESOLUTION 37-2025

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On motion of Councilmember Gascon seconded by Councilmember English the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to return to Open Session at 8:16PM

RESOLUTION 38-2025

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL WITH HAYLEY WOODRUFF

On motion of Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember Breu the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to enter Executive Session at 8:18PM

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RESOLUTION 39-2025

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On motion of Councilmember Breu seconded by Councilmember Gascon the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon, Breu)
Nays – 0

Resolved to return to Open Session at 8:28PM

With no further business, on the motion of Councilmember Breu seconded by Councilmember Gascon the meeting was adjourned at 8:38PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hayley Woodruff
Town Clerk