

**Village of Livonia**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

Present: Mayor Cal Lathan, Cindy Pfeifer, Chris Hoffmann, Rhonda Roeser, Dan Coon, Chris Genthner, Annette Meade, Cara Stewart, Bill Kurtz and Holly Kubrich.

Guests: Stefan Gwyn and Melissa French (Stefan's Mother)

Mayor Lathan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Stefan Gwyn offered the Village Board his apology for entering Bowen Park, after hours, and driving recklessly. He stated that he would not do this again. Chris Hoffmann reminded Stefan that cameras were posted at Bowen Park. Park improvements are continually being made. Stefan Gwyn and Melissa French left at 7:10 PM.

M/2/C (D. Coon, A. Meade) to approve the minutes from the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. Passed 5 to 0. Mayor Lathan commented that the largest item discussed had been the Bid Contract from Casella.

M/2/C (B. Kurtz, D. Coon) to approve the payment of claims #285 to #296 in the amount of \$6,699.63. Passed 5 to 0. There were no comments.

Proposed Budget for 2023-2024 presented by Cindy Pfeifer.

Please find this Summary attached.

The Revenue Budget will be \$987,758.

Property Taxes will increase by \$18,142. This is the maximum amount under the 2% Tax Cap. Taxes will increase \$6.61 per \$100,000 assessed value.

Autumn in the Village Revenues – increase of \$9,500 to \$13,000.

CHIPS Aid increase of \$28,000 based on the purchase of a dump truck and carryover funds.

ARPA Aid – decrease of \$26,000.

Appropriation Budget

Items include the purchase of a Leaf Machine, replacing the roof on the cold storage building, sidewalk replacement, fuel, Autumn in the Village and a 32%

increase for Health Care Insurance premiums.

A shortfall of \$85,000 must come from the Reserve and Fund Balance – as shown: Equipment Reserve \$55,000 and Reserve For Debt \$30,000.

A Public Hearing will be held for the adoption of the 2023-2024 Budget on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00PM. This notice has been sent to the newspaper.

The old leaf machine will go out for auction.

M/2/C (A. Meade, C. Genthner) to accept this Proposed Budget for 2023-2024 and to set the Public Hearing date as April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Passed 5 to 0.

Approve the extension of the Economic Development Agreement

M/2/C (B. Kurtz, C. Genthner) to approve the extension of the Economic Development Agreement. Passed 5 to 0.

Previously, this fee had been \$4,000. Currently, the fee is \$5,000.

## Reports

### Department of Public Works

Chris Hoffmann stated that there was nothing new to report on the Charging Stations. The Board took a brief recess, in the DPW Garage, to look at the new Water Feature for the Art Park.

### Autumn in the Village

Cara Stewart told the Board that a deposit has been made to secure tents from Rainy Day Rentals. Ads and letters will go out soon for Craft Vendors and Sponsors. Jake Bills needs someone to help him with the Parade. Cara has been working on filling out paperwork to apply for a grant from Economic Development. The deadline for this application is 3/31/23.

### Village Elections

53 Village residents voted. Everything went well.

### Rotary

A sign for Livonia Rotary Medical Equipment will be posted by the Village Office front door.

M/2/C (C. Genthner, D. Coon) to approve mounting the Livonia Rotary Medical Equipment sign at the Village Office for the Medical Equipment Loan Closet. Passed 5 to 0.

Reports Continued,

Unwanted Deer Issue

Mayor Lathan and Annette Meade discussed an ongoing problem with deer in the Village. Dan Coon will contact D.E.C. for information.

Newsletter

A Spring Newsletter has been sent out. Beginning in May, Village Board Meetings will generally be held once a month. The Newsletter mentioned the new Website, the Refuse Contract and Budget Information.

Sent By Ravens

Sent By Ravens is a food distribution service and is located in the Connell Building. They are open on Saturday mornings. Mayor Lathan emphasized how the quantity of food items has increased. He hopes many people in the community will take advantage of this center. He stated that "there should be NO hungry families in Livonia."

Spring Clean Up Detail

SCUD will be held on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

M/2/C (A. Meade, D. Coon) to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 7:45 PM.

Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Ann Weber