

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA
November 5, 2020

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Livonia, County of Livingston and the State of New York was held at the Livonia Town Hall, 35 Commercial Street, Livonia on November 5, 2020.

PRESENT: Eric Gott, Supervisor
Joseph Breu, Councilmember
Peter Dougherty, Councilmember
Andy English, Councilmember
Matt Gascon, Councilmember
Colleen West Hay, Clerk
Jim Campbell, Attorney, Town of Livonia

OTHERS PRESENT: Several residents.

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

RESOLUTION 156-2020

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM 10/15/2020

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

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

Resolved to approve the meeting minutes from 10/15/2020.

RESOLUTION 157-2020

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM 10/22/2020

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

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

Resolved to approve the meeting minutes from 10/22/2020.

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TOWN CLERK’S REPORT – OCTOBER 2020

Paid to Supervisor for the General Fund	\$3,642.38
Paid to County Treasurer for Dog Licenses	406.00
NYS Comptroller’s Office (Bingo and Games of Chance Licenses)	0.00
Paid to NYS Ag & Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program	193.00
Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses	2,405.32
State Health Department (marriage licenses)	67.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$6,714.20

Updates:

- Clerk Hay reported that the second round of DMPs are now available. The office has been very busy with hunters.
- Clerk Hay shared correspondence from the Association of Towns re: assigning a delegate and an alternate to attend the Annual Business meeting to elect a president and five vice presidents and to vote on the Association’s annual legislative platform. Supervisor Gott remarked that we do not normally send anyone because of the cost, but this meeting will be virtual. He asked the Board if they were interested. The topic was shelved for a future meeting.

RESOLUTION 158-2020

APPROVE TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

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

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

Resolved to approve the October 2020 Town Clerk’s Report.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Holiday Banners

Councilmember Breu reported that the holiday banners came in earlier this week. Lenny Hayes has agreed to help the highway department put them up. He does not know the cost of that yet. Supervisor Gott mentioned that someone from Hemlock called and asked if they could have holiday banners for their hamlet. They were very happy to hear that Councilmember Breu had already ordered some for this year.

Hemlock Sidewalk Project

Councilmember Gascon remarked that the sidewalks in Hemlock are all dug out except for the driveways. Supervisor Gott added that some driveways are going to be cut and

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some are not. Highway Superintendent Dave Coty has agreed to work with the contractor on behalf of the Town. He reported that everyone in Hemlock is extremely happy. The contractor has done a really nice job. He shared that they will start pouring on the 11th. Supervisor Gott remarked that Don Woodhouse and Rob Scott did not want their hedges removed, so the contractors went around them.

Bathrooms at Hemlock Lake Park

Supervisor Gott reported that the bathrooms at Hemlock Lake Park were closed last week.

Garden Club Wreaths

Supervisor Gott stated that the Garden Club is doing wreaths again this year. He would like to order 2 – one for the Building & Zoning entrance and one for the main entrance. They are \$25 each. The Board agreed with the purchase.

Mowing

Supervisor Gott advised that Mike Benson has proposed a new price of \$6,700 for 2021 to mow the two cemeteries and Hemlock Lake Park. The price was lowered because he is not mowing at the Town Hall, Vitale Park, or the Library next year. The Board decided to wait until February or March before deciding.

RESOLUTION 159-2020

BUDGET AMENDMENT / INTERFUND TRANSFER – TO INCREASE THE GENERAL FUND (A) BUDGET AND REDUCE INTERFUND LOAN

Supervisor Gott reminded the Board that when we did the Library project a few years ago, we could lower our rate and shorten our term by borrowing less than \$1 million. Since we had money in fund balance, we partially financed the project ourselves through interfund loans. He shared that Livonia is in a unique financial position in that we have very healthy fund balances. Every year, the auditors bring up the interfund loans and opine that they should be paid by the end of the year. Supervisor Gott suggested we pay back half this year and half next year. After brief discussion, the Town Board agreed.

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

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

Resolved to approve the following budget amendment for interfund transfer:

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General Fund (A)

A914/Appropriated Fund Balance	57,012
A9950.9/Transfers To Capital Fund	57,012

To increase the General Fund (A) budget and authorize the interfund transfer and reduction of the interfund loan.

RESOLUTION 160-2020
BUDGET AMENDMENT / INTERFUND TRANSFER – TO INCREASE THE HIGHWAY FUND (DA) BUDGET AND REDUCE INTERFUND LOAN

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

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

Resolved to approve the following budget amendment for interfund transfer:

Highway Fund (DA)

DA914/Appropriated Fund Balance	100,000
DA9950.9/Transfers To Capital Fund	100,000

To increase the Highway Fund (DA) budget and authorize the reduction of the interfund loan.

RESOLUTION 161-2020
BUDGET AMENDMENT / INTERFUND TRANSFER – TO INCREASE THE HIGHWAY FUND (DB) BUDGET TO HELP FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS

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

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

Resolved to approve the following budget amendment for interfund transfer:

Highway Fund (DB)

DB878/Capital Reserve	50,190
DB8989.2/Home & Community Services – Sidewalks	50,190

To increase the Highway Fund (DB) budget to help finance the construction of sidewalks.

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RESOLUTION 162-2020
**BUDGET AMENDMENT / INTERFUND TRANSFER – TO APPROVE
INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM THE LIBRARY FUND TO THE CAPITAL
FUND**

(This is already included in the Library budget for 2020.)

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

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

Resolved to approve the interfund transfer from the Library Fund to the Capital Fund in the amount of \$25,000.

RESOLUTION 163-2020
**APPROVE LIVINGSTON COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY
RELEVIES**

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

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

Resolved to authorize the Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority to relevy all unpaid 2020 special assessments and applicable penalties in the amount of \$62.70 on the 2021 Town and County Tax Bills.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR, CONTINUED

Thank You Letters

Supervisor Gott shared that he received two thank you notes, one from Little Lakes Community Center thanking the Town for the \$3,000 donation, and one from the Livingston County Sewing Guild thanking the Town for allowing them to use the Education Center. They are working on pillowcases for Toys for Tots and other charitable sewing.

Vitale Park Update

Councilmember English reported that we still need more bids on tree removal and paving. Businesses have a lot of work to do and are just not getting back to him or Park Manager Mo Watson.

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RESOLUTION 164-2020

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved to pay claims # 856-871 in the amount of \$9,067.42 from the Abstract dated October 26, 2020.

RESOLUTION 165-2020

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved to pay claims # 872-911 in the amount of \$24,878.12 from the Abstract dated November 5, 2020.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Gascon seconded by Councilmember Dougherty the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen West Hay, RMC, CMC
Town Clerk