

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA
September 17, 2015

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, on September 17, 2015.

PRESENT: Eric Gott, Supervisor
Andy English, Councilmember
Matt Gascon, Councilmember
Angela Grouse, Councilmember
Frank Seelos, Councilmember
Colleen West Hay, Clerk
Jim Campbell, Attorney, Town of Livonia

OTHERS PRESENT: Several residents.

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

RESOLUTION 107-2015

AUTHORIZE COURT CLERK TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (JCAP) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000

On motion of Councilmember Grouse, seconded by Councilmember Gascon, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, English, Gascon, Grouse, Seelos)
Nays – 0

Resolved to authorize Court Clerk Redman to apply for a JCAP grant in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for panic buttons, security cameras and other security measures.

OPEN SESSION

Status of Burned Home on East Lake Road – A resident asked about the status of a home that had a major fire a while back on East Lake Road. Supervisor Gott replied that the homeowner had no insurance, and the home has been condemned. Supervisor Gott will ask the Code Enforcement Officer about the status of the home and get back to the resident.

Hemlock Lake Park Repairs Needed – A resident reported that he noticed that the roof on the main pavilion at Hemlock Lake Park is breaking up, and that some of the wooden “skirts” on the support pillars are broken. Supervisor Gott stated that he noticed the roof the last time he was at the park and will look at the wood “skirts” as well.

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Supervisor Gott also reported that we recently had to have Bob Webb remove a bees' nest in a pine tree at Hemlock Lake Park.

RESOLUTION 108-2015
APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM 9/3/2015

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, English, Gascon, Grouse, Seelos)
Nays - 0

Resolved to approve the meeting minutes from September 3, 2015.

RESOLUTION 109-2015
RE-APPOINT BILL KURTZ TO BOAR

On motion of Councilmember Seelos seconded by Councilmember Grouse the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, English, Gascon, Grouse, Seelos)
Nays - 0

Resolved to re-appoint Bill Kurtz, Sr. for a five year term on the Board of Assessment Review (10/1/2015 through 9/30/2020).

RESOLUTION 110-2015
ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF COLLEEN HAY AS MARRIAGE OFFICER

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, English, Gascon, Grouse, Seelos)
Nays - 0

Resolved to approve accept the resignation of Colleen Hay as Marriage Officer effective October 31, 2015.

RESOLUTION 111-2015
SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATER & SEWER UNIT CHARGES

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, English, Gascon, Grouse, Seelos)
Nays - 0

Resolved to set the public hearing for the water and sewer unit charges for October 15, 2015 at 7 PM.

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RESOLUTION 112-2015

ACCEPT RESIGNATION JOHN BAIR AS FIRE COMMISSIONER

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

ADOPTED Ayes – 5 (Gott, English, Gascon, Grouse, Seelos)
Nays – 0

Resolved to accept the resignation of John Bair as Fire Commissioner effective 9/14/2015.

BOND RESOLUTION UPDATE

Attorney Campbell explained that he was originally hoping to present the library project bond resolution tonight for the board's consideration; however the bond counsel needed information from the architect and did not receive it in time for tonight. He is planning on presenting the resolution at the first meeting in October.

This presents a timing problem for the library because those entities that are committing grant funds need to know that the Town Board is committed to this project and that it is going to move forward. They will only hold the grant money so long before releasing it for other projects.

Discussion followed as to the best way to address this. Supervisor Gott reminded the board that a resolution was passed at the last board meeting directing Attorney Campbell to work with counsel to prepare a bond resolution. He asked if the official minutes from the last meeting would be sufficient proof for the grants.

After additional discussion, Clerk Hay was directed to forward a copy of the official minutes from the September 3, 2015 meeting containing the discussion and resolution regarding funding the library project to Library Manager Frank Sykes.

CLARIFICATION REGARDING LIBRARY FUNDING

Councilmember Grouse reported that she sent the Town Board an email clarifying questions that were raised regarding the library funding. She confirmed that the Library Board of Trustees is committed to capping the total cost of the project at \$2.1 million, and the Town Board is committed (subject to the bond resolution and permissive referendum) to providing \$1.7 million.

As of today, the Library Fundraising Committee has raised just over \$690,000. Of that

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total, \$400,000 will go to fill the gap between what the Town will contribute and the total cost of the project, and \$200,000 will go to non-capital expenses, such as furniture, equipment, etc. That leaves an excess of funding of about \$90,000 at this time, which can go to decrease the amount borrowed.

Councilmember Grouse praised the Fundraising Committee for all of their hard work, and reminded everyone that four months ago, we had no additional funding for this project. She said that they have done an incredible amount of work in a very short time. She added that the estimates for this project were put together last year, and prices for professional services and materials increase every year.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR TOWN/VILLAGE/SCHOOL USE OF MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT

Supervisor Gott presented Attorney Campbell with a document that Peter Skivington prepared for the Village of Livonia authorizing the sharing of manpower and equipment between the Village Department of Public Works, Livonia Central School District, and the Town of Livonia Highway Department. He asked Attorney Campbell for his recommendations. Attorney Campbell answered that he is not ready to make a recommendation as to whether the Town should take action to adopt the agreement.

Attorney Campbell explained that the document is for an indefinite term, while he prefers a term to be specified, with renewal stipulations if needed. He also had some questions about the language of the agreement and would prefer to talk with Peter Skivington first.

Discussion followed Supervisor Gott explained that this agreement this came about because of discussions the efficiency committee had with the Town Highway Superintendent, the Village Superintendent of Public Works, and the Livonia Superintendent of Schools. The thought behind it was that these entities could work together on large projects to save taxpayer dollars. For example, the Village had a project where they had to haul a large amount of material. Using their small truck, it would take several trips, which would mean more man-hours and more fuel. If they were able to use a large truck from the Highway Department, the same project would cost less. If the Town needed a small roller at the park, we could borrow it from the Village instead of renting or purchasing one.

Attorney Campbell will follow up with Peter Skivington and get back to the board.

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RESOLUTION 113-2015

AUDIT OF CLAIMS 9/3/2015

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, English, Gascon, Grouse, Seelos)
Nays – 0

Resolved to pay claims 2611-2647 in the amount of \$42,988.43 from the Abstract dated 9/17/2015.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Grouse seconded by Councilmember English the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen West Hay, Town Clerk