

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA

September 18, 2014

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 St., Livonia, NY on September 18, 2014.

PRESENT: Eric Gott, Supervisor
Andy English, Councilmember
Matthew 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.

The Pledge was led by Andy Mayo.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Feasibility Study Regarding Consolidating the Village and Town of Livonia

Andy Mayo of 45 Washington Street addressed the board regarding his request that the Village conduct a Feasibility Study regarding the possibility of consolidating the Village and Town of Livonia. He attended a Village Board meeting last week on Wednesday and presented a letter to the Village Board signed by several residents of the Village. Mayor Cal Lathan called Mr. Mayo on Sunday to ask him to head up a committee to write a grant to fund a study. Mr. Mayo stated that in places with a local police department, the consolidation issue has met with opposition, but in places without a police department, it normally gets support. Typically, the feasibility studies find a lot of duplication of services.

Supervisor Gott remarked that he happened to be at the last Village Board meeting regarding another matter, so he knew Mr. Mayo was planning on coming to the Town Board. Supervisor Gott talked with Attorney Campbell to see if it was appropriate to work with Andy and give support. It will be the Village's study, and the process will start with them, but the Town can lend their support and cooperation for the study. He reminded everyone that this is not a resolution to dissolve the Village. This is very similar to what we are asking the fire districts to do.

RESOLUTION 113-2014

FEASIBILITY STUDY

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

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

Resolved to work in conjunction with the Village of Livonia to complete a feasibility study regarding Village-Town consolidation.

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Sewer Overflow Problem Update

Gene Bolster asked if the Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority had made any progress on the sewer overflow problem in Lakeville. Supervisor Gott received an email from the LCWSA saying that they talked about it at the last LCWSA meeting. He will forward the email to Gene.

Florence Lane Road Sign

Councilmember Grouse reported that the sign at the intersection of Florence Lane and Poplar Hill Road is so loose and can be pulled up by hand. In addition, the sign is leaning. Supervisor Gott will mention it to Highway Superintendent Dave Coty, but it may have already been taken care of.

RESOLUTION 114-2014

ACCEPT MINUTES FROM MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2014

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

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

Resolved to accept the September 4, 2014 minutes.

DISCUSS VITALE PARK BREAK WALL PROPOSALS AND DRAWINGS

Supervisor Gott shared with the board a letter and a drawing from Clark Patterson Lee regarding repairing the break wall at Vitale Park. Worst case scenario, if we do not use the Highway Department to do the work, the cost would be \$150,000. There is an allotment of \$100,000 in Vitale Park account and \$50,000 in the Sidewalk Reserve fund, so the money is there to do the work. If the Highway Department does the work, then the cost will be less. No DEC permit will be required. Supervisor Gott will be meeting with Highway Superintendent Dave Coty next week to look at it. As part of the repairs, the sidewalk will be torn up, and the \$150,000 total includes re-blacktopping the sidewalk. Clark Patterson Lee also included information regarding upgrading the sidewalk to stamped concrete, but that would be an additional cost. Once we see how the job goes, the board can decide if they want to upgrade the sidewalk, but that is not the plan now.

RESOLUTION 115-2014

SET BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 10/9/2014 @ 6:30 PM

Supervisor Gott indicated that the Budget is coming together nicely. We are still waiting for information from the library, and we should have that in the next couple of days. The rest of the numbers look good. Everyone should be proud of the budget we have.

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 set the Budget Workshop for 10/9/2014 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall.

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RESOLUTION 116-2014

SET PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2015 TOWN BUDGET AND WATER & SEWER UNIT CHARGES

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

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

Resolved to set the Public Hearing for the Proposed 2015 Town Budget and the Water and Sewer Unit Charges for 10/16/2014 at 7 PM at the Livonia Town Hall.

RESOLUTION 117-2014

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Resolved that this board enter into Executive Session with Attorney Campbell at 7:12 PM to discuss elected officials' salaries.

RESOLUTION 118-2014

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

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

Resolved to return to Regular Session at 7:33 PM.

RESOLUTION 119-2014

SET 2015 SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

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

Resolved to set the proposed 2015 salaries for the elected officials as follow:

Position	2014 Current	2015 Proposed
Supervisor	\$36,830	\$36,830
Town Clerk	\$39,673	\$40,466
Justice	\$12,426	\$12,675
Highway Superintendent	\$61,212	\$61,212
Councilperson	\$6,995	\$6,995

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RIGHT TO FARM SIGNS

Supervisor Gott announced that we will be obtaining “Right to Farm” signs from the County Highway Department, and they will be placed on roads that enter the town.

RESOLUTION 120-2014

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved to pay claims 1610 - 1654 in the amount of \$257,830.84 from the Abstract dated September 18, 2014.

RESOLUTION 121-2014

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Resolved that this board enter into Executive Session with Attorney Campbell at 7:35 PM to discuss ongoing litigation.

RESOLUTION 122-2014

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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 return to Regular Session at 7:51 PM.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Seelos seconded by Councilmember Gascon the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen West Hay, Town Clerk