

**Village of Livonia**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

Present: Mayor Cal Lathan, Bob Leader, Chris Genthner and Ralph Parker.

Absent: Bill Kurtz

Guest: Tax Assessor Lisa Bennett

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

M/2/C (B. Leader, C. Genthner) to approve the minutes from the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting. Passed 3 – 0.

Ralph Parker arrived

M/2/C (B. Leader, C. Genthner) to approve the payment of claims # 12 to # 17 in the amount of \$ 13,460.80. Passed 4 – 0. Claim # 12 to Barry J. Carestio was made for survey work done at the Field Parking Lot.

Tax Assessor – Lisa Bennett - regarding Section 520 NYS Real Property Tax Law  
Lisa Bennett discussed with the Village Board revenue that could be returned to the Village when a property is transferred to a new owner and previous tax exemptions have been removed. In the past, the Village has not recovered this tax for the year that the property transferred ownership. Lisa shared with the Village Board all of the qualifying factors for a homeowner to receive an exemption. Since The Village of Livonia collects taxes at a different time from the Town and County, the Village would need to calculate the Exemption Amount on their own. There is a computer program to help with this. Grievance time would be the same as The Town of Livonia. The Village Board will consider passing a Resolution to establish a date that this new process could begin. Mayor Lathan will discuss this with Attorney Skivington.

Reports

Please find attached a thank you letter written by Meghan Lavery. Meghan was the recipient of the Stewart Bowen Excellence in Art Scholarship.

Please find attached a letter addressed to Margaret Downey, which included a

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donation for Community Park, from Bardee Nichols and Family. Mayor Lathan also received a thank you note from Jan Schur.

Bob Leader questioned which specific holidays music should be played on the Bowen Clock. A variety of Christmas music is available. Also discussed was the number of times per day the music should be heard.

M/2/C (R. Parker, B. Leader) to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 7:30 pm.  
Passed 4 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Ann Weber







June 13, 2016

Mr. Calvin Lathan, Mayor  
Village of Livonia  
Stewart-Bowen Excellence in Art Scholarship  
Village Office, 36 Commercial Street  
Livonia, NY, 14487

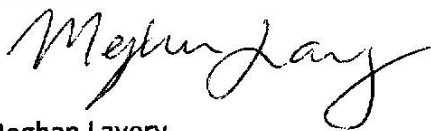
Dear Mr. Lathan and Village Board,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the Marian Stewart-Bowen Excellence in Art Scholarship possible. Your generous contribution of \$500 towards my academic expenses was unanticipated by myself and my family, and I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor. Please know how deeply appreciative I am of your support and generosity towards art students such as myself.

I am a Communications major with a concentration in Public Relations. Like Mr. Lathan said in his moving speech when presenting me with this scholarship, artistic experiences and the skills they teach are applicable to any career path I choose, regardless of how directly involved that career is in the fine arts. I plan to graduate 11 days from writing this and will be attending Le Moyne College to earn my Communications degree. Thanks to you and your support, I am one step closer to that goal.

By awarding me with Marian Stewart-Bowen's scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to my community, a goal that is shared and encouraged by the Le Moyne community, as well. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals, just as you have helped me.

Sincerely,



Meghan Lavery  
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