

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA
August 19, 2021

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Livonia, County of Livingston and the State of New York was held at Vitale Park in Lakeville, NY on August 19, 2021.

PRESENT: Eric Gott, Supervisor
Joseph Breu, Councilmember-absent
Peter Dougherty, Councilmember-absent
Andy English, Councilmember
Matt Gascon, Councilmember
Hayley Anderson, 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. Jack TeBeau led the pledge.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

A Resident requested a map of the roads going to be included in water extensions, Clerk Anderson will email to board and resident when she is provided with the map. Vitale Park Employee John would like to dredge the Lily pads out of the inlet at Vitale Park, Supervisor Gott understands the frustration, but stated that dredging is not an option, and that the bridge project will hopefully aide in this issue. Councilmember English reported Cara Stewart will be done in September, and Moe would like to advertise regularly until we get the help we need.

PRESENTATION OF 2020 AUDIT FINDINGS

Erica from The Bonadio Group expressed her sincere appreciation for Bookkeeper Hay's diligent work throughout the process and commended her performance. Erica went through the findings item by item with detailed explanation. The audit found an unmodified and clean account.

Supervisor Gott and the board also commended the hard work of Bookkeeper Hay to complete the audit in an impressive time frame, and stated that our municipality has the highest rank of credit possible.

The Bonadio Group will also put together a proposal to assist with legal counsel on the ARPA Funds.

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RESOLUTION 111-2021

PRESENTATION OF EAGLE SCOUT KENNY SMITH

Kenny Smith presented to the board a project to refurbish the benches at Hemlock Park. Kenny would like to use recycled plastic lumber to rebuild the benches, so residents can enjoy them longer. Original cost is around \$1,100.00, and Kenny has raised about \$400.00 himself, and is asking the Town to donate \$721.51. Kenny researched and found that MarkStar is the company that has the materials that are the most durable to recommended for such usage. Hardware for the project will be purchased at Smith Lumber.

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 3 (Gott, Gascon, English)
Nays – 0

Resolved to approve Kenny Smith to lead the project of replacing and refurbishing the park benches in Hemlock Park.

RESOLUTION 112-2021

PRESENTATION OF EAGLE SCOUT JACK TEBEAU

Jack TeBeau Presents to the board a project to build Adirondack Chairs to add to the seating at Hemlock Park for residents to enjoy the beauty the park has to offer. Jack states he would like to place these on the Berm of the lake, by the steps, to offer the clearest view. Jack stated that there are two options for material, composite, and wood. To construct the chairs with wood the cost would be about \$60.00 a chair, and Composite material would cost about \$180.00 a chair. The double chair model with cupholders in the middle, would cost \$480.00 made with composite and \$160.00 made with wood. Composite has far superior benefits than that of wood. Jack stated that he would be using the same color to match the benches that Kenny Smith will use for the benches. Jack stated as far as security he would pour concrete and use metal staples and a pad lock to secure the chairs. Jack proposed two Adirondack chairs and one Adirondack bench.

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 3 (Gott, Gascon, English)
Nays – 0

Resolved to approve One Bench and Two Chairs with Composite Material to be constructed and securely placed at Hemlock Park.

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PRESENTATION FROM PAUL GISTER WITH NATIONAL GRID

Paul Gister Presented a slide show with information pertaining to Battery Storage. An issue that could occur is severe low voltage situations, which could be improved upon with battery storage.

Traditionally the transformer would be replaced, and more lines run, and cost the residents.

David Lovlady presented on Energy Storage. David states energy storage is a solution to support the grid and avoid periods of low voltage situations like what took place in June of this year.

Lithium-Ion battery, which injects electricity when there is an accident, inclement weather, etc. to avoid electricity outages. This is a solution that is a faster solution. Location of battery site would be half mile south of current north Lakeville substation and tie into existing overhead lines. This will be placed on private property. He will get back to us on if Property will be leased by third party. National Grid would have a 7 year contract with the third party, after that will be re-visited. Currently in negotiations with third party, to which they could not say who that third party is. Right now that property is not zoned for such usage. Fire suppression unit will be continuously maintained. If solar stations were to go in, all that energy is stored within the same storage and then used in other areas, no guarantee where the energy will be used.

Councilmember Gascon raised concern about recycling the batteries. No answers were provided.

Councilmember English raised concerns about who gets the usage, the size of the batteries, which are about 53ft each. What resources the town would need to put out a fire of this magnitude should that occur. Mr. Lovelady stated water is used to put out the fire, but does not always work, and likely would have to let it burn out if that happened.

Energy storage does not have capabilities to build a microgrid when there is a total outage.

RESOLUTION 113-2021

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1 – 2021 - SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

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

ACCEPTED Ayes - 4(Gott, English, Gascon)
 Nays – 0

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Resolved to schedule the public hearing for September 16, 2021 at the Livonia Town Hall.

RESOLUTION 114-2021
PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2-2021 - BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

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

ACCEPTED Ayes - 4(Gott, English, Gascon, Dougherty)
Nays – 0

Resolved to schedule the public hearing for September 16, 2021 at the Livonia Town Hall.

RESOLUTION 115-2021
MEETING MINUTES FROM 07/15/2021

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

ACCEPTED Ayes - 3(Gott, English, Gascon)
Nays – 0

Resolved to approve the meeting minutes from 7/15/2021.

RESOLUTION 116-2021
TOWN CLERK’S REPORT – JULY 2021

Paid to Supervisor	\$2,324.78
Paid to County Treasurer for Dog Licenses	\$304.50
NYS Comptroller’s Office (Bingo and Games of Chance Licenses)	\$0
Paid to NYS Ag & Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program	\$138.00
Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses	\$519.62
State Health Department (marriage licenses)	\$157.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$3,440.40

Shredding Event Planned for August 28, 2021. 18 Tickets out so far.
Hunting License Sales going well.

On motion of Councilmember English seconded by Councilmember Gascon the

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following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 3(Gott, English, Gascon)
Nays – 0

Resolved to approve Town Clerk’s report for July 2021.

RESOLUTION 117-2021

LIBRARY BUILDING EXPANSION INTERFUND TRANSFER

01-58-995090 (Transfer to Capital Fund)	\$75,000
01-00-039130 (Due From Capital/Library Fund)	\$75,000
06-00-063000 (Due to General Fund/Library)	\$75,000
06-00-503100 (Interfund Transfers)	\$75,000

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 3 (Gott, English, Gascon)
Nays – 0

Resolved to approve the above permanent transfer to forgive the interfund loan for the Library Building Expansion Project.

RESOLUTION 118-2021

HEMLOCK SEWER INTERFUND TRANSFER

01-58-995090 (Transfer to Capital Fund)	\$104,900
01-00-039120 (Due from Capital Fund/Hemlock Sewer)	\$104,900
06-00-063010 (Due to General Fund/Hemlock Sewer)	\$104,900
06-00-503100 (Interfund Transfers)	\$104,900

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 3 (Gott, English, Gascon)
Nays – 0

Resolved to approve the following permanent transfer to forgive the interfund loan for Hemlock Sewer.

RESOLUTION 119-2021

DA LOAN, LIBRARY PROJECT INTERFUND TRANSFER

03-58-995090 (Transfer to Capital Fund)	\$100,000
03-00-039110 (Due From Capital Fund/Library Fund)	\$100,000
06-00-063020 (Due to Highway DA Fund/Library)	\$100,000

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06-00-53100 (Interfund
Transfers) \$100,000

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 3 (Gott, English, Gascon)
Nays – 0

Resolved to approve the following permanent transfer to forgive the interfund loan for the Library Building Expansion Project.

RESOLUTION 120-2021

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon)
Nays – 0

Resolved to pay claims 623-624 dated 07/16/2021 in the amount of \$605.33

RESOLUTION 121-2021

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott,Dougherty, English, Gascon)
Nays – 0

Resolved to pay claims 625-628 dated 07/29/2021 in the amount of \$347.30

RESOLUTION 122-2021

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon)
Nays – 0

Resolved to pay claims 629-675 dated 08/05/2021 in the amount of \$37,152.68

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RESOLUTION 123-2021

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon)
Nays – 0

Resolved to pay claims 676A dated 08/12/2021 in the amount of \$600.82

RESOLUTION 124-2021

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Dougherty, English, Gascon)
Nays – 0

Resolved to pay claims 676B-719 dated 08/19/2021 in the amount of \$366,263.78.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Gascon seconded by Councilmember English the meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hayley Anderson
Town Clerk