

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA

August 15, 2024

A 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 NY 14487

PRESENT: Eric Gott, Supervisor
Joseph Breu, Councilmember
Peter Dougherty, Councilmember
Andy English, Councilmember
Matt Gascon, Councilmember
Hayley Woodruff, 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. Jim Campbell led the pledge.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL TOWN AUDIT BY THE BONADIO GROUP

Erica from the Boandio Group presented the annual Town Audit. She expressed sincere appreciation and praise to Bookkeeper Tessa Taylor for her diligent work in making this process flow flawlessly. The audit was completed in just under a month due to Tessa's preparedness and hard work. The Town Audit came back with an unmodified opinion, which is the highest category, and cleanest opinion of the group performing the audit. Erica said that the great audit results are a direct reflection of the Town Board and Town employee's fiscal responsibility. The recommendations of the Bonadio group to have the Supervisor approve all journal entries and sign off on monthly bank statements were both completed, and the recommendations have not changed. The Town Board thanked both Tessa and Erica for their diligence in this audit process.

PRESENTATION FROM MARY UNDERHILL-WATERSHED MANAGER

Mary Underhill, the Livingston County Watershed Manager presented the annual report with visuals for the residents and Town Board members. She stated that the Planning department has received a lot of support and looks forward to the upcoming public meeting to hear what vision the public would like to see from the Conesus Lake Watershed. The meeting will be held at Camp Stella Maris on Monday, September 30th from 5:30-7:30pm. The plan update will develop strategies to protect Conesus Lake, surrounding lands, and community well-being. Flyers and the presentation packet are available to view at the Livonia Town Clerk's Office.

PRESENTATION FROM THE BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

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Julie Holtje and Adam Backus introduced Andrew Vieira and Rose and Brian Teachout to present the “Lakeville Connectivity Project” to the Board. Julie expressed that this plan could bring the community great resources, help fix drainage issues that have been a problem for years, and offer the community so many benefits. The main items that would need to be addressed before moving forward are an access agreement from the Town to go through Vitale Park parking lot, and sidewalk linkages. The 2 families are proposing stormwater improvements, additional parking, and safety for traffic and pedestrians. Mr. Vieira has agreed to do the drainage work. It is Mrs. Teachout’s vision to give back to her community, and offer a place where families can spend time together. We have great business’ but not a lot of places other than breweries where families can come together with their community for events, gatherings, or just a simple nice day out together. This would allow food trucks to come in, access from the park, a grassy area for games etc. The Town Board collectively agreed this is a wonderful opportunity and would like to work in conjunction with Mr. and Mrs. Teachout, Mr. Vieira and the Building and Zoning department.

Adam Backus spoke about the Code Books that the Town is required to keep. He stated it is getting quite costly for books that nobody really opens, and we have available online at our fingertips. It is currently about \$1,000 a year. The Town Board agreed that this money could be spent in better places and agreed to make the Official Code Book the electronic version, but maintaining two mast copies, one in the Town Clerks Office, and on in the Building and Zoning Office.

RESOLUTION 90-2024

DISCONTINUE THE UPDATES TO THE PHSYSICAL TOWN CODE BOOKS AND CONVERT TO ELECTRONIC VERSION MAINTAINING ONE ORIGINAL COPY IN THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE AND ONE ORIGINAL COPY IN THE BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

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

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

Resolved to discontinue the updates to the Physical Town Code Books and convert to Electronic Version, while maintaining only one physical copy in the Town Clerks office and one Physical Copy in the Building and Zoning department.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

A resident thanked the Town Board for attending the fire commissioners meeting on

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Monday night, August 12th. She stated it was nice to see the Town Board support the residents and do exactly what they said they would do in asking for a reduction for the taxpayers of Livonia Fire District. The Board member collectively agreed they would like Attorney Campbell to continue researching how the Commissioners terms can be updated/changed. Supervisor Gott stated that the intention of their presence at he commissioners meeting was not to intimidate or scold, but simply to offer guidance and suggestions on budgeting and lowering tax rates for the residents. He stated there is a better way to accomplish their end goal, and hopefully the commissioners will act on the Town Boards offer. Councilman Breu advised that Mr. Norb Holderle asked to meet with him and Supervisor Gott to go over some questions, which they will do in the near future. Councilman Breu also asked that the Town and Village fine tune the process of getting new commissioners and a lot more effort is put into finding qualified candidates for the upcoming open terms.

A resident asked about the water project and advised she had spoken to Eric Wies and that the income study could begin. Attorney Campbell advised her that Eric Wies hadn't sent any update to the Board of himself until Thursday August 15th after 5pm and that he did include a timeline of events. Councilman English expressed his frustration with the lack of timely communication and follow through from Eric Wies and Clark Patterson Lee, as did Councilman Gascon and other Board members and residents.

A resident asked why we do not offer a drinking water station like other towns and if we could get one. She stated the lines to fill up for water are very long, and people are filling water jugs at the bathrooms at Hemlock Park. The Board advised her that they would speak with Superintendent of Highways PJ Dwyer and request a drinking water fill station be placed in the Town..

A member of the Livonia Public Library Board came to express concerns about an incident that happened between a resident who is currently banned from the Library and the Library Director. A police report was filed; however the ban expires on September 19th and there is grand concern that this resident will continue the toxic and volatile behaviors up until, and after that date. The Board advised that the Director should not walk to her car alone, continue to video tape all interactions or harassing behavior that takes place, and continue to call the Livingston County Sheriffs Office.

Supervisor Gott thanked Clerk Woodruff for her actions in the new transition to plain paper for Hunting/Fishing Licenses this season. He expressed that it is kind gestures and forward thinking by our Town Clerk to make everything easier for our residents that set Livonia apart. He stated he has received multiple compliments on the laminating of the licenses and the waterproof paper that Clerk Woodruff went out and found for the people of this Town.

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RESOLUTION 91-2024

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM 7/18/2024

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

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

Resolved to approve the Meeting Minutes from July 18, 2024.

RESOLUTION 92-2024

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Paid to Supervisor for the General Fund	\$7,218.19
Paid to County Treasurer for Dog Licenses	\$199.50
NYS Comptroller’s Office (Bingo and Games of Chance Licenses)	\$0.00
Paid to NYS Ag & Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program	\$59.00
Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses	\$438.38
State Health Department (marriage licenses)	\$0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$7,915.07

The new website is live and working flawlessly so far.

Hunting License sales are going well. I purchased a laminator, and waterproof paper for our residents to help curb some of the frustrations of the state moving to plain paper.

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

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

Resolved to approve Clerk Woodruff’s monthly report.

RESOLUTION 93-2024

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

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Resolved to pay claims 596-637 in the amount of \$120,568.14 from the Abstract dated August 1, 2024.

RESOLUTION 94-2024

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved to pay claims 638-690 in the amount of \$123,125.84 from the Abstract dated August 15, 2024.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Gascon seconded by Councilmember Dougherty the meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hayley Woodruff
Town Clerk