

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA
May 19, 2022

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, Livonia on May 19, 2022.

PRESENT: Eric Gott, Supervisor
Joseph Breu, Councilmember
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. Supervisor Gott led the pledge.

UPDATE FROM ASSESSOR LISA BENNETT

Lisa thanks the amazing team we have here through this process, it is shining through. Bill Fuller has also been a huge support as well. In the last 6 weeks, the team has seen over 300 people between in person, phone appointments and even in the grocery store. Informal hearings have concluded, and there will be three nights of grievance and deliberations. The team is trying to facilitate as many people as they can and help them through the process. The Board of Assessment Review has been met with and this year will be by appointment only for grievance. This is to limit frustrations of people who would not be heard on night one. Forms have been turned in before an appointment has been made. Elyssa is manning phones, sitting in on appointments, and learning the process. She has been a wonderful asset. Most people have been respectful and understand the market and the poor timing for an update. She stated having a deputy on site for grievance is necessary. The Town assessed value increased by about 183,816,369. 22% increase, and that number will be lower after the board has had a chance to review grievances.

Star will increase considerably based on the equalization rate being at 100%. School will be about 23% increase on taxable numbers.

Supervisor Gott expressed his fear for when this bubble pops. Lisa suggested the board may want to entertain annual assessing. Gott expressed again we need to educate the community about tax rates and assessments and again it is not fair for the new board in 4 years to get bombarded with such a large tax increase that will be necessary. Supervisor Gott stated he would like to have an officer on site for all three nights of grievance.

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RESOLUTION 77-2022

BILLABLE DETAIL FOR OFFICER PRESENT ON GRIEVANCE NIGHTS 2022

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

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

Resolved to approve payment in the amount of \$40 an hour to the Livingston County Sherriff's Office for an officer to be present from 3pm-10pm on May 25, 2022 and from 5pm-10pm on June 1st 2022 and 5pm-10pm June 2nd, 2022.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Don Wester, Supervisor of the Town of Conesus spoke and thanked Livonia, and Jim Campbell for their assistance in drawing up an Intermunicipal Agreement to be able to assist in donating to activities like the concerts at Vitale etc. Mr. Wester asked for Supervisor Gott to sign as the Town of Conesus has adopted that IMA. He thanks the board again for their help with the CLEAN Recycling Center project renovations which have been completed. He stated that they are looking to start some other projects at the CLEAN Recycling center and wanted to provide the heads up that he may be approaching the board for future assistance and thanks the board again for the open-door communication between the towns.

Councilman Gascon reported that getting a new highway truck which the board had budgeted for will take a long time. Superintendent Dwyer reported he has been compiling prices and if ordered today, we are looking at a year and a half before delivery.

Councilman Gascon asked for approval to plant flowers around gazebo to freshen up the look at Hemlock Park. Superintendent Dwyer is going to be taking down Ash trees at Hemlock Park as soon as the weather breaks. Councilman Gascon reported that there are 2 picnic tables that need to be replaced that have been vandalized.

A Resident expressed concern about engaging the community more and asked about the comprehensive plan. Attorney Campbell advised that the process is huge. Surveys, public informational meetings, letters of interest etc all go into updating a comprehensive plan, and these are all being worked on currently.

A resident asked if it is possible to drill new wells and use our natural resources, rather than running new water pipes. Supervisor Gott advised the water project is already underway, because that is what the residents living in these areas asked for. The resident

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expressed concern about development in these areas when public water goes in. He would like to see things taken care of for current residents before opening up the possibility of further development in this area.

Income survey has been cancelled and Supervisor Gott asked Clark Lee to keep moving forward with the water process to get this project rolling. Lima is ahead of us and still no approval on income survey questions. The opportunity to get grant money is highly unlikely anyway, and all that is at this point is a hurdle slowing down the process.

RESOLUTION 78-2022

SIGNING OF INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LIVONIA AND CONESUS REGARDING LIVONIA PARKS AND RELATED FACILITIES

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

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

Resolved to approve Supervisor Gott to sign the Town of Conesus and Town of Livonia Intermunicipal agreement regarding Livonia Parks and Related Facilities.

RESOLUTION 79-2022

LETTER OF NO OBJECTION FOR WEEKEND OF BLUES

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

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

Resolved to approve Supervisor Gott to sign a letter of no objection for the weekend of blues at the Hemlock Fairgrounds for June 17,18 and 19, 2022.

RESOLUTION 80-2022

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM 04/21/2022

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

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

Resolved to approve the meeting minutes from 04/21/2022

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RESOLUTION 81-2022

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Paid to Supervisor for the General Fund	\$3,041.37
Paid to County Treasurer for Dog Licenses	\$136.50
NYS Comptroller’s Office (Bingo and Games of Chance Licenses)	0.00
Paid to NYS Ag & Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program	\$51.00
Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses	\$562.15
State Health Department (marriage licenses)	45.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$3,836.02

Shredding Event-

20 Tickets so far. Expect a surge to come through at the end of the month and into June.

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

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

Resolved to approve Clerk Anderson’s report.

RESOLUTION 82-2022

RENEWAL OF RETAINER FOR HURRICANE TECHNOLOGIES

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

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

Resolved to approve the Contract with Hurricane Technologies to be on retainer, in the amount of \$5,000 for the Gold Level Service.

RESOLUTION 83-2022

SPONSOR AUTUMN IN THE VILLAGE

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

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

Resolved to authorize a sponsorship for Autumn in the Village in the amount of \$5,000.

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RESOLUTION 84-2022

APPROVAL TO SURPLUS ROAD SAND

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

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

Resolved to approve the Road Sand at the Highway Department to Surplus

RESOLUTION 85-2022

APPROVAL TO SELL ROAD SAND SURPLUS TO TOWN OF CONESUS

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

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

Resolved to approve the sale of the surplus road sand to the Town of Conesus in the amount of \$2.50 a ton

RESOLUTION 86-2022

REAPPOINT BETTY PRIBANICH

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

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

Resolved to re-appoint Betty Pribanich as page effective 4/25/2022 at a rate of pay of \$13.90/hour.

RESOLUTION 87-2022

EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION-SARA SCHILINGER

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

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

Resolved to update the employment classification of Sara Schilinger from “substitute” to “12-Month” effective 5/10/2022

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RESOLUTION 88-2022

AUTHORIZE ARPA MONEY TO BE USED IN BLANK ROAD PROJECT

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, English, Gascon, Breu)

Nays – 0

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LIVONIA, NEW YORK, ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND AMENDING THE TOWN’S ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 SO AS TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE TOWN FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, Joe Biden, the President of the United States of America, signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which provides financial assistance to assist in the continued relief from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$350 billion of The ARPA funding was allotted to assist the United States’ state, local, tribal, and territory governments in responding to the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Sections 602(b) and 603(b) of the Social Security Act as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act, Pub. L No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021) authorized the Department of the Treasury to make payments to certain recipients from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Livonia (the Town) is expected to receive \$627,485.28 in funding; such funding to be received in two tranches, with approximately one half within 60 days of the plan passage, and the remaining funding approximately 12 months later; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received the first tranche of ARPA funds from the United States Department of Treasury via transfer from the State of New York in the amount of \$313,742.64; and

WHEREAS, the Town previously allocated \$156,871.32 for the purchase of Ambulance Equipment on April 21, 2022 leaving a balance received of \$156,871.33; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that periodic modifications to the adopted budget for the fiscal year are necessary for fiscal management purposes and to implement changes to the Town Board’s fiscal policy which have occurred after the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LIVONIA, NEW YORK :

SECTION 1. The Town Board hereby amends the Town’s adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, to allocate ARPA funds in the amount of \$410.00 to support the repairs of Blank Road by engaging Clark Patterson Lee to perform preliminary engineering work (Hydraulics/Hydrology/etc.) and authorizes an interfund transfer from the Town’s (A) 691

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Deferred Revenues Account (where the ARPA funds are being held) to the (A) 1440.4 Engineer Contractual line.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon execution.

RESOLUTION 89-2022

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved to pay claims 398-433 in the amount of \$57,895.82 from the Abstract dated May 5, 2022.

RESOLUTION 90-2022

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved to pay claims 434-483 in the amount of \$105,123.77 from the Abstract dated May 19, 2022.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Gascon seconded by Councilmember English the meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hayley Anderson
Town Clerk