

## **REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA**

March 5, 2020

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 March 5, 2020.

**PRESENT:** Eric Gott, Supervisor  
Joseph Breu, Councilmember  
Peter Dougherty, Councilmember  
Andy English, Councilmember  
Matt Gascon, Councilmember  
Colleen West Hay, Clerk  
Jim Campbell, Attorney, Town of Livonia

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Livonia Ambulance District Commissioners Erin Ebersold, Ben Woodruff, Scott Marshall; Scouts Justine Cole and Brendan Meyers; and several residents.

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gott at 7:00 PM. Brendan Meyers led the pledge.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Ambulance District Commissioners Ambulance District Chairperson Erin Ebersold gave the 2019 Ambulance District Report:

- The Livonia Ambulance was dispatched 1,096 times in 2019. There were 698 total billable calls (650 transports, 48 MVC refusals)
- Eleven new members were added. Two obtained their EMT certification
- A new Fly car was purchased and added to the fleet in August
- A clean audit was completed in September by Bonadio and Company for financial year 2018
- New officers were elected at the December meeting
- After the loss of long time Director of Operations and Administrative staff Ed Sparks, the operations leadership and commissioners have been working hard to move forward.
  - Scott Marshall has taken over the duties of treasurer and is handling the billing.
  - Erin Ebersold is overseeing the billing company and getting back to people.
  - Operations staff is doing the ordering.
  - The Ambulance is not planning on hiring anyone at this time but may decide to hire a part-time or full-time person in the future.

Councilmember English asked how many members they have currently. Ms. Ebersold responded that there are 50 active members. They took on eight new members last night

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and two new paramedics since first of the year. They are actively recruiting and thinking of ways to get the community more involved.

Ms. Ebersold shared that in the October Town Board meeting minutes it was reported that the Ambulance District asked for \$10,000 additional support at the budget meeting, but the request was denied. There is a misconception that Conesus co-pays were being covered by Livonia, but this is not true. The Town of Conesus gives \$14,000/year and that more than covers their copays. The Town of Livonia contributes \$50,000/year toward copays, but Livonia's co-pays nearly always exceed that amount. She shared that there is an average deficiency of \$7,885/year that is not being covered by the Town. She said that she will ask the Town Board to reconsider increasing their contribution in October at budget time.

Supervisor Gott replied that after the October meeting he put a note in his budget file to contact Ms. Ebersold in August, when the Town begins working on the budget for the following year. That way, the Town Board will have the information in time for the budget workshop.

Ms. Ebersold shared a list of public and private contact information. Supervisor Gott said that he appreciates all the work they have done. He knows how hard it was when Ed passed away. Councilmember Breu added that the Commissioners are doing a great job and he extended his thanks. Attorney Campbell remarked that small town ambulances are failing left and right.

A resident commented that she would not be here if it was not for Livonia Ambulance coming to her aid. She expressed her thanks.

Supervisor Gott mentioned that he made the decision to give the Ambulance their entire check rather than split it into two payments. Tonight's Abstract has one check in the amount of \$50,000 for the Ambulance District.

### Vitale Park

Councilmember English reported the following regarding Vitale Park:

- The "big chair" has been completed and installed at Vitale Park as an Eagle Scout project.
- Tuesday, the mower and bag system was delivered.
- We need to put an ad in for part-time help in the summer. Supervisor Gott said we could advertise in the Penny Saver and Livingston County News. We have money in the budget for personnel. Councilmember English suggested hiring 2 part-time workers at 15 hours/week each. He thought about calling the school about any seniors who need summer work.

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- Two bathrooms in the Educational Center have not worked since July. Supervisor Gott will reach out to Brian Diehl tomorrow.

Councilmember Breu suggested that the Town Board do a photo shoot at Vitale Park with the chair for the web site. Clerk Hay mentioned that we should have a photo release form from anyone who has their photo on the web site. She will put release forms in Supervisor Gott's mailbox.

### Bowen Park

Councilmember Dougherty reported that the ball fields at Bowen Park need clay. The Village and Town will each contribute \$1,000 and the Highway Department will pick it up.

### Conesus Lake Association (CLA)

Wayne France, president of the Conesus Lake Association, informed the board that there will be a Historical presentation on March 25 at the Education Center in Vitale Park. Mr. France expressed his appreciation for the Town Board's dedication to the lake and the wonderful partnership between the CLA and the Towns.

### Eagle Scout Projects

#### **Union Cemetery**

Supervisor Gott introduced Justine Cole, who is interested in fixing or replacing the old fence in front of Union Cemetery as her Eagle Scout project. Supervisor Gott reported that he spoke with Mike Dougherty and he is interested in working with us on that project. Ms. Cole explained that she also hopes to install brick or cement pillars on each side of the 3 driveways into the cemetery in order to make it look updated and refined. She must wait until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April because she still needs to get approval from the council.

Supervisor Gott shared that Mr. Dougherty indicated there are sections of the fence in the little building that is there. Mr. Dougherty also thought the pillars were a good idea. Supervisor Gott stated that the Town usually pays for the materials. He instructed Ms. Cole to contact us when she gets closer to being able to start her project. The Board expressed their support of the project.

Councilmember Breu asked Ms. Cole what made her think of that idea. Ms. Cole responded that she has been affiliated with cemetery a long time. She used to put flags up with her brother and help clean it up. Seeing the fence deteriorate reminds her of how much she has cared for the cemetery, and she would like to see it repaired. Supervisor Gott reminded the Board that Union Cemetery is not a town cemetery, but historically we have supported them with tree removal, gravel, etc. He thinks it is worthwhile, and we

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would do the same with any cemetery in the town. He added that keeping them in business keeps us out of the cemetery business. Councilmember Dougherty explained that when cemeteries run out of money, they revert to the town, and then the town has to maintain, mow, coordinate for burials, etc.

**Beardsley Trail Benches**

Supervisor Gott introduced Brendan Meyers, who is interested in creating benches at the pond on Beardsley Trail (at the end of Florence Lane). Mr. Meyers has spoken to Al Roome. He has already started planning the bench out and has costs for everything. He is hoping to start in the next few weeks.

Councilmember English asked how many benches he plans to install. Mr. Meyers replied that he would like to do two on one side of the pond and one on the other side. The cost is just under \$250 per bench including fill stone and decorative stone. Supervisor Gott added that Mr. Meyers wants to do stone benches, which will be maintenance free for a long time. Mr. Roome is treating us very well on cost of the material. The ones we buy from Smiths are \$800-900 each, so we can see he has treated us well. Mr. Meyers and his volunteers will construct them. Councilmember English asked how long the project will take. Mr. Meyers replied that it will take maybe two weekends depending on the weather. He is almost completely done with the proposal.

Councilmember Breu asked him how he came up with the idea. Mr. Meyers replied that he lives on Florence Lane and it would be nice to have someplace to put his fishing gear when he fishes at the pond.

Councilmember Gascon suggested that both Scouts include a tag with their name and troop number on the finished project to give them a little recognition. Clerk Hay asked both Scouts to send her photos and a description of their projects for the web site.

RESOLUTION        47-2020

**APPROVE 2/20/20 MEETING MINUTES**

On motion of Councilmember Brue 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 2/20/2020.

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### **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2020**

Paid to Supervisor for the General Fund	\$1,396.30
Paid to County Treasurer for Dog Licenses	\$241.50
NYS Comptroller's Office (Bingo and Games of Chance Licenses)	\$0
Paid to NYS Ag & Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program	\$79.00
Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses	\$23.62
State Health Department (marriage licenses)	\$45.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,785.42</b>

### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2020**

Total Taxes Collected	\$7,056,851.99	
Total Penalty Collected	\$2,750.82	
Total Notice Fees Collected	\$2.00	
Total Duplicate/Overpayments	\$8,739.91	
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$7,068,344.72</b>
Total Bounced checks:	\$2,877.89	
Total Refunded/Overpayments	\$8,739.12	
Disbursements to Supervisor	\$3,230,118.00	
Disbursements to County	\$2,500,000.00	
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$5,741,735.01</b>
<b>BANK BALANCE</b>		<b>\$1,326,609.71</b>

To Reconcile Bank Balance to checking account:

Ending balance of checking account:	\$1,238,291.03
Add deposits outstanding:	\$ 88,388.09
Subtotal	\$1,326,679.12
Subtract checks outstanding:	\$ 29.50
Subtract beginning balance:	\$ 39.91
Equals total in checking account:	\$1,326,609.71

Clerk Hay reported she mailed 263 second notices, which is about average.

RESOLUTION 48-2020

### **APPROVE TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS**

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

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

Resolved to approve the February 2020 Town Clerk and Tax Collector Reports.

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Blinds for Front Windows

Supervisor Gott shared that Clerk Hay is working obtaining pricing for blinds for the front windows to reduce glare in the Clerk office.

Sidewalks

Supervisor Gott said that we are still on track with the Hemlock Sidewalk Project. He is getting the last of the easements to Clark Patterson.

Office Closures

Supervisor Gott reported that the Building & Zoning office was closed today and will likely be closed tomorrow due to illness.

RESOLUTION        49-2020

**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 175 through 206 in the amount of \$97,066.11 from the Abstract dated March 5, 2020.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Gascon seconded by Councilmember English the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Colleen West Hay, RMC, CMC  
Town Clerk