

## REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA

June 12, 2014

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, Lakeville, NY on June 12, 2014.

**PRESENT:** Eric Gott, Supervisor  
Andy English, Councilmember  
Matthew Gascon, Councilmember  
Angela Grouse, Councilmember  
Frank Seelos, Councilmember  
Colleen West Hay, Clerk

**ABSENT:** Jim Campbell, Attorney, Town of Livonia

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Conesus Lake Watershed Manager Miranda Reid; Conesus Lake Watershed Inspector Cathy Higgins; Several Members of Boy Scout Troop 174; Kaitlyn VanOrman, Livingston County Teen Award Recipient; Several Residents.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gott at 7:00 PM.  
The Boy Scouts led the pledge.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Supervisor Gott welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to Vitale Park for the town board meeting. He hopes that next month's meeting at Hemlock Park is as well attended. He reported that the board will be back at Vitale Park in August.

### **Boy Scouts and Sunday Concerts**

Mr. Stauber from Boy Scout Troop 174 thanked the board for allowing the scouts to sell popcorn and hot dogs at the park during the Sunday night concerts and at the fireworks on the third of July. This is the only fundraiser that this troop does and 100% of the proceeds go directly to the scouts. A troop member reported that last year, they attended 11 nights. Forty-six scouts and twenty-three adults volunteered 450 hours, not including prep time. They earned \$2,500, and half of that revenue came from July third. The proceeds are used for awards, badges, equipment and supplies. This troop has a "no scout left behind" policy so that if a scout cannot afford to participate in an activity, the troop finds a way. They are proud to report that twelve scouts from their troop have earned the Eagle Scout designation in the past two years.

Supervisor Gott thanked the Scouts and said that we depend on them too. We appreciate the service they provide.

### **Vitale Park/Conesus Lake Concerns**

A citizen addressed the board regarding his concerns:

- More people are using the Freedom Point entrance to the park since the basketball court was put in. He proposes that the town put in speed bumps to slow down the traffic as speeding is a real problem. He is afraid that someone is going to get hurt.
- The old outlet is filling in. There is only about two feet of water in it now. The culverts are not sufficient and restrict the flow. He suggests larger culverts. He reports that the

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water smells like sewage. Supervisor Gott replied that he has a meeting on June 25 with the Army Corps of Engineers to tour the outlet area and he will try to let John know when that takes place, but they do not give him much notice as to the time.

Another meeting attendee addressed the board regarding his concerns:

- He wants to be kept informed of any drainage work that is going to be done for the park and surrounding area. He said he has lived here many years, and since the parking lot was raised and paved parking lots were put behind the businesses on Big Tree Road, the water just floods his property every time we have a large rainfall. Supervisor Gott replied that Dave Coty is going to ditch around the point and do some drainage work behind the business parking lots.

### East Lake Road Boat Launch

Gene Bolster reported that the boat launch on East Lake Road has a new ticket system. People are trying to bypass the ticket system by parking on the road. Supervisor Gott will ask Dave Coty to increase the number of No Parking signs there and will see if the Sheriff's Department can keep people off the road.

### Vitale Park Signage

Gene also asked about signage at Vitale Park. Supervisor Gott replied that the new sign will be an Eagle Scout project, but it is time consuming to get approval. He anticipates it will be done next spring.

## **LIVINGSTON COUNTY TEEN RECOGNITION AWARD PRESENTATION**

Councilmember Grouse and Recreation Director Craig Emmerling presented a Livingston County Teen Recognition Award to Kaitlyn VanOrman. They recognized her for her hard work with the Town of Livonia Summer Recreation Program. Kaitlyn works with children Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She also worked with a handicapped youth who was also hired to help with the Summer Recreation Program. The handicapped employee is confined to a wheelchair and this gives him an opportunity to have a job. She helped both him and the kids to be comfortable. She is a great role model, and also volunteers in our Assessor's Office.

Councilmember Grouse announced that Jack Horan could not be at this meeting to be presented with his award.

## **CONESUS LAKE WATERSHED MANAGER REPORT**

The Conesus Lake Watershed Manager, Miranda Reid, gave the following report:

- Streambank Remediation Project – Goal is to improve water quality in the lake by working to prevent erosion along the streams that lead to the lake. They are in the process of working with the landowners and are starting in the Long Point / West Lake Road area. They will also be working on Wilkins Creek and North Gully Creek in the Town of Livonia and the Dacula Shores area in the Town of Conesus. They must discuss permits with the DEC and the Army Corps of Engineers. Construction will take place this year into next year.

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- Rain Gardens – There will be workshops in July so that people can learn how to construct a Rain Garden. This is a method of stormwater management which helps to filter out sediments and pollutants, reduce erosion, fix flooding and drainage problems, reduce the need for expensive stormwater upgrades and provide a habitat for native birds and butterflies.
- Water Craft Stewards – Although grant funding did not come through this year for the Water Craft Stewards program, it is being funded by Cornell Cooperative Extension and Livingston County. Stewards help to prevent invasive species introduction by helping to clean boats and instructing boat owners. Twenty-three thousand boats use the East Lake Road boat launch each year from April through October. Livingston County Workforce Development will provide youth workers through their Summer Work Program.
- Public Education – Miranda presented a Bathymetric Survey handout that is used to help educate the public about invasive species in order to help prevent their spread.
- Long Point Park Kiosk – Miranda reported that there will be a new kiosk at Long Point Park similar to the one that is in Vitale Park. The kiosk will contain information about the history of Long Point Park and the amusement park that used to be there.

Tom Vernam, Vitale Park Manager, mentioned that there is a small creek at the outlet end of the lake that seems to be clogged. The water smells and he thinks something should be done about it. Supervisor Gott and Cathy Higgins will look at it sometime.

Supervisor Gott announced that Ms. Reid is now a full-time employee in the Livingston County Planning Department.

### **CONESUS LAKE WATERSHED INSPECTOR REPORT**

Cathy Higgins introduced herself at the Conesus Lake Watershed Inspector. She explained that her role is different than Miranda's. While Miranda works in the Planning Department, Ms. Higgins is employed by the Livingston County Health Department. She deals with best management practices and algae issues and anything else that would affect people's health. There are three permitted beaches on the lake and it serves as a water supply for Avon and Geneseo.

In 2011, they developed a blue-green algae response plan. Last year, the first blue-green algae bloom that was detected in Conesus Lake happened the third week of July. She is responsible for educating people of the hazard of blue-green algae and has put together a cheat sheet on how to identify it.

She explained that blue-green algae is a cyanobacteria that is always present in the lake. But when warmer weather hits, it can multiply into blooms. When blooms are present, people should not swim in the water or allow their pets to swim in the water. If there is any accidental contact, it should be washed off immediately. Pets can die from licking themselves after having contact with affected water. If anyone suspects a blue-green algae bloom, they should contact Ms. Higgins.

A resident asked if water lilies were a protected species. Ms. Higgins will check on that.

Another resident asked why the lake is so murky. They felt that it is not usually this murky this

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time of year. Ms. Higgins answered that it is probably due to runoff from recent storms and decomposition of material that has been washed into the lake.

**INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION EFFORTS**

Gene Bolster informed everyone that the DEC has adopted new regulation stating that people cannot launch their boat if there is any visible debris on the boat. He added that there are three major invasive species in the lake now, and the DEC hopes these new regulations will prevent any further infestations.

As part of the Conesus Lake Watershed Council Invasive Species Prevention and Response Plan, an Invasive Species Citizen Monitoring Group has been formed. Volunteers are trained to identify and report invasive species. There are two training sessions coming up.

RESOLUTION 74-2014

**ACCEPT MINUTES FROM MEETING ON MAY 15, 2014**

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

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

Resolved to accept the May 15, 2014 minutes.

RESOLUTION 75-2014

**ACCEPT MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING ON JUNE 4, 2014**

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

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

Resolved to accept the June 4, 2014 Special Meeting minutes.

**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT – MAY 2014**

Clerk Hay gave the following financial report for May 2014:

<i>Paid To</i>	<i>Amount Remitted</i>
Supervisor (General Fund)	\$4,787.15
County Treasurer for Dog Licenses	\$224.00
NYS Ag & Mkts for Spay/neuter Program	\$76.00
NYS DECALS	\$644.36
State Health Department (Marriage Licenses)	\$67.50
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$5,799.01</b>

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Clerk Hay pointed out that there were 7 Bulk Clean-up Tickets that were purchased in May. Supervisor Gott added that people continue to give positive feedback about Bulk Clean-up Day and they are happy for the opportunity. One hundred twenty-five people came and 149 tickets were issued.

Supervisor Gott reported that the Town of Geneseo has opted out of selling hunting and fishing licenses, however the Town of Livonia continues to sell them. Clerk Hay mentioned that some of the bugs have been worked out with the new system and she hopes even more progress will be made by the time hunting licenses go on sale in August.

RESOLUTION 76-2014

**APPROVE MAY 2014 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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

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

Resolved to approve the May 2014 Town Clerk's Report.

RESOLUTION 77-2014

**APPROVE HIRING OF PAUL DWYER AS PART-TIME HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE**

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

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

Resolved to approve the hiring of Paul Dwyer as part-time highway employee at a rate of pay of \$14.05/hour effective June 2, 2014.

Supervisor Gott stated that Mr. Dwyer will be helping with mowing the shoulders of the roads.

RESOLUTION 78-2014

**APPROVE DONATION FOR FIREWORKS**

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

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

Resolved to approve a donation of \$1,000 to the Conesus Fest Charities for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks.

A resident suggested that someone collect donations for next year at this year's event. Councilmember Grouse was concerned that the traffic is so congested on that day that collecting donations might affect traffic flow. A resident suggested that the Scouts collect donations and split them with the fireworks people.

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RESOLUTION 79-2014

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

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

Resolved to pay claims 1304-1319 in the amount of \$55,604.32 from the Abstract dated 5/30/2014.

RESOLUTION 80-2014

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

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

Resolved to pay claims 1320-1383 in the amount of \$53,100.69 from the Abstract dated 6/11/2014.

RESOLUTION 81-2014

**APPROVE RECREATION NEW HIRES AND RATES OF PAY**

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

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

Resolved to approve the following Recreation new hires and establish rates of pay:

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Wage</b>
Gardner	Pam	Recreation Leader	\$11.62
Fisher	Kaitlin	Recreation Leader	\$9.25
Herzich	Samantha	Recreation Leader	\$8.50
Mallaber	McKenzie	Recreation Leader	\$8.50
Apollonio	Marissa	Recreation Aide	\$8.10
Burley	Victoria	Recreation Aide	\$8.10
Cronmiller	Olivia	Recreation Aide	\$8.00
Curci	Victoria	Recreation Aide	\$8.00
Fairhead	Dillon	Recreation Aide	\$8.10

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Hollingshead	David	Recreation Aide	\$8.10
Horan	Jack	Recreation Aide	\$8.10
Kaminski	Marrisa	Recreation Aide	\$8.00
Lambert	Jessica	Recreation Aide	\$8.10
Lutz	Hannah	Recreation Aide	\$8.00
Mallaber	Taylor	Recreation Aide	\$8.10
McDevitt	Julia	Recreation Aide	\$8.00
McGinnis	Erin	Recreation Aide	\$8.00
Minnehan	Kelly	Recreation Aide	\$8.10
Mosher	Kirstie	Recreation Aide	\$8.10
Richardson	Chad	Recreation Aide	\$8.10
Van Orman	Kaitlyn	Recreation Aide	\$8.30

**LAWN MOWING**

Councilmember Seelos remarked that he was walking in the park today and he thinks that the lawn mowing company, Double D, is doing a great job. Hemlock Park looks good too.

**VITALE PARK UPDATE**

Vitale Park Manager Tom Vernam reported that Double D is excellent and is doing a great job mowing the park. He also reported that the horseshoe pits have been completely redone. The boards on the bridge have been power washed and sealed. He will be replacing bushes and adding flowers tomorrow to the garden by the gazebo. Supervisor Gott mentioned that Councilmember Grouse is helping to find a female to work at the park part-time to help with the bathrooms, especially on Sundays.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Gascon seconded by Councilmember Grouse the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Colleen West Hay, Town Clerk