

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA
October 15, 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 October 15, 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: Several residents.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET / WATER & SEWER UNIT CHARGES

Notices for both Public Hearings were duly published in the Livingston County News on October 8, with same being posted on the same date at the Town Hall and on the Town's web site. In addition, notices regarding the Public Hearing for the Hemlock Sewer and Cadyville Road Water unit charges were mailed to owners of property in said districts. Clerk Hay read the notices of hearings for the record.

Supervisor Gott announced that the 2021 Proposed Budget is being presented tonight. He acknowledged Mike Lawton and the department heads for the work they put into the budget. Supervisor Gott reminded everyone that Mike is retiring at the end of year. He said he is pleased that Colleen Hay will be filling his shoes.

Supervisor Gott shared that this budget reflects a flat tax rate, which is much lower than it was when he started as Supervisor 15 years ago. This budget fully funds employee obligations, raises for employees, NYS retirement, and healthcare benefits. It also provides for the purchase of two mowing tractors and meets the debt obligation for the library. The Town Board had a budget workshop last week, which was open to the public. Supervisor Gott said he is proud to present this budget tonight.

Supervisor Gott declared the public hearings for the 2021 Proposed Budget, and the Water & Sewer Unit Charges open at 7:06 PM.

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Comments:

Supervisor Gott asked if there were any questions or comments for either one of the Public Hearings. No one wished to comment.

RESOLUTION 145-2020

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Resolved to approve the meeting minutes from 10/1/2020.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2020

Paid to Supervisor for the General Fund	\$4,197.26
Paid to County Treasurer for Dog Licenses	360.50
NYS Comptroller’s Office (Bingo and Games of Chance Licenses)	0.00
Paid to NYS Ag & Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program	127.00
Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses	8,528.34
State Health Department (marriage licenses)	180.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$13,393.10

RESOLUTION 146-2020

APPROVE TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

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

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

Resolved to approve the September 2020 Town Clerk’s Report.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Hemlock Sewer Hook-up

Sharon Woodcock raised the concern about the lack of sewer hook-up for her property in Hemlock. Supervisor Gott reported that an update on the issue is next on the agenda.

School Pool

Councilmember Dougherty reported that the school has their hands full with school returning and COVID precautions, therefore the pool is on the back burner for now.

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RESOLUTION 147-2020

APPOINT ELIZABETH ROSSITER TO FILL VACANCY ON LIVONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Councilmember Dougherty reported that Maureen Reynolds is stepping down from the Library Board effective 12/31/2020. The Board would like to replace her with Elizabeth Smith Rossiter.

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

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

Resolved to appoint Elizabeth Rossiter to the Library Board of Trustees effective 1/1/2021 to fill the vacancy for the remainder of Maureen Reynold’s term (through 12/31/2021).

BANNERS DISCUSSION

Councilmember Breu gave the following report on banners:

- He checked with Rileigh’s Outdoor Décor and Evangeline Specialties regarding holiday banners and brackets.
- Once the brackets are installed, they are left up year-round.
- He recommended the more heavy-duty bracket, which is a little more expensive, because it would last longer.
- The cost for 15 brackets and 15 double sided banners (2’ X 4’ @ \$46.50 each) with shipping would be \$1,743. We may be able to get a volume discount depending on how many we order.
- Highway Superintendent Dave Coty is willing to put the banners and brackets up but needs a bucket tractor to do so. They will work to find someone with a bucket tractor to help. Joe Murphy helps the Village with installing their banners. There would be some cost for installation.
- Once banners are ordered, it will take about 2 weeks to get them.
- Hometown Heroes banners cost \$44.17 each. Dansville American Legion charges the families and recommends only including active duty military.
- He spoke with both Niagara Mohawk and Andrew Chanler regarding the insurance, so we are all set there.
- He would like to have holiday banners in Hemlock and Lakeville, and replace them with banners honoring active duty military for the summer.

Supervisor Gott shared that he would like to start with the holiday banners, then we can look at the Hometown Heroes ones later. He suggested purchasing 15 holiday banners for

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Hemlock and 15 for Lakeville. He shared that we have money in contingency funds and have Celebrations money left.

RESOLUTION 148-2020

APPROVE PURCHASE OF HOLIDAY BANNERS

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

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

Resolved to approve the purchase of 30 holiday banners and brackets.

VITALE PARK

Councilmember English reported that Park Manager Mo Watson is still trying to get prices for redoing the gazebo roofs that are rotting. Supervisor Gott agreed that we should get more prices before we go ahead with the work. He mentioned that Mo has one estimate for the blacktop from Valley.

UPDATE ON HEMLOCK SIDEWALKS

Supervisor Gott reported that he spoke with the engineering firm and the contractor regarding the Hemlock Sidewalk project. The project changes have been approved and work will start soon. Because it is so late in the season, restoration will be done next year. A note will go out to Hemlock residents, but not until we have a confirmed start date.

UPDATE ON HEMLOCK SEWER TAP

Supervisor Gott shared that Steve Morsch will work on the sewer tap for Sharon Woodcock's property in Hemlock. Attorney Campbell will keep the Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority informed. The Town of Livonia will pay the bill. The cost of \$4,500 to 5,000 was approved in the Spring. Mr. Morsch will complete this project when he gets back from Alabama. Ms. Woodcock asked for a letter to that effect for the realtor. Supervisor Gott agreed to take care of that.

RESOLUTION 149-2020

EXTEND TERMS FOR INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR MACHINERY, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE SHARING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

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

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

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Resolved that the Supervisor of the Livonia Town Board is hereby authorized to sign the agreement to extend the terms of the intermunicipal agreement for machinery, tools, equipment and service (originally commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2017 with the option to renew for up to five additional one-year terms) through December 31, 2021.

DECLARE 1974 FIRE PUMPER SURPLUS AND DONATE IT TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Gott shared that a 1974 fire pumper was given to the Town for a cost of \$1. The pumper is now at the end of its life. A member of the Livonia Fire Department would like to have it, but the Town cannot legally give it to him. Attorney Campbell suggested declaring the pumper surplus and donating it to the Livonia Fire Department. They could then dispose of it as they see fit.

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

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

Resolved to declare the 1974 pumper truck as surplus and donate it to the Livonia Fire Department.

DISCUSSION REGARDING REPAIRING STEEL TRAILER

Supervisor Gott informed the Board that Highway Superintendent Dave Coty told him the orange steel trailer went for inspection and needs two rear axles. The cost would be \$5,000, and they recently replaced the tailgate and lights. He reminded the board that we recently purchased an aluminum dump trailer, and we were going to keep the orange steel trailer to save wear and tear on the aluminum one. Dave is torn and understands if the Board does not want to put more money into it. He asked the Board their thoughts.

Councilmember English asked if Dave plans on using the aluminum trailer for everything. Councilmember Gascon said we have steel body dump trucks that we could use instead of wearing out the aluminum trailer.

After some discussion, the Town Board decided to advise the Highway Superintendent to not fix the steel trailer at this time and see how it goes using the steel body dump trucks for hauling heavy items. We will keep the steel trailer for now. If it turns out that using the steel dump trucks is not working out, then we will reconsider fixing the trailer.

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HEMLOCK FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

Laura Panipinto shared that the budget submitted for the Hemlock Fire District was two pages. It looks like only the first page was included in the Town Budget Summary. She asked if she could resubmit the back page. Supervisor Gott thanked her for bringing it to our attention. Before we present the summary to the county, we will need to change that. He indicated that that does not change the tax rate for the town.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Supervisor Gott asked if there were any further comments on either one of the public hearings. Hearing none, he declared both public hearings closed at 7:39 PM.

RESOLUTION 150-2020

ADOPT 2021 BUDGET

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

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

Resolved to adopt the 2021 Budget as presented. (See end of minutes.)

RESOLUTION 151-2020

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Resolved to enter into Executive Session with Attorney Campbell and Clerk Hay at 7:40 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular individual.

RESOLUTION 152-2020

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

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

Resolved to return to Regular Session at 7:54 PM

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RESOLUTION 153-2020

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved to pay claims #819-855 in the amount of \$59,963.18 from the Abstract dated October 15, 2020.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Gascon seconded by Councilmember Dougherty the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen West Hay, RMC, CMC
Town Clerk