

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA
April 18, 2019

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Livonia, County of Livingston and the State of New York was held at Livonia Town Hall, 35 Commercial Street, Livonia on April 18, 2019.

PRESENT: Eric Gott, Supervisor
Matt Gascon, Councilmember
Frank Seelos, Councilmember
Colleen West Hay, Clerk
Jim Campbell, Attorney, Town of Livonia

ABSENT: Peter Dougherty, Councilmember; Andy English, Councilmember;

OTHERS PRESENT: Several Residents.

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

OPEN SESSION

A resident approached the Board to complain about the condition of a property on Lakeville Park. The homeowner has piled junk on the property and has numerous cars and lawn mowers setting around. He has also put a vulgar sign on the fence facing the neighbor's property. The homeowner has asserted that he has a Right-of-Way to the park, and piles his junk, leaves and snow on the Right-of-Way. It is not only an eyesore for the neighbor, but also people who visit the park.

Supervisor Gott stated that Barry Carestio finally gave the Town the survey map of the property. Attorney Campbell is in the process of researching the abstract. He indicated that it will take time to sift through the rights.

The resident shared that they have photos of the mess. The Town Board asked to have the photos sent to Code Enforcement Officer Adam Backus. Attorney Campbell asked who originally put up the fence and gate. The resident answered that Joe Vitale put that there originally.

Supervisor Gott indicated that Attorney Campbell will work on the road issue, and Code Enforcement Officer Backus will make the property maintenance issue a priority.

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RESOLUTION 68-2019

APPROVE MINUTES FROM 4/4/19

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 3 (Gott, Gascon, Seelos)
 Nays – 0

Resolved to approve the meeting minutes from April 4, 2019.

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT – 2019 FINAL

Total Supervisor’s Receipts	\$3,166,991.00
Taxes Collected by Treasurer	\$244,124.07
Advances by Collector to Treasurer	\$2,000,000.00
Tax Roll Adjustments	\$3,430.69
Returned Unpaid Taxes	\$517,946.48
Total Unpaid Notice Fees (\$2 per parcel)	\$392.00
Cash Settlement	\$1,907,426.68
Total Tax Roll	\$7,840,310.92

- Final check to Supervisor for penalties was \$5,213.34
- Balance in checking account is \$180.22, which consists of refund checks from prior years that were never cashed. This amount may increase as there are several outstanding checks from this year as well. Eventually, this money will be turned over to the Supervisor if the checks are not cashed.

Town Clerk Updates

- Clerk Hay will be attending the Town Clerk conference in Syracuse from May 5-8. Deputy Clerk Liesegang will keep the office open.
- Deputy Clerk Liesegang will attend the Tax Collection Conference in Lake Placid from June 9-12.
- The Rabies Vaccination Clinics schedule is now available on our web site. We will also include copies of the schedule in all dog license renewal notifications and past due notices. Clerk Hay and Deputy Clerk Liesegang plan to attend the Livonia clinic in August to license dogs.
- The Pennemite Road closure will begin Monday for replacing the bridge over Wilkins Creek. Work will take about a month.
- We received a thank you card from Schuster family for the flowers sent to George Schuster’s calling hours.

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Workplace Violence/Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Update:

Clerk Hay reported that the county plans to put together a training session for next year to be held at Hampton’s Corners regarding Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment Prevention. They plan to set 2-3 dates and all town employees and volunteers can choose one of those dates to attend, but they will not visit each town to provide training, like they have in the past.

Clerk Hay shared that the Livingston County Town Clerks feel that Hampton’s Corners is not large enough to fit everyone in just two or three sessions. We hope they will agree to either add more sessions, or move the training to a larger venue. Clerk Hay will keep the board posted. She added that the county does not plan on following through with an online version of the training.

We still have quite a few employees and volunteers who must complete the training before October. Clerk Hay asked what the board would like to do to get those folks trained. The Board discussed hiring someone to do the training for the remaining employees and volunteers. Attorney Campbell shared that he recently went to a NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) seminar about “training the trainer.” He is not comfortable with give the training yet, but he may be able to at some point. He will look into it further. Clerk Hay mentioned that there was information in a recent “Talk of the Towns” publication about a company that would provide the training. She offered to find the information and send it to Attorney Campbell.

RESOLUTION 69-2019

APPROVE TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 3 (Gott, Gascon, Seelos)
 Nays – 0

Resolved to approve the 2019 Tax Collector’s Report.

RESOLUTION 70-2019

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROPOSALS

Supervisor Gott reported that we received two proposals for property maintenance – Quality Lawn and Landscape - (including snow/ice removal) total \$16,650; and Extreme Lawn Care – Price \$12,790 for mowing/trimming plus \$60 per trip for snow removal at Town Hall and \$65 per trip for snow removal at the Library. The snow removal includes treatment of sidewalks with calcium chloride.

Supervisor Gott spoke with Mike Benson (Extreme Lawn Care) about coming to the

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Town Hall and Library at 7:30 in the morning instead of 5:30 AM. He also reiterated that he is not to use salt – only calcium chloride. Supervisor Gott also talked to the park manager, Mo Watson. Mr. Watson talked with Mr. Benson and is okay with the Town using him again. Mr. Benson wants everyone to have his cell phone number, and he wants to be contacted if there is an issue. Councilmember Seelos asked how much was spent this year for shoveling/salting. Supervisor Gott answered that we have spent \$1,460 from the first of January to now. A Town employee reminded the Board that we have senior citizens coming to file exemptions in the winter and the sidewalks were atrocious. Attorney Campbell assured her that everyone will have Mr. Benson’s number and should call if the sidewalks need attention.

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 3 (Gott, Gascon, Seelos)
 Nays – 0

Resolved to hire Extreme Lawn Care for town property maintenance, including shoveling and salting of sidewalks.

Attorney Campbell added that if it does not work out, the Town has the right to fire him.

RESOLUTION 71-2019

AUTUMN IN THE VILLAGE

Councilmember Seelos shared that he wanted to discuss the Town’s contribution to “Autumn in the Village.” Supervisor Gott gave some background information that a year and a half ago, before Councilmember Dougherty joined the Board, the Town Board discussed contributing \$3,500 last year (2018) and working up to \$5,000 eventually. Councilmember Dougherty preferred not jumping to \$3,500 last year, and so the Board agreed to contribute \$2,500.

Councilmember Seelos stated that he wants to move ahead with contributing \$5,000 this year. He feels it is a community affair, not a village affair. Supervisor Gott pointed out that Highway Superintendent Dave Coty and his crew can be more involved this year. He looked at the budget and thinks we have money to do \$5,000 this year.

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 3 (Gott, Gascon, Seelos)
 Nays – 0

Resolved to support “Autumn in the Village” at the \$5,000 sponsorship level this year.

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HEMLOCK SIDEWALKS UPDATE

Councilmember Seelos asked if there was an update on the Hemlock Sidewalks Project. Supervisor Gott shared that he is meeting with Rick Henry (from Clark Patterson) on Monday. They will be going over the plans and going to bid shortly. He expressed his frustration with how long this has taken. Councilmember Gascon shared that he hoped the sidewalks would be done before the Hemlock Fair in July, but it looks like that will not be the case.

RESOLUTION 72-2019

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Councilmember Gascon asked why the Town is paying to repair the stucco on the library after a car hit it. He thought it should be paid for by insurance. Supervisor Gott answered that we had to pay up front, but we will be reimbursed by insurance.

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

ADOPTED	Ayes -	3 (Gott, Gascon, Seelos)
	Nays -	0

Resolved to pay claims 293-339 in the amount of \$82,278.26 from the Abstract dated 4/18/2019.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Seelos seconded by Councilmember Gascon the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen West Hay, RMC, CMC
Town Clerk