

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA

December 18, 2025

A 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 St Livonia NY 14487

PRESENT: Eric Gott, Supervisor
Joseph Breu, Councilmember
Peter Dougherty, Councilmember
Andy English, Councilmember
Matt Gascon, Councilmember
Hayley Woodruff, Town Clerk
Jim Campbell, Attorney, Town of Livonia

OTHERS PRESENT: Several Residents. Supervisor Gott called the meeting to order at 7pm. Supervisor Gott asked John Ellis to lead the pledge of allegiance.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

RESOLUTION 156-2025

RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF ROBERT LEMEN, TOWN JUSTICE

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Livonia wishes to formally recognize and commend individuals whose service and dedication have strengthened and upheld the integrity of our community; and

WHEREAS, Town Justice Robert Lemen has faithfully served the Town of Livonia since 2014, bringing professionalism, fairness, and unwavering commitment to the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the bench, Justice Lemen has presided over a wide range of matters, including civil cases, vehicle and traffic law cases, and criminal law matters, handling each with careful consideration, impartial judgment, and respect for all parties involved; and

WHEREAS, Justice Lemen has consistently demonstrated sound legal knowledge, judicial temperament, and dedication to protecting the rights of individuals while upholding the laws of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, his years of service have contributed to the safety, order, and well-being of the residents of Livonia, and his leadership in the courtroom has earned the respect of colleagues, law enforcement, attorneys, and community members alike; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Livonia is grateful for Justice Lemen's commitment to public service and acknowledges the meaningful and lasting impact of his work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Livonia hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Town Justice Robert Lemen for his dedicated service, integrity, and contributions to the Livonia community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the official records of the Town of Livonia and presented to Justice Lemen with gratitude and respect upon the occasion of his retirement.

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Adopted this 18 day of December 2025, by the Town Board of the Town of Livonia.

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

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

RESOLUTION 157-2025

RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF MATTHEW GASCON, TOWN COUNCILMAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Livonia wishes to recognize individuals whose dedication, leadership, and commitment have significantly contributed to the well-being and progress of our community; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Gascon has faithfully served the Town of Livonia for twenty (20) years, demonstrating exemplary integrity, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Councilman Gascon has served as the Town's Liaison to Hemlock Park, and the railways, working diligently to support the preservation, enhancement, and responsible stewardship of one of our community's most valued public spaces; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Gascon played a key leadership role in the Town-Wide Water Project, helping to guide planning, communication, and advocated tirelessly for residents without public water; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Gascon's steady leadership, collaborative spirit, and dedication to the betterment of our community have earned him the respect of residents, colleagues, and Town staff alike; and

WHEREAS, his twenty years of service reflect a profound commitment to improving the quality of life in the Town of Livonia, leaving a legacy of progress, stability, and civic pride;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Livonia, on behalf of the citizens it serves, formally recognizes and expresses its deepest gratitude to Councilman Gascon for his outstanding service, leadership, and contributions to our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the official record of the Town of Livonia and that a copy be presented to Councilman Gascon as a token of our appreciation and respect upon the occasion of his retirement from the Town Council.

Adopted this 18 day of December 2025, by the Town Board of Livonia.

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

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

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RESOLUTION 158-2025

RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF PETER DOUGHERTY, TOWN COUNCILMAN

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Livonia wishes to formally recognize individuals whose service, leadership, and dedication have significantly contributed to the betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Dougherty has faithfully served the Town of Livonia since 2018, offering his time, energy, and expertise to advance projects and initiatives that have enriched community life; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Councilman Dougherty has served as the Town Liaison to both the Recreation Department and the Town Library, providing thoughtful guidance, support, and advocacy to ensure quality programming, facilities, and services for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Dougherty has devoted countless hours to the Memory Pavers Project at Freedom Point at Vitale Park in Lakeville, NY, helping to honor families, preserve local history, and enhance the beauty and accessibility of one of the town's most treasured public spaces; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Dougherty has been an active participant on numerous Town committees, most notably contributing significantly to the Lakeville Corridor Project, where his insight, collaboration, and commitment to community improvement have played a meaningful role in shaping the project's vision and progress; and

WHEREAS, his years of public service reflect a deep dedication to the residents of the Town of Livonia and his contributions have left a lasting and positive impact on the community he has served with honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of [Town Name] hereby expresses its deepest gratitude to Councilman Peter Dougherty for his distinguished service, leadership, and commitment to the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official record of the Town of Livonia and that a copy be presented to Councilman Dougherty in recognition of his retirement and in appreciation for his dedicated years of service.

Adopted this 18 day of December 2025, by the Town Board of the Town of Livonia

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

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

UPDATE FROM PAUL DWYER AND JOHN ELLIS:

Hemlock and Livonia Fire Departments have collaborated together, and hope to put final implementations in 2026. While legalities continue, Livonia will be on call for all calls, and Hemlock will respond as well when the resources are available. Phase two is to decide whether to merge, or to consolidate. With a merge, Livonia would remain intact as is, and absorb Hemlock. Hemlock would go through a dissolution. With this option the Joint Town and Village Board would continue to appoint commissioners. With a consolidation, both departments would need to dissolve and then join as one. The Livonia/Hemlock Fire District. In this scenario, all commissioners would be elected and it would be a weighted ballot. This would be the more expensive option of the two, given that two districts would need to dissolve

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completely and be re-built. The Town Board was asked what option they think would be the best, and how they would like to move forward. Ideally, the fire departments would like to have the Board appoint the new commissioners in July of 2026, should a merger be the option they choose. The Board stated they would like to re-connect on this in the coming months with the new Town Board Members. Supervisor Gott applauded the collaboration and initiative that Hemlock and Livonia have taken to do what is best for the taxpayers. John Ellis reported that Lakeville invited them to an open meeting, and advised they intend to continue to rely on Livonia for mutual aid and are not interested in any type of merger. Supervisor Gott asked what should happen if Lakeville decides to change their mind in the future. John Ellis advised that they would have to start all over, and currently Hemlock and Livonia are eight thousand dollars into this project already.

RESOLUTION 159-2025

EXTENDING JOINT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR MACHINERY, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES SHARING ACCESS WITH COUNTY HIGHWAY

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

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

WHEREAS, New York State Highway Law Sec. 133-a authorizes the Town to enter into agreements to permit the use of County-owned machinery, tools or equipment by other municipal corporations, and

WHEREAS, it would be in the Town's interest to enter into such an agreement with the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Livonia is hereby authorized to sign the extension of the joint services agreement with the County for a term of one year commencing January 1, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION 160-2025

HIRE MATTHEW VINEYARD AS SUBSTITUTE

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

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

Resolved to hire Matthew Vineyard as a Substitute at a rate of pay of \$16.36/hr effective December 18, 2025

RESOLUTION 161-2025

HIRE RYLEE KOZLOSKI AS PAGE

On motion of Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember Gascon the following

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resolution was

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

Resolved to hire Rylee Kozloski as a Page at a rate of pay of \$16.05/hr effective December 29, 2025

RESOLUTION 162-2025

APPROVE WAGE INCREASES FOR 2026 TO BE EFFECTIVE 12/22/2025

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

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

Resolved to approve staff wage increases for 2026 to be effective 12/22/2025

RESOLUTION 163-2025

RE-APPOINT MIKE SHARMAN AS CHAIRMAN OF ZBA

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

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

Resolved to re-appoint Mike Sharman as ZBA Chairman for 2026

RESOLUTION 164-2025

RE-APPOINT JOE PRATO AS ZBA MEMBER

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

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

Resolved to re-appoint Joe Prato as a ZBA member for another five-year term, ending in December 2030

RESOLUTION 165-2025

RE-APPOINT RICK BENNETT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING BOARD

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

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

Resolved to re-appoint Joe Prato as Chairman of the Planning Board for 2026.

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RESOLUTION 166-2025

RE-APPOINT ASHLEY BARANES AS PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

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

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

Resolved to re-appoint Ashley Baranes to a seven-year term on the planning board, ending in December 2032

RESOLUTION 167-2025

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM 11/20/2025

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

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

Resolved to approve the Meeting Minutes from 11/20/25

RESOLUTION 168-2025

TOWN CLERK REPORT

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| Paid to Supervisor for the General Fund | \$2,567.35 |
| Paid to County Treasurer for Dog Licenses | \$66.50 |
| NYS Comptroller's Office (Bingo and Games of Chance Licenses) | \$0.00 |
| Paid to NYS Ag & Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program | \$27.00 |
| Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses | \$2,014.55 |
| State Health Department (marriage licenses) | \$45.00 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$4,720.40 |

Tax Bills for 2026 are loaded in the system and we are ready to get collecting. Clerk Woodruff would like to do Oaths of Office at our January meeting if the Board is ok with that. But will need someone to administer hers.

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

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

Resolved to approve Clerk Woodruff's monthly report for November.

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Superintendent Dwyer advised he has an opportunity to purchase a new box to put on an older 10-wheeler dump truck. It will need to be powder coated and have a new chassis. The total cost is approximately \$40,000 which was not budgeted in his equipment line for next year. He is asking to exceed next years equipment budget by approximately \$40,000 to update an older truck to extend its life and longevity vs replacing for upwards of \$300,000. He also told the Board there is a significant amount of money coming back from the state this year, so the money will be there, he just wants to allocate it properly. Supervisor Gott stated they can just make a budget transfer in 2026 at the end of the year as he will have the extra from this year. The Board thinks it is the fiscally appropriate decision to invest in this, rather than needing to plan to replace the dump truck.

RESOLUTION 169-2025

AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT DWYER TO COMMIT TO PURCHASING BOX, CHASSIS AND POWDER COATING AND INSTALLATION

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

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

Resolved to authorize Superintendent Dwyer to commit to purchasing a new box, chassis, powder coating and installation for a 10-wheeler dump truck, not to exceed an amount of \$40,000.

Councilman English expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Pete Dougherty and Matt Gason over the years. It was a pleasure to work together, and he looks forward to working with the New Board Members as well. He reiterated what a special place Livonia is, and how proud he is to be a part of it.

RESOLUTION 170-2025

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved to pay claims 964-986 in the amount of \$21,062.65 from the Abstract dated December 3, 2025.

RESOLUTION 171-2025

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

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Resolved to pay claim 987 in the amount of \$1,075.14 from the Abstract dated December 09, 2025.

RESOLUTION 172-2025

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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| ADOPTED | Ayes - | 4 (Gott, Gascon, English, Dougherty) |
| | Nays - | 0 |

Resolved to pay claim 988 in the amount of \$98,087.71 from the Abstract dated December 11, 2025.

RESOLUTION 173-2025

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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| ADOPTED | Ayes - | 4 (Gott, Gascon, English, Dougherty) |
| | Nays - | 0 |

Resolved to pay claim 989-1039 in the amount of \$73,020.09 from the Abstract dated December 18, 2025.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

With no further business, on the motion of Councilmember Gascon seconded by Councilmember Dougherty the meeting was adjourned at 7:50. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hayley Woodruff
Town Clerk