

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA

August 20, 2026

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
Michael Dougherty, Councilmember
Andy English, Councilmember
Jake Stevens, Councilmember
Hayley Woodruff, Town 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 Joe Breu led the pledge.

Supervisor Gott presented honors for outstanding volunteers in the Town of Livonia. The High Impact award recipient this year is Deidre Coyle. This is the 20th year of presenting these awards. Each year 40-50 letters go out asking for nominations, meaning this award is extremely meaningful. Deidre is an integral part for the Conesus Lake Association and Sent by Ravens Food Pantry and has made a profound impact on our community. As Maryann Palermo would say “these people are doers-they get the job done time after time”. Deidre was presented with her award with Supervisor Gott reading the following “Deirdre Coyle has been a volunteer in the Livonia community for many years. Most recently she has performed many roles for the Conesus Lake Association, including a Director and Associate Director on the Board, Chairperson of the Welcome Committee and Chairperson of the Social Media Committee. She helps coordinate boat rides and a luncheon for military veterans, flare distribution for July 3, spring cleanup days around the lake, the Labor Day boat parade, and more. If CLA needs a volunteer to do something, Deirdre is there to help.

Deirdre also volunteers weekly at Sent by Ravens Food Pantry in Livonia. She is part of a team of people that picks up food from Wegmans, weighing and sorting the food and delivering it to SBR. One of the hallmarks of Deirdre’s volunteer work is that she is very dependable; if she says she will help, she always shows up.

Some years back, when Deirdre’s children were in school in Livonia, she was instrumental in bringing PTA to Livonia. She was active in PTA at the local and regional levels. She worked at the high school for many years and volunteered in numerous capacities at the school.

Deirdre is a classic “behind the scenes” volunteer. Much of what she does is unseen, but her contributions are of great value to our community.

For these reasons the committee is awarding Deirdre with this year’s Richard Palermo

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High Impact Award.

RESOLUTION 97-2026

RESOLUTION HONORING MARY ANNE PALERMO

On motion of Councilmember xx seconded by Councilmember xx the following resolution was

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

WHEREAS,

Mary Anne Palermo has been a dedicated and invaluable member of the Livonia community for more than two decades, giving generously of her time, energy, talents, and financial resources to causes and organizations that strengthen and support the community; and

WHEREAS,

In 2006, Mary Anne Palermo worked with the Town of Livonia to create the **Livonia Community Service Awards**, establishing a meaningful program dedicated to recognizing and celebrating individuals who give of themselves in service to the Livonia community; and

WHEREAS,

For twenty years, Mary Anne faithfully served on the Volunteer Awards Committee, organizing, coordinating, and overseeing the Community Service Awards and helping ensure that the contributions of deserving members of the community were recognized and celebrated; and

WHEREAS,

Mary Anne Palermo has herself been recognized twice by the Livonia community for her outstanding dedication and service, demonstrating the very spirit of community involvement and generosity that the awards were created to honor; and

WHEREAS,

Mary Anne has consistently demonstrated a true heart for giving, willingly sharing her time, energy, resources, and compassion with organizations and causes she believes in, and has remained a steadfast and dedicated member of the Livonia community; and

WHEREAS,

In 2026, after twenty years of dedicated service, Mary Anne Palermo retired from the Volunteer Awards Committee, leaving behind a lasting legacy of service and a program that continues to recognize those who make Livonia a better place; and

WHEREAS,

The Town of Livonia recognizes that Mary Anne Palermo's commitment, generosity, and countless hours of volunteer service have made a lasting and meaningful difference in the lives of others and have strengthened the community as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the **Town Board of the Town of Livonia** hereby recognizes and honors **Mary Anne Palermo** for her extraordinary twenty years of service to the Livonia Community Service Awards and for her many years of dedication and service to the Livonia community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Town Board of the Town of Livonia extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mary Anne Palermo for helping establish the Livonia Community Service Awards in 2006, for her two decades of leadership and service on the Volunteer Awards Committee, and for the countless ways she has given of herself to make Livonia a stronger and more caring community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That a certified copy of this resolution be presented to **Mary Anne Palermo** as a lasting expression of the Town of Livonia's appreciation for her dedication, generosity, and extraordinary commitment to the

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community.

ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Livonia, New York, this 20th day of August, 2026.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 TOWN OF LIVONIA AUDIT BY THE BONADIO GROUP

Randy Shepard spoke and thanked Bookkeeper Taylor and everyone involved for how smoothly the audit went. Nothing substantial or significant or cause for concern. The Audit report findings came back “unmodified” or “clean opinion” which is the highest level of assurance you can get which is great. Randy continued to go through balances and show exactly how well the Town Funds are being managed. He explained how money received in December of 2025 was early tax payments for the 2026 taxing period. Supervisor Gott expressed his appreciation to Randy and the Bonadio team for taking their time to provide assurance to the taxpayers regarding the fiscal responsibility of the Town of Livonia. He went on to thank Bookkeeper Taylor for all the preparation, and diligently getting everything recorded and reported to the auditors. In addition, he thanked the Town Board and the department heads for everyone’s hard work every day; that makes the difference. Councilman Breu also thanked Bookkeeper Taylor for all her hard work and time. Councilman English stated that it’s nice to say that almost every year there has been such a good flow in this Town. He stated “When one leaves another one comes in and we show each and every year our desire to be best in the county”. Randy went on to explain he has a lot of clients, and they are not all this easy to work through or with, and that starts with the Board.

RECREATION UPDATE FROM DIRECTOR JOSH GASCON

Gave recap on baseball and softball seasons as well as summer recreation. This Spring the Town had 2 softball teams and 13 baseball teams. At the Minors and majors level, which consists of 11-13yr olds, the numbers were drastically low. Director Gascon reached out to the Geneseo baseball liaison, and they came together to create a lakers baseball team combined of Geneseo and Livonia. This gave all those kids from Livonia and Geneseo the opportunity to play. He proudly reported that the 10u softball team won the regional glow tournament, and there is a banner in Bowen Park behind home plate to display their accomplishment. Director Gascon has a lot of improvements and ideas he would like to bring to the Livonia Recreation department such as vacation recreation, a fall baseball and softball league, an adult kickball league, and an adult softball league. He also hopes to find a way to offer all day summer recreation opportunities for families and will work with the school staff to see if this is possible. The board expressed their support and looks forward to further updates from Mr. Gascon.

RESOLUTION 98-2026
TOWN CLERK REPORT

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

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

Paid to Supervisor for the General Fund	\$2,253.92
Paid to County Treasurer for Dog Licenses	\$122.50
NYS Comptroller's Office (Bingo and Games of Chance Licenses)	\$0.00
Paid to NYS Ag & Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program	\$35.00
Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses	\$349.58
Shelter Contribution	\$33.50
State Health Department (marriage licenses)	\$157.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,952.00

All is well in the Clerk's office. We are busy with hunting licenses and seeing a lot of familiar faces.

Resolved to approve Clerk Woodruff's Monthly Report.

RESOLUTION 99-2026

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM 7/16/2026

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

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

Resolved to approve the meeting minutes from July 16, 2026.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Consolidation update-held joint public hearing last month with both the Hemlock fire board and Livonia fire board. Surprisingly, there were only six people believed to all be from Hemlock that came. Great conversations were had pertaining to what is going to happen to the building and their facility. Essentially the fire department is not sure what they're going to do moving forward, as most of you are aware, they are an entirely separate entity from the district. To keep their funds, they will need to change from a department to an association and currently doesn't sound like they are interested in doing so, so more to come on that. As far as the districts are concerned, they are moving forward, and have had good feedback from the community. Hemlock and Livonia both made motion at the meeting to move forward with the consolidation. December 31, 2026 the Hemlock district will no longer exist and Livonia will take over. Equipment is going to be a big challenge, and there will be more to come on that. They will need to update

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the ISO as far as equipment that will be owned, what needs to be purchased to improve the ISO rating and work will begin on this immediately. Councilman Breu expressed his gratitude to both the Hemlock and Livonia Fire Districts for doing what is right for the residents and reiterated how unfortunate it is that Lakeville was not willing to entertain any idea of merging or consolidating. Supervisor Gott added he has been chosen to represent the fire depts county wide from the board of supervisors to see how the county can help sustain fire services throughout the county.

AMBULANCE UPDATE

Councilman Jake asked Chief Brian Allen to present the updates so far. He advised that the subcommittee has been working hard to build the Town of Livonia Ambulance service. This is our opportunity to build a professional department to be looked up to by other towns. Currently working on job descriptions to get them out and advertised, paramedic, EMT and driver positions to meet municipal and state requirements. Currently, Chief Allen is working on a more department specific handbook and policies, need something to handle EMS day to day stuff that the town policies may not cover. He went on to say this project is important and they want to build a culture that will take Livonia EMS long into the future. Brian thanked the board for their continued support. Councilman Stevens reported that he and Councilman Breu went to the ambulance commissioners meeting on Wednesday and it went very well. As expected, some things will be challenging for some members, but the overall feel is that everyone is excited. The subcommittee would like to get applications in September, to conduct interviews in October.

Supervisor Gott advised that the Town of Conesus has invited him to the special meeting they're holding on August 25th to discuss the decision they need to make about EMS services. He has asked Chief Allen and Councilman Stevens to accompany him to the meeting, and Chief Allen has made a nice handout for the Conesus Town Board.

RESOLUTION 100-2026

APPROVE NEW NAME FOR THE AMBULANCE TO "TOWN OF LIVONIA EMS"

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

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

Resolved to approve the new name for the ambulance to "Town of Livonia EMS".

RESOLUTION 101-2026

CHANGE MILEAGE RATE TO .76 PER MILE

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

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

Resolved to update the mileage rate to \$.76 per mile.

DISCUSSION:HIGHWAY TRUCK PURCHASE AND SURPLUS

The 2014 Peterbilt 367 6 wheeled dump truck was taken to the auction in the spring, and the highest bid was \$10,500. Highway Superintendent Dwyer thought that the truck was worth more than that, so he brought it back to the Town Barns. Through this research and his marketing, he learned that the Town of Springwater needed a dump truck. They have agreed to buy the dump truck for \$35,000.

The old Town Highway Truck #1, the gray Dodge pickup used by previous highway superintendent Dave Coty and then PJ, has primarily been used as a backup plow pickup and occasionally to pull the mowers. The Town has spent a substantial amount of money on repairs to the truck over the past month, and it now requires additional repairs that could be costly.

The Highway Department looked into replacing the truck with a crew-cab, long-bed pickup. Barnard Chevrolet has provided pricing for pickup trucks. The second highway truck has been utilized much more frequently than originally anticipated. The quoted price for a new crew-cab pickup is just over \$55,000, with an additional \$10,000+ for a plow.

RESOLUTION 102-2026

SURPLUS HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

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

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

Resolved to approve the surplus of the 2014 Peterbilt 367 6 wheeled dump truck to Springwater Highway Department for \$35,000

RESOLUTION 103-2026

PURCHASE CHEVY 2500 HD CREW CAB LONG BED FROM BARNARD CHEVROLET AND PLOW

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

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

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Resolved to authorize the purchase of a 2026 Chevy 2500 HD crew cab long bed truck and western plow through Barnard Chevrolet in an amount not to exceed \$65,000

RESOLUTION 104-2026

APPROVE HVAC UPGRADES FOR TOWN HALL

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

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

Resolved to hire Fraser industries to replace the furnace and AC units for the Town Clerk and Lobby portion of the building at a price not to exceed \$14,000 as of the June 4, 2026 invoice.

RESOLUTION 105-2026

APPROVE PARKING LOT SEALING AND STRIPING AT THE TOWN HALL

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

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

Resolved to hire Extreme Lawn Care to seal the parking lot at the Town Hall at a price not to exceed \$2,900

RESOLUTION 106-2026

AUTHORIZE THE TOWN COURT TO APPLY FOR A JCAP GRANT

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

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

Be it RESOLVED The Board of the Town of Livonia authorizes the Livonia Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2026-2027 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

RESOLUTION 107-2026

APPROVE ONE TIME STIPENDS

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

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

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Resolved to approve a one-time stipend for Assessor Clerk and Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION 108-2026

HIRE SARAH LYDON AS FULL TIME SENIOR LIBRARY CLERK

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

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

Resolved to hire Sarah Lydon as Full Time Senior Library Clerk effective September 22, 2026 at a rate of pay of \$27,706 annually.

RESOLUTION 109-2026

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MATTHEW VINEYARD

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

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

Resolved to accept the resignation of Matthew Vineyard as Sr. Library Clerk effective 8/19/2026

RESOLUTION 110-2026

APPOINT IVY DUDLEY AS PART TIME LIBRARY PAGE

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

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

Resolved to appoint Ivy Dudley as Part Time Library Page effective 8/17/2026 at a rate of pay of \$16.53 an hour.

RESOLUTION 111-2026

APPOINT GRACE SHANTZ AS PART TIME LIBRARY PAGE

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

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

Resolved to appoint Grace Shantz as Part Time Library Page effective 8/17/2026 at a rate of pay of \$16.53 an hour.

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor Gott reported that Safety barriers have been installed at Vitale park thanks to the Highway crew.

Councilman English reminded everyone of Saturday's second annual jam in the park. He expressed thanks to the board members for advertising efforts and support. He states that Jeff has been working hard at the park and that the park looks really good. Fundraising for the new playground is still underway and hoping to hear about the grant soon.

RESOLUTION 112-2026

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved to pay claim number 565-599 in the amount of \$305,343.52 from the Abstract dated July 30, 2026.

RESOLUTION 113-2026

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved to pay claims 600-619 in the amount of \$38,903.64 from the Abstract dated August 6, 2026.

RESOLUTION 114-2026

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Resolved to pay claims 620-670 in the amount of \$99,501.53 from the Abstract dated August 20, 2026.

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RESOLUTION 115-2026

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL

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

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

Resolved to Enter Executive Session with Jim Campbell and PJ Dyer and the town board at 8:32PM

RESOLUTION 116-2026

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

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

Resolved to return to open session at 10:00pm

RESOLUTION 117-2026

AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY CAMPBELL TO PREPARE A DRAFT MORATORIUM ON HOME OCCUPATIONS

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

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

Resolved to authorize Attorney Campbell to prepare a draft moratorium on home occupations.

With no further business, on the motion of Councilmember Stevens seconded by Councilmember English the meeting was adjourned at 10:03PM . Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hayley Woodruff
Town Clerk

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