

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA

February 19, 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-absent
Andy English, Councilmember
Jake Stevens, Councilmember
Hayley Woodruff, 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 Tim Wahl led the pledge.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

A resident, Jessica Banker came on behalf of the historical society. She was asked to come up with a project to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America and wants approval to move forward from the board. Her idea is to plant the colors of independence. She would like to write a letter and send out a bulk mailing to all our community members. The letter would ask the community to plant seeds or flowers in honor of the USA with the historical society. She read what she plans to send out to the public. She will be asking for donations to the historical society for those who do not wish or cannot participate but still would like to celebrate. She would like to have letters sent out before April 1st. The board agreed it is a great idea and loves the initiative. Supervisor Gott asked if the board would consider helping financially with postage. Clerk Woodruff will help with address', postage costs and getting it on the website to share with other clerks as well. Another resident suggested the seed library as well.

DISCUSSION: Tim Wahl on Concert Series at Vitale Park

Tim advised he has been booking concerts for 27 years and he is here tonight for any ideas, advice etc. from the Town Board. He gave praise for how great Vitale Park is, he gave kudos to the board for keeping that going. He is excited to report he is in talks with the skycoasters band and they are being inducted into the Rochester music hall of fame, and they are willing to play at Vitale this year on August 16th. Councilman English spoke about plans for the second annual jam in the park on August 22 this year. He plans to organize food trucks, possibly local breweries etc. The board asked Tim about attendance at the concerts after the time change last year. Tim confirmed there was quite a decrease in attendance. The board is going to discuss with the park manager about possibly moving the concert time to 5-7 instead of 4-6 and will decide soon.

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BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

The building and zoning department provided the below report:

2025 ACTIVITY

- **Permits** –
- Building/Zoning permits issued - 185
- 117 Permits Closed.
- Fire Inspections – 9
- New homes – 22
- Additions/Alterations- 28
- Barns/Outbuildings- 21
- New Commercial and alterations- 14
- Pools/Sheds/Decks- 75
- Off-hour fire calls- 8
- **Planning Board** – 18 applications, 15 meetings.
- **Zoning Board** – 24 applications, 14 meetings
- **Official Complaints** – 15 (not all of these are tracked, we answer many more calls and mediate others without formal paperwork filed)

QUOTE ON CAMERA FOR MEETING ROOM UPDATE:

Adam Backus received a quote from R-Options for cameras and installation and all parts and labor. The total was \$9,921.52. This includes 24 hours of labor which seems a bit excessive. A new department of labor mandate states we must pay prevailing wage which is \$185 per hour. The board thinks this is a service that should be budgeted for or try something cheaper. Adam said people he has spoken with about OWL thought it may not work for the big space we have. Adam advised he believes there to be wiggle room in labor costs and would like to explore other options at this point. The Board agrees.

FIRE PREVENTION UPDATES AT THE TOWN HALL:

Adam Backus advised that Prior to 2017, the Town Hall's fire protection systems were serviced by several different companies (hand-held fire extinguishers, wet and dry sprinkler systems, fire alarm system, and (3) backflows). Coordinating the scheduling and maintenance for all these vendors kind of fell to him, and he felt there was unnecessary redundancy and inefficiency in the process. To streamline this, he looked for companies capable of handling all our systems under one contract (a one-stop shop). He identified two such vendors and interviewed both. At that time, he recommended Empire Fire Protection because their pricing was comparable, and he preferred their customer service and the ability to work directly with the company's owner.

Since then, Empire has transitioned to new ownership, and the quality of their service has declined significantly.

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Because of the ongoing issues, he would like to discontinue using Empire. He contacted the other company we previously considered—Davis-Ulmer—and asked them to provide an updated estimate. Davis-Ulmer currently services the Livonia Library.

Adam asked the Town Board to determine whether they wish to hire Davis-Ulmer.

Separately, he noted that we already have a few outstanding deficiencies that were previously identified. The Clerk's records room chemical suppression system and the fire sprinkler system backflow device both require repair or replacement. These are necessary to remain compliant with LCWSA and the Fire Code. The backflow repair was previously estimated at approximately \$1,000. He did not have the exact cost for the dry chemical system repair, but both items are overdue and must be addressed.

Adam has requested updated quotes from Davis-Ulmer. If the Board would like to obtain additional estimates, he suggests assigning someone to research alternative vendors and report back to them.

Quote from Davis-Ulmer to replace Empire Fire Protection, one to the next change would be \$2,415 annually.

Quote for upgrading from landline monitoring to cellular, this is optional but would save over \$1,000 a year due to new technology. Cost of this is \$660 annually.

RESOLUTION 14-2026

ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DAVIS-ULMER FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND MONITORING

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Breu, English, Stevens)
Nays – 0

Resolved to enter contract with Davis-Ulmer for Fire Protection and Monitoring

DISCUSSION: Jason Molino spoke on the Project Management Agreement for the Hemlock pump stations and explained how the authority would manage the project and the town would be the lead. The authority would recommend paths forward and would work with Hayley and Tessa as well to see the process through. The hope is that Start to finish this be done by the end of 2027. The construction process itself is relatively easy. The authority will be advertising tomorrow with the goal of having recommendations by the March 19th meeting. Attorney Campbell advised the board that the contract is

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signature ready should the board wish to authorize.

RESOLUTION 15-2026

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR GOTT TO SIGN AND APPROVE THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH THE LCWSA

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Breu, English, Stevens)
Nays – 0

Resolved to authorize supervisor gott to sign and approve the project management contract with the LCWSA

DISCUSSION: Lakeville Pedestrian Bond for Grant Match-

Currently doing design work on the Lakeville Pedestrian Project (LPP) between Minehan's and the main intersection in Lakeville. The preliminary design is largely completed by the town's engineer. The overall contribution for the match is about \$859,000 give or take. Some advances have already been made and will be seeking reimbursement, but it is time to think about the long term financial process for the funds that the town needs to provide. There is a 70-year-old asbestos cement water main directly under the area that the improvements are intended to be made on. Conversations are being had about slowing down the process and adding in plans for a replacement of the 70-year-old main. The aforementioned main is already more than two times its predicted life span. The concern is avoiding making great improvements right above a potentially vulnerable pipe and then having to access the pipe to fix a problem. The work intended to be done with this project may itself disturb that pipe. BZ and LCWSA and DOT and consulting engineers have met lots; agreeing that timing could be slowed a bit while not losing momentum and no significant delay in completion. Preliminary numbers based on the drawings from Clark Patterson Lee from 2005 at that time of replacement of that pipe were contemplated in a Geneseo plan but an alternative plan was created, so replacement was not done. Those plans may aid in an estimate for replacement cost. All in all, the replacement cost is between four hundred and five hundred thousand. Jason Molino from the water authority stated the LCWSA might be able to assist with handling additional costs. The pipe is currently owned by the Town. He recommends looking at having the authority to take over that debt through a debt agreement. Attorney Campbell advised that this should go through the bond process.

RESOLUTION 16-2026

AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY CAMPBELL TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH

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BOND COUNCIL AND TO PREPARE A PROPOSAL

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Breu, English, Stevens)
 Nays – 0

Resolved to authorize attorney Campbell to engage in discussions with bond council and to prepare a proposal.

Supervisor Gott advises there were great candidates for the Recreation director position and interviews were difficult. The committee came to the conclusion that they would like to appoint Josh Gascon. Josh has kids in the program, works for Wegmans as his daytime job but confirms flexibility in his schedule to be available for all programs. He introduced Josh Gascon who advised he will be working with Craig for some training and transition for a bit. Councilman English advised he worked with Craig early on and Craig did a lot. Also, summer rec is very important for flexibility and important for the Recreation director to be present at all times. All board members expressed excitement and appreciation for the opportunities that Josh will bring to the town.

RESOLUTION 17-2026

APPOINT JOSH GASCON AS RECREATION DIRECTOR

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Breu, English, Stevens)
 Nays – 0

Resolved to appoint Josh Gascon as Recreation Director effective February 23, 2026 at a rate of pay of \$26,228 annually.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE PRESENTATION:

Mike and Lisa Mallaber presented the below slideshow, which can also be found on the Town Website.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UAoW2nzzyXaA9DsCix8BlvVO-trt6dua8SINXPbk0A4/edit?usp=sharing>

They explained the need to move the playground location to a different spot in the park as their hope is to double the playground size. They also went over the FLACE account, and advised the Board of the Grant they would like to apply for. They would be applying for One Million Dollars. They described the grant requirements at length, which can also

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be found in the slide show above. A grant writer is highly suggested for such a specialized grant. The committee has spoken to two grant writers, one from Geneseo who wasn't that timely in response or helpful and a second from Labella who was very knowledgeable and prompt. The committee would like to allocate \$5000 of the funds already agreed upon from the Town to this grant writer from Labella. The Town would need to provide a letter indicating that a match of 20% can be upheld. Given that that amount has already been allocated, this would not be any additional funds. There has been great success through this grant for the library and if done correctly, and sooner rather than later, could be great success for the playground as well.

RESOLUTION 18-2026

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR GOTT TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH LABELLA FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES FOR PLAYGROUND PROJECT

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Breu, English, Stevens)
Nays - 0

Resolved to authorize Supervisor Gott to sign agreement with labella for grant writing services for playground project not to exceed the amount of \$5,000.

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APPROVE MEETING MINUTES 12/16/2025

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Breu, English, Stevens)
Nays - 0

Resolved to approve the Meeting Minutes from 12/16/2025.

RESOLUTION 20-2026

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES 01/15/2026

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Breu, English, Stevens)
Nays - 0

Resolved to approve the Meeting Minutes from 01/15/2026

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RESOLUTION 21-2025

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Paid to Supervisor for the General Fund	\$7,539.24
Paid to County Treasurer for Dog Licenses	\$192.50
NYS Comptroller's Office (Bingo and Games of Chance Licenses)	\$0.00
Paid to NYS Ag & Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program	\$66.00
Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses	\$29.88
State Health Department (marriage licenses)	\$22.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$7,850.12

Tax Collection is going well, we have collected 91% so far. 914 in Person Payments, 2,335 Mail Processed Payments and 141 Online Payments totaling \$9,620,977.41 collected so far.

Clerk Woodruff spoke about possible electronics collection and or shredding event. Both are possibilities at this point.

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Breu, English, Stevens)
Nays - 0

Resolved to approve Clerk Woodruff's Monthly Report.

RESOLUTION 22-2026

SET DATE FOR 2026 BULK CLEAN-UP DAY

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Breu, English, Stevens)
Nays - 0

Resolved to set the 2026 Bulk Clean-up day for April 18th from 7am-10am at the Livonia Town Barns, 50 Commercial Street Livonia NY 14487

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Councilman English asked about the County board of supervisors vote on the new law that everyone is up in arms about. Supervisor Gott explained his position and his reasoning for his vote.

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RESOLUTION 23-2026

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Breu, English, Stevens)
Nays – 0

Resolved to pay claim number 75 in the amount of \$29,274.73 from the Abstract dated January 29, 2026.

RESOLUTION 24-2026

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Breu, English, Stevens)
Nays – 0

Resolved to pay claims 76-124 in the amount of \$294,131.64 from the Abstract dated February 5, 2026.

RESOLUTION 25-2026

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Breu, English, Stevens)
Nays – 0

Resolved to pay claims 125-167 in the amount of \$1,266,270.30 from the Abstract dated February 19, 2026.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Stevens seconded by Councilmember English the meeting was adjourned at 8:56PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hayley Woodruff
Town Clerk

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