

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA

November 19, 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
Cassidy Lowe, Deputy Town Clerk
Jim Campbell, Attorney, Town of Livonia

OTHERS PRESENT: Several Residents. Livonia Ambulance Commissioners. Supervisor Gott called the meeting to order at 6pm. Supervisor Gott led the pledge of allegiance.

Attorney Campbell explained that at the last meeting he handed out a packet and asked that everyone involved review it. The Ambulance district has just handed out paperwork with their response. Turned over to the ambulance commissioners and Matt Cicero stated they have done a lot of research and converting everything is a logistical nightmare. Brian Allen raised the point that the CS license can't be transferred only the Certificate of Need (CON) can. So, they would have to apply for a new one and that could mean the ALS could be down for an amount of time. Western Wayne went to the setup that the Town and the Ambulance Commissioners discussed in their last meeting and the Town decided not to renew the contract and now they're done, with no ambulance service. After discussing with people at Livingston County about workers' compensation and other insurances, they believe costs would go up should they move forward with the 501c3 proposal. There is a potential that the fire district may substantially increase the rent for the ambulance. There have been questions about why the ambulance wants to go private, when everyone who is currently private is looking to form districts and special use districts. The main concern is that billing will not cover transitioning to paid staff so private companies are either folding, and/or looking for additional assistance from the citizens and from the Town. They are aware that under a corporation they would not be fully autonomous. They would like to stay as a district and investigate adjusting the resolution from 2006. The difference between now and 20 years ago is back then there were 45 members, now 5 members are taking the bulk of the calls. Brian Allen alone is taking in 60-70k a year from stipend money. They would like to bring in a staffing company who would cover scheduling, HR, Payroll etc. and then they would be allowed to still have volunteers on the incentive program. Next steps, should the Town agree to move forward with the proposed plan, would be to bring in different proposals from a couple staffing companies and figure out financials. The Ambulance is also asking for the person in the chief position to become a paramedic administrator. They have the money within their budget and wouldn't need additional funds from the town. What he saves them by riding along as a paramedic and all his current administrative tasks is substantial. They want to know if the town is willing to look at funding a staffing model, and if not, we may be stuck. They are pretty much maxed at insurance revenue based on call volume as well. Supervisor Gott stated this is going to need to be digested and given thought. Brian Allen put together a plan to do everything themselves and that was about 580,000 with current employees still intact.

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Attorney Campbell will explore all the legalities behind the updated ideas and proposals. This will not come down to an agreement of disagreement; it will come down to what needs to happen for the future of the Livonia Ambulance. Attorney Campbell will not give a formal legal opinion that he does not feel comfortable with. Supervisor Gott, if he had his way, he would continue as it has always been but that simply cannot happen anymore. The current plan is not bringing in new people as it is. The goal needs to be planning for what's going to happen years from now, starting the framework with a plan and time stamps for the future. If the Town is going to contract with another service provider for services, it does not make sense for them not to cover all services. The idea was never to have a completely new model by January 1, but to have benchmarks and a plan in place and have the framework in place. The Commissioners and the Town Board members will wait for Attorney Campbell's legal opinion.

There was no future meeting set up. Attorney Campbell will take his time to do research, and the ambulance commissioners will get a new proposal circulating rather than re-circulating the old proposal from E5. Attorney Campbell will let everyone know when he is ready to meet and will schedule a meeting then.

With no further business, on the motion of Councilmember Breu seconded by Councilmember English the meeting was adjourned at 6:33PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassidy Lowe
Deputy Town Clerk