



LIVONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT THE LIVONIA TOWN HALL
SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

Supervisors present: Hass, Hiller, Kuker, Maloney and Pool

Staff present: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Fiedler, Maintenance Coordinator Berghuis

Chairman Hass called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

LOC Reduction – Pine Crest Estates: The request to reduce the LOC for Pine Crest Estates was presented at the Regular Board Meeting on August 26th, 2019. There was no quorum, the item was presented again at this meeting. The reduction to the LOC was recommended and approved by Township Engineer Anderson. Hiller made the motion to approve the recommended reduction. Kuker clarified that the LOC would be reduced to \$113,500.00, Kuker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Hiller – yes, Hass – yes, Kuker – yes, Maloney – abstained, Pool – abstained. Motion passed.

Petition to Vacate 120th Street: Kuker explained that there is an issue with 120th Street and that Livonia Township has retained council, Barna, Guzy & Steffen LTD, to handle the issue. Kuker also stated that the attorney has advised Livonia Township not to discuss the issue pending litigation. The Attorney advised the Board of Supervisors that the Supervisors can meet in closed meetings. Hass stated that Ryan Carlson handed him a packet right before this meeting. He had not yet opened the envelope, but when he does, he will make copies for the rest of the Board. Kuker clarified that all communications about the 120th Street ROW will go through the Attorney, they are not to go through the Township Office. Hass asked for discussion from the assembly. Micah Digatono, 25825 18th St W, Zimmerman asked about the emergency culvert replacement that was done this summer, stating that he owns the adjacent property. Hass explained that there was an old culvert in the location that had become partially plugged and failed, the failure causing the road to develop a sink hole. It was determined that the culvert had to be replaced immediately. The road was closed for safety and the new culvert installed. Digatano also asked about the resurfacing of the road because he had been told it was not on the 2019 road work schedule. Hiller explained that the Township Engineer secured very good pricing enabling the project to happen using emergency funds. Maloney clarified Township Attorney, Troy Gilchrist, would handle Data Practices questions, Barna, Guzy and Steffen LTD are litigation specialists and will handle the current 120th Street issue. Dan Nelson, 27042 117th Street NW, Zimmerman, asked if all discussions about 120th Street are going to be closed. Hass replied that discussions that pertain to the Petition to Vacate 120th Street will be closed. Ryan Carlson, 26932 117th Street NW, Zimmerman, stated that he is confused, stating there is no lawsuit therefore the Township cannot have closed meetings. Hass stated that this can be cleared up when we talk to our attorney. Hiller stated for the record that the Township position is that we don't want the road closed. Molly Karnes, 26772 117th Street NW, Zimmerman, requested notice when the issue is cleared up and when the Board can talk about it openly. Hass stated that she can come to the Regular Board Meetings held the 4th Monday of the month. Karnes asked for an email notice of meetings. Maloney asked to clarify what part of 120th Street this Petition involves. 120th Street extends onto the minimum maintenance road.

Kuker/Maloney unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 am

Approved this day of October 28, 2019



Chair or Vice Chair



Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer