



LIVONIA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 26, 2010

On July 26, 2010 the Livonia Board of Supervisors met in Regular Meeting at the Livonia Town Hall located at 11162 265th Avenue, Livonia Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota. Chairman Sherper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisors Doebler, Hass, Sherper; Clerk/Treasurer Spencer, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Olson were present; Supervisor Hewitt was absent. Jon Bogart, Town Engineer was also present. The meeting was recorded for transcription purposes unless otherwise stated.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance: The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Sherper called for a moment of silence in memory of Supervisor Roger Wallin who passed away on July 22, 2010. Roger will be deeply missed not only as a Town Board member but as a member in the community.

1.2 Approve proposed Regular Meeting Agenda: Sherper requested addition of Item 6.6 – Discussion regarding filling vacancy in office and Item 6.7 Purchase of table for conference room is added to the agenda. Sherper stated Item 4.2 request from David Berger regarding tapping maple trees in Sugarbush Park be removed upon request of Mr. Berger. Hass/Doebler unanimous to approve the Regular Meeting agenda as amended with addition of Items 6.6 and 6.7 and removal of Item 4.2

1.3 Approve Consent Agenda: Doebler asked for correction under Item 4.1 Supervisor Reports: the name of the Boy Scout volunteer should be changed from Scott to Jon. Doebler/Hass unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda with amendment to correct name. Consent agenda approved as follows: Item A) June 28, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

1.4 Sheriff's report: There was no report this month.

1.5 Fire Report: Chief Maloney offered his sentiment about Roger's passing; he will be missed on the Fire Board, was good to work with and always looked out for the best interest of the citizens. Maloney provided June calls for service. The Department received advanced training with the hovercraft in various types of terrain-lake, grass, and river; used on ice during the winter months. They are receiving the equipment ordered with FEMA grant funds - jaws cutter, power unit, stabilization jacks and tri-pod with winch. Sherper talked about grants offered by the State; Maloney stated funds were granted to the Department this year for training, etc

1.6 Road Maintenance Report: Coordinator Spencer provided information about the John Deere tractor from Anderson's in Princeton; it is also offered on a rental basis. Provided locations for brushing this fall. The culvert under 239th Avenue was plugged by muskrats; Herbst Excavating was called to open it; Tibbets Brook flows through the culvert, the blockage was causing water to rise on the west side of the road.

2.1 Clerk/Treasurer report of account balances/review & approves payment of claims and transfers: Balances as of June 30, 2010 Woodlands National Bank 13 month Landfill CD # 41820 \$60,211.40 and 25 month Landfill CD \$40,000.00. Balances as of June 30, 2010 the Bank of Elk River, Commercial Checking with interest \$132,883.93 and High Yield Business Money Market \$2,056,984.25. Pledged securities in the amount of \$2,037,795.27 are on file in as of June 30, 2010. Doebler/Hass unanimous to approve Treasurers report, payment of claims including payroll, payment of utility and interest bearing bills received after claim deadline, if any, and to transfer \$134,000.00 from Savings to Checking to cover claim numbers 4864-4913 and check numbers 13801-13866. Hass/Doebler unanimous to approve payment of claims associated with the building project and to transfer the same from savings to checking. Activity will be reported at the August 23rd meeting.

3.1 Supervisor reports: Hass had no report this month. Doebler applied for the SHIP Grant in the amount of \$14,250.00; HKGI provided input on the plan for trail connection between Sugarbush Preserve and the Great Northern Trail. Jon Hanson, the volunteer Boy Scout along with his father attended the Park Board meeting for the last time as Hanson's work in the Park has been completed. A letter of appreciation will be sent to him for his work and efforts in the Park this summer. Sherper attended a MATS workshop; there was discussion regarding germane resolutions vs. non germane resolutions and how they affect Townships. They also talked about the green acre issue; it is unknown where that issue will go. Sherper further said there is a need to preserve rural character in areas of many counties.

4.1 Erosion control/vegetation of Town right of way on 98th Street: Cliff Bigley was present for discussion. Bigley maintains the survey of his property does not include the erosion area that is in question, that the erosion is in the



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Township's right of way and is the Township's responsibility Bogart will review his survey. Hass/Doebler unanimous to table the issue until the August meeting.

4.2 Request to tap trees in Sugarbush Park: As stated earlier in the meeting, David Berger requested the item be removed from the agenda until a later time.

4.3 Engineering updates: 96th Street is near completion. Final lift of bituminous overlay will be placed on Barthel Acres/Pinto Hill. Shouldering will be done in both areas at the same time; both projects will be completed the first part of August. Fremont Lake Shoreline Restoration plan was presented. The project entails 700 feet of shoreline and will begin in August.

5 Open Forum: There were no requests for open forum.

6.1 Agreement regarding Park Dedication requirements AND 6.2 Joint Powers Agreement for Playing Fields: Both the City of Zimmerman and Livonia Township reviewed the Agreements. Both are of the understanding that the School District would maintain the field during the summer months; the school is not interpreting the maintenance issue in the same way. Doebler/Hass unanimous to table decision on signing either Agreement until the issue of summer time maintenance is resolved.

6.3 Maintenance Building update: Since the June meeting, the precast structure is up, roof was insulated, roof membrane installed, septic system is in, gray water holding tank installed, Centerpoint Energy sent design for line and meter locations. Upon request of the Board, lettering samples will be obtained with explanation of how they will be mounted. Will obtain clarification regarding cost of extra concrete needed to cover the water tank. Discussed the landscaping and irrigation system. Hass/Doebler unanimous to approve landscaping to include river rock and the irrigation system but eliminate trees and shrubs.

6.4 Resolution – weight restrictions: Hass/Doebler by roll call to approve resolution imposing weight restriction on all paved Township Roads unless posted otherwise. The weight restriction imposed is 7 ton per axle weight on all paved roads in the Township unless otherwise posted. Roll call: Doebler, Hass, Sherper yes; Hewitt absent, none opposed.


6.5 Updates and other items: a) Windsor Pines – The Satisfaction of Lien was recorded for the properties in Windsor Pines development, including Town Roads. Copy of file in office. b) Perl Sod Farm: When the CUP was revoked and the mobile home removed, the County Board required the well and septic be properly disconnected and abandoned. The State has requirements for abandonment of the electrical service. c) Insurance: Inquiry was made regarding insurance for employees; the costs are high; no further action at this time. d) SWCD Conservation Tour will take place August 24th. Those wishing to take the tour will RSVP individually. e) History Center Fundraiser will be held September 10, 2010 for those who wish to attend. f) Summary July 15, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting - The only issue on the Meeting for Livonia Township was Manthei's request for an IUP for a Yard Waste Composting site. The Commission recommended the County Board approve the request. Also of interest was a question of inquiry from a Big Lake Township resident who would like to erect a wind turbine on his property which is located in a shoreland district. Currently it is not a permitted use in a shoreland district. The Commission discussed and may give further consideration later this year. The Zoning Ordinance would need to be amended to allow for that use; all the Townships would need to approve the amendment. Sherper asked if Clerk/Treasurer would sit on the Planning Commission to fill vacancy held by Roger Wallin; Clerk/Treasurer accepted.

6.6 Fill vacancy in office: The Board will hold an appointment committee meeting on August 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss/appoint the position of Supervisor A until the March 2011 election at which time the position will be up for election to complete the remainder of the three year term held by former Supervisor Wallin.

6.7 Purchase of table for the Conference Room: Hass/Doebler unanimous to approve purchase of 4 X 8 foot table for the conference room at an approximate cost of \$705.00. Discussion followed regarding replacing table in the Board Room; Hass will investigate.

Hass/Doebler unanimous to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Dated this 23rd day of August 2010.


Chairman or Vice Chairman


Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer