



Public Hearing Minutes of the Livonia Town Board  
Held at the Livonia Town Hall  
Thursday April 16, 2020  
*This Public Hearing was conducted via electronic means  
(GoToMeeting) to avoid spreading the Covid-19 virus.*

Butch Hass, Chairman of the Town Board, called the Public Hearing to order at 3:30 pm. Hass called for a roll call. Those present by roll call: Sheldon Pool, Kevin Hiller, Matt Kuker, Todd Maloney and Butch Hass

Hass closed the meeting at 3:33 pm.

Hass declared the Public Hearing open at 3:33 pm.

**Chairman Hass** provided the history of the current fire hall in the City of Zimmerman and the growth of the fire department over the past years. The history included the planning the purchase of land and the building of a new fire station and event center.

**Martha Ingram, Kennedy and Graven LTD, Bond Attorney** stated that she is serving as bond council for both Livonia Township and the City of Zimmerman for the Capital Improvement Bond for the Zimmerman/Livonia Fire District Fire Hall. She explained that the Event Center would be financed through a different bond, at a later date, due to laws regarding CIP Bonds. Ingram also explained that the amount of the bond is the portion that Livonia Township will be responsible for, the City of Zimmerman must bond for their half separately.

**Tammy Ormdal, Northland Securities**, explained the financing of the CIP bond and the Abatement bond for the project. She also explained that the interest rate will depend on the market at the time that bonds are sought. The bonds will be callable at any time, which allows the Township or City can pay off the bond early if desired. The bond proposals will go out to banks the end of May for approval by the Township in June. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to approve the required 5 year CIP plan (available for public view on the Livonia Township website [www.livoniatownship.org](http://www.livoniatownship.org)). The approval of the CIP plan gives Livonia Township the authority to issue bonds related to the financing of the fire hall.

**Mike Schelien and John Brandahl, Kodet Architectural Group**

Schelien and Brandahl provided the history of the project and the design of the building. Specific details of the building were discussed.

Hass asked the assembly if there were any comments or questions. He asked that any comments or questions are limited to 3 minutes.

**Brittany Plude**, 11725 247<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Zimmerman asked how the bonds will be paid, the tax implication for the residents, and if the fire service cost will go up to help pay for the building. Supervisor Maloney answered that in total, for the fire station and the event center, the estimate is that the tax on a house valued at \$300,000 would be \$35 per year over a 20-year period. For a house valued at \$200,000 the tax would be about \$22 per year over a 20-year period. Plude asked for clarifying details which Maloney provided, explaining that once the new fire station is built, there will be no rental fee paid out for the current fire station, a savings of about \$25,000, and that additional houses built in the township will share the expense.

There were no other questions.

**Ryan Maloney, Zimmerman/Livonia Fire Chief**

Chief Maloney gave additional information, including the Zimmerman/Livonia Fire District has been working towards a new fire station for about 13 years. They have run out of parking space and will need

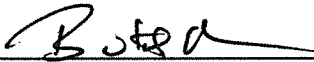
more equipment space, especially when a ladder truck will be purchased. He also spoke of the community support and donations that are helping to make this possible as well as Livonia Township.

Hass added that the Fire Department has funds that they anticipate they will be able to purchase the tables and chairs for the event center. He praised the fire department for their good work, and thanked Fire Chief Maloney and the fire fighters.


Hass called for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Kuker moved, Pool seconded to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried. Public Hearing closed.

Hass reviewed Resolution 20-05 to approve the CIP and for preliminary approval of the issuance of Bonds thereunder. Hass moved to approve Resolution 20-05, Pool seconded. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Hass called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hiller moved to adjourn. Maloney seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.



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