

LIVONIA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES HELD AT THE LIVONIA TOWN HALL

July 22, 2024

Supervisors present: Hass, Spencer, Hiller, Kluge, Kukowski absent.

Staff present: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Fiedler, Maintenance Superintendent Kelly, Parks and Cemetery Superintendent Aubart.

Others present: William Tessmer, Bogart, Pederson & Associates.

Chair Hiller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- **1.1 Pledge of Allegiance:** the assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **1.2** Approve Regular Meeting Agenda: Hiller requested to add the following items to the agenda Item 1.3 C) Summary of Performance Evaluation, 5.1 Appoint Deputy Clerk Fiedler to Clerk Treasurer, 5.2 Vacate Holcomb driveway. Spencer/Hiller unanimous to add items.
- **1.3 Approve Consent Agenda**: Kluge Jr/Spencer unanimous to approve Consent Agenda Item A) June 24, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes B) Workshop Meeting Minutes July 10, 2024. C) Summary of Performance Evaluation.
- **1.4 Fire Report:** Chief Maloney presented June calls for service: 15 medical assists, 3 carbon monoxide, 1 motor vehicle personal injury accident, 5 gas leaks, 2 downed power line, 2 vehicle fire, 1 lightning strike, 1 grass fire, 1 residential garage fire, and 4 residential house fires. Maloney noted that the pump testing was finished, 1 alternator went bad on the engine, the fire relief association donated new extraction equipment at both stations. The board thanked the fire relief association for their generous donation.
- 1.5 Sheriff's Report: Sgt. Wilson presented the June Calls for Service.

Incident	January	February	March	April	May	June
Total Calls	261	247	246	225	245	294
Motor Vehicle Accident	6	6	9	4	3	7
Medical	21	11	17	15	10	21
Traffic Stop	104	109	100	85	89	100
Security Check	38	42	22	8	9	16
Extra Patrol	14	7	17	14	17	29

The rest of the calls were miscellaneous calls for service. Hass inquired about burglaries in Zimmerman and Princeton, they were different offenders. The board appreciates its presence on patrolling 169.

- **1.6:** Engineering Updates: Engineer William Tessmer with Bogart Peterson gave the board update on West Hunter Lake: all trees have been cleared; silt fences have been installed. They are having issues with CenterPoint and getting ahold of anyone regarding lines in the ROW. The homeowners with septics across the street have been in contact with the engineers. Hiller stated we are going to work on getting inventory of our roads and the conditions that they are in and would like a 5–7-year plan so we can start thinking about budgets. Patti working on spreadsheets from Bogart and combining staff sheets to make one plan.
- **1.7 Planning Commission:** Hass submitted notes from planning commission-recommend approval of CUP for a personal storage structure on 2.03 acres in an agricultural district in Clear Lake Township. Recommend approval of IUP for a Recreational activity in Big Lake Township. Recommend approval of CUP for cellular tower in Big Lake Township. Recommend amend Section 17.5 Subsurface sewer treatment system program to provide concise verbiage throughout the section to be consistent with amnesty Rules 7080-7083.
- **1.8 Road Report:** Kelly provided the following report June 17 July 13, 2024: picked up love seat and four outside chairs along with a metal bed frame.



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Vehicles:

Truck 45, Ford 1-ton: oil change per warranty Skid loader trailer-four new tires installed

Road Maintenance

Throughout township: cut trees on 277th, 239th and 268th. Worked with Jesse to remove an extremely large tree on 277th. First round of mowing ditches completed.

Gravel Roads: graded gravel roads throughout township. **Fremont Minimum Maintenance Road:** graded gravel road.

Woodlands: cut 1 tree and cleaned road drains.

Acorn Ridge: hot tar repairs.

Hot Tar: throughout the township averaging 6-8 tons per week.

Shop & Shop Office: cleaned trucks and shop.

Public Works building: installed blinds for Public Works and Fire Dept windows.

West Hunter Lake Road Project: started July 17th, relocated car, two snowmobile trailers and another trailer off township property to their property.

Street guard rail-mowed around guard rails throughout township.

Hass asked Superintendent Kelly to research the cost of the mower the county has to save a pass on our mowing.

1.9 Park and Cemetery Report: Aubart provided the following report: Reporting Period June 22, 2024 – July 19, 2024. **Parks Maintenance:**

North Point: mowed grass

Sugar Bush Preserve: mowed cleared weeds and branches from all trails in both parks.

Cemetery Maintenance:

Livonia Township Cemetery: mowed cemetery.

Other Duties:

mowing ditches throughout township, hot tar, trimming guard rails, tree clean up on 277th, 239th, and a couple in the Woodlands.

REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- 2.1 Adopt Resolution 24-12 approve vacation-Sonnenberg-roll call vote, all in favor.
- 2.2 Schultz tree in ROW-need to find out if in ROW and what property it's on, also what to do with wood.
- **3. Open Forum:** Brad Schumacher-28551 127th St, attended budget workshop at Sherburne County, he was present to introduce himself as running for county commissioner.
- **4.1 Clerk/Treasurer Report:** Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Fiedler items of interest last month included: election judge training and scheduling has started.
- **4.2** Approve payment of claims: Hiller/Hass unanimous to approve payment of claims and payroll totaling \$49,987.86 and to transfer \$49,000.00 to cover check numbers 21898 through 21930 and July EFT #199-202 for Federal, State, SUTA and PERA withholding.
- **4.3 Supervisor or Committee Reports: Kluge Jr.:** attended meeting with county and city on the overpass. **Hass:** also attended lake Fremont meeting, nothing else to add. **Hiller:** talked with temp agency about running ads for help and contract obligations. Met with lake owners, U of M and Sherburne County water about Lake Fremont and hoping to get some grant help with carp population and invasive weeds. **Spencer:** working on updating the developer's agreement.



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OTHER BUSINESS:

- **5.1 Appoint Deputy Clerk Fiedler to Clerk Treasurer**-Hiller made motion to appoint Deputy Clerk Fiedler to Clerk Treasurer, Hass second, roll call vote all in favor.
- **5.2 Vacate Holcomb Driveway-**Discussion about sale of Holcomb property and if the township would vacate the driveway (251st Ave). Since the future of this property is unknown the township decided to leave it as it is. No board action taken.

Hiller/Hass unanimous to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of August 2024.

Chairman or Vice Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer