



LIVONIA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

HELD AT THE LIVONIA TOWN HALL

April 27, 2026

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

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

Others present: William Tessmer from Widseth.

Chair Hiller called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

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

1.2 Approve Regular Meeting Agenda: Hass/Kukowski unanimous to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda.

1.3 Approve Consent Agenda: Hiller/Kukowski unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda Items A) March 23, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

1.4 Fire Report: Chief Maloney presented March calls for service: 7 medical assists, 2 gas leaks, 4 motor vehicle personal injury accident, 1 carbon monoxide, 2 fire alarm, 1 person in distress (lift assist), 1 arcing/down power line, 5 grass fire, 1 commercial building fire (Nowthen), 1 residential garage fire (Baldwin). Total calls for the month, Livonia-11, Zimmerman-11, Orrock-2, Mutual Aid-2 total-26. Chief Maloney stated one of their firefighters was hired down at Elk River Fire as the Deputy Chief of training. Elk River vs Zimmerman sled hockey fundraiser raised \$5,131 for Twin Cities sled hockey. Discussion about the compost fire, the amount of water used, equipment used and the mutual aid from other departments.

1.5 Sheriff's Report: March calls for service there were no thefts or burglaries. Kukowski stated there seems to be some passing on 112th St that hopefully will not happen after the road is striped. Discussion about closing the minimum maintenance road off for road construction or making it a one-way, no board action taken.

Incident	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Total Calls	315	375	264	259	226	215	230
Motor Vehicle Accident	6	18	12	3		1	8
Medical	31	13	8	17		14	14
Traffic Stop	144	177	95	106	92	85	80
Security Check	18	10	17	6		13	17
Extra Patrol	14	25	12	28	22	26	15

1.6 Event Center: Coordinator Hunnicutt was not present so Chief Maloney presented her report. He stated that for May there is 1 banquet, 1 wedding, 8 grad parties, 1 celebration of life. For June there are 2 banquets, 1 benefit, 1 class reunion, 5 grad parties, 1 birthday party, 1 Sherburne County Event.

1.7 Engineering Updates: Engineer William Tessmer with Widseth said the Overlay projects with Knife River will start on May 11th and hoping to schedule the preconstruction meeting for next week. The Woodlands tree clearing has been completed, due to the changes the bill was higher than the bid opening. Hiller stated that going forward we would like to have a better plan with tree cutting and clearing the right of way. It costs more to only cut a few trees in the right of way versus clear cutting. Discussion about how much to cut, when to mark, who is going to mark regarding trees and how to handle for the next project. 98th, 266th & 268th plan, specs and contracts need edits. Astech was the lowest quote, Kukowski/Hiller unanimous to accept Astech as low quote for mill and overlay. For Aspen Heights the plans, specs and contracts need to be sent, Omann was lowest quote. Kukowski/Hiller unanimous to accept Omann as low quote for mill and overlay. Crack sealing, gilsonite and striping quotes came back and Fahrner was the low quote. Kukowski/Hiller unanimously accepts Fahrner as low quote. There was discussion about 2 houses that are driving off the road and concerns with breaking up the road and new overlay. Board directed Fiedler to send a letter to both houses on the road. We did not get the grant for 253rd Ave, we could reapply for next year and there would be less work to reapply. There were 52 entries from townships specifically, we were 14th and they awarded the top 9. No action taken.



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1.8 Planning Commission: the meeting for April 16, 2026, Request for an IUP for manufactured home in Clear Lake Township. Request for comprehensive plan land-use map for private energy production in Clear Lake Township. Request for an IUP for solar farm in Clear Lake Township.

REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

2.1 Knife River-IUP for Ready mix concrete plant-Steff Basgaard with Knife River was present to discuss the application for an IUP for a ready-mix plant to the facility that operates under an approved CUP. There would be no changes to the current CUP, they want to sell ready mix out of the location. Hass asked if they would need a well for that, they said they don't have one now but would need a separate approval for that also the DNR would be involved in that. Spencer asked if it would be temporary or permanent, they stated the county would only let them apply for a temporary, and they requested a follow up to county to allow 5 years and if longer than they would have to renew it and come back to the township. Discussion about the haul road for in and out purpose is already there and it is set back pretty far off 169 with plenty of room to load trucks without backup issues. There will be no traffic on 112th St. Hiller said there was an acceleration lane on 169 and should be fine, he has no problem with it, will be a good addition for the gravel mining. The CUP is currently allowed from 6am-midnight, they are asking for 5am to meet the needs of the contractors/workers to start earlier. They will be Monday-Saturday, and the ability to petition to work outside those hours if needed on future projects. They could work on a Sunday for specific projects. The existing CUP already has dust control in place, so they don't have anything additional. Kukowski has no problem with it. Hass/Spencer to approve the IUP.

2.2 Princeton Clay Target League Trap Club-gun raffle at MN Sportsman's Club: Chas McNeil was present for the Princeton Clay Target League request for a gun raffle. Kluge Jr/Hiller unanimous to approve request.

2.3 Carlson-30-00481-0115 2nd Driveway Request: Nicholas was present to ask the board's permission to put in a 2nd driveway. He is looking to build an accessory building in the future and can't access it from his existing driveway. He has his septic drain field to the east of his house. He would like to come off 111th St across from his neighbor's driveway. Kluge Jr./Hiller unanimous to allow him to get a second driveway. Hiller recommended that he move forward with the driveway even if he didn't put up a building until later.

3. Open Forum-No one present.

4.1 Clerk/Treasurer Report: Clerk/Treasurer Fiedler items of interest last month included: the field audit took place on Friday, hopefully they will be able to finish the stuff they need. Office staff and maintenance staff toured the recycling center in Mpls, it was very informative. The township owns land off Hunter Lake that we use for snow removal storage. The property to the north is putting trailers, a shed on township property. The township has had this parcel surveyed. Discussion about property lines, where parking, no trespassing signs, towing property, and assessing costs. The board directed Fiedler to send a letter to the property owner to remove his property off the township's land, and directed Kelly to post no trespassing and no parking signs.

4.2 Approve payment of claims: Spencer/Kukowski unanimous to approve payment of claims and payroll totaling \$185,351.96 and transfer \$188,000.00 to cover check numbers 22718 through 22761 and January EFT #278-284 for Federal, State, PERA withholding tax, SUTA, CenterPoint and payments for PFMLA.

4.3 Road Report: Kelly provided the following report March 16, 2026 – April 19, 2026:
Installed 6 speed limit, 2 stop, 1 dead end, 911 and street signs. Picked up dead deer on 112th Street. Closed 96th St to cut back right of way to make it safer.
Hiller/Kluge Jr. unanimous to approve spending up to \$10,000 on materials to start fixing the road along the lake for restoration, with the money to be taken out of the road fund.



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Vehicles:

Truck 36, 41: Cleaned up and ready for summer.

Truck 40: Removed front plow, wing and sander. Ready for the summer.

Truck 43: Removed front plow. Took to Nuss Truck & Equipment for multiple engine leaks. Removed multiple parts to repair.

Truck 44: Removed front plow and wing.

Truck 45 & 46: Removed front plow and stored for summer.

Ford Tractor: Changed oil, air filters. Installed new cutting blades and 2 new front tires, ready for summer.

Road Maintenance

Throughout township: Finished walking and collecting trash, received quotes from Fahrner and Astech for crack filling, flexpatch, gilsonite sealer and striping.

Aspen Heights: Requested quotes from Hanson Paving, Astech and Omann Contracting.

Cold Patch: throughout the township.

Minimum Maintenance Road: Opened for the summer, graded the road and fixed the sinkholes, hauled 4 loads of gravel in. Worked with Randy on the shoreline preservation.

Lake Fremont Shoreline: Attended Sherburne County seminar: protecting/rebuilding shoreline. Visted and consulted with Cherokee Manufacturing.

North Point Park: Installed dock for the summer.

Woodlands: Met with Nick, Craig and HOA people to discuss trees and walked the road project.

4.4 Park and Cemetery Report: Aubart provided the following report: Reporting Period March 21, 2026 – April 24, 2026.

Parks Maintenance: Red's portable toilet will be placing an outhouse at the park soon, quoted \$265 for 4 weeks. Getting pricing on granite to put down in the park, will see how far 1 load goes.

North Point: Blew leaves off trail and mowed brush back off trail. Used Toro lawnmower and cleaned up twigs and leaves off mowed park area. Dock was placed in Lake Fremont on April 15.

Sugar Bush Preserve: Cleaned trails from branches and leaves. Two trees removed off hiking trail.

Cemetery Maintenance:

Livonia Township Cemetery: Raked rocks back in driveway from plowing snow over winter. Removed plot markers that were placed for finding plots in the snow. Marked for one headstone placement and marked for one burial set for Saturday April 25.

Other Duties:

Marked the trees in Woodlands for right of way clearing. Did garbage cleanup in various ditches in the township. Tree/brush clearing in the right of ways continued. Sign installations (911, dead end, street, stop and speed limit). Cold patch, Ford tractor maintenance, road grading and working on sink holes and some shoreline repair on Lake Fremont.

4.5 Supervisor or Committee Reports: **Kluge Jr.:** Nothing. **Hass:** Nothing. **Hiller:** We had a complaint regarding a deceased animal that was addressed. Asked if we could move our May meeting to Wednesday the 20th instead of the usual Monday, Kukowski/Kluge Jr unanimous to move to the 20th. **Kukowski:** Attended the SCAT meeting where they updated some bylaws, talked about the sirens, Palmer was township spotlight, and had weed inspector presentation. **Spencer:** Also attended SCAT meeting and WM tour. The WM facility is the largest one in the twin cities, processing up to 900-1,000 tons per day, and serves the 5-state area.



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OTHER BUSINESS:

5.1 Planning and Zoning Comment Forms: Hiller stated for the Zoning Update references on page 7 three options: Option A, B or C, he does not have a preference. The board has no opinion on which option to choose. Discussion about a previous meeting where supervisors attended a meeting and we were unable to make a comment on a tabled issue. There is a diagram on page 37 on how to determine lot sizes for non-shoreland using a lot size of 100 ft wide, we don't have any lots that are 100 ft wide so the board feels like that could cause some confusion due to our minimum lot width of 200ft. They are asking if there needs to be some clarification. Also, page 64 and page 66 state that there are minimum lot sizes of 150ft wide by minimum 300ft deep for 1.5 acre lots, those minimum dimensions do not equal 1.5 acres. The board would also like this to be clarified.

Subdivision Ordinance Update, yes, we agree with the proposed Subdivision Ordinance.

Short-Term rental Ordinance the board decided that there are changes that are needed. Hiller had questions and called Mitch, there is an annual renewal license that they would have to pay that would be expensive and people would just not do it. There needs to be more work done at the county level before the township makes any other comments.

5.2 25685 141st St-2nd Driveway Issues: This property came before us when we had snow removal issues. They built an accessory building and signed a waiver stating that they would use their existing driveway. They were before the board in November of 2024 and asked for permission for a second driveway, the board denied their 2nd driveway. They stated they rarely used it and would be fine not putting the second driveway in. The maintenance department noticed they were plowing this second driveway still this last winter and still using it as a driveway more than he said they would be. Discussion about what the board options are on how to handle this, directed Fiedler to contact the attorney and seek legal advice.

5.3 Deer Hunting Firearm Regulations: This was a letter from Sherburne County Administrator Messelt that stated that the County Board of Commissioners unanimously decided not to pursue a local ordinance restriction on deer hunting firearms. This will allow the use of rifles for deer hunting within Sherburne County, with the exception of specific municipal jurisdictions. Sherburne County is no longer a shotgun-only zone.

5.4 Tornado Sirens: Sherburne County will continue to support the current inventory of early warning sirens through 2026. After 2026 the townships will need to decide if they plan to keep and maintain the sirens. There has been lots of discussion at the SCAT meetings regarding whether we can all enter into an agreement on the shared costs, the amount of money that they would cost per month, when it comes time to decommissioning them who pays for that, and who takes them down. The township has 5 warning sirens throughout the township. If we decide we don't want them the county will take them down, we can keep it for parts if they take it down. We could wait until the sirens die and then take them down, also unknown costs associated with that. Could we take ones down that overlap with the city, again unknown costs associated with that. There are apps available out there that people can use for weather warnings, the county has an opt in option for weather warnings. Kluge Jr. suggested paying for the maintenance/control of them for now for at least a year to see if we can come to a better solution. Kukowski to look into other counties on maintenance and what is involved in taking them down. Discussion about approaching the City of Zimmerman and looking into whether the Fire District would take on the responsibility for the Zimmerman and Livonia sirens, Hiller will reach out.

5.5 Fire Department Diesel-Hiller: Due to the road construction going on in Zimmerman the fire district is wondering if they can fill trucks from our station and send the invoice to the Fire Department. It would save them time not having to navigate the construction. Kluge Jr. to take lead in making sure it gets reported to us.

Spencer/Kluge Jr. unanimous to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

Approved this 20th day of May 2026.

Chairman or Vice Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer