



LIVONIA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT THE LIVONIA TOWN HALL
May 20, 2026

Supervisors present: Spencer, Kluge Jr., Kukowski, 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 6:00 pm.

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

1.2 Approve Regular Meeting Agenda: Spencer/Kluge Jr. unanimous to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda.

1.3 Approve Consent Agenda: Spencer/Kluge Jr. unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda Items A) April 27, 2026 LBAE minutes B) April 27, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

1.4 Fire Report: Chief Maloney presented April calls for service: 6 medical assists, 1 gas leaks, 1 motor vehicle personal injury accident, 2 carbon monoxide, 1 fire alarm, 2 grass fire. Total calls for the month, Livonia-13, Zimmerman-7, Orrock-2, Stanford-1, Mutual Aid-1 total-24. Chief Maloney stated they are billing for accidents and have collected some of the revenue. Looking to hire a few firefighters due to recent retirements. The new fire truck should be here by the first part of November. On June 27th there will be a benefit for assistant chief Jim Plude's son Brooks at the event center and on July 25th there will be a golf tournament.

1.5 Sheriff's Report: April calls for service there were no thefts or burglaries. There was a call on overweight trucks on 112th Street, one was stopped and they explained the number of axels and how much weight they can have. Fully loaded they are underweight and said they have a sign leaving the pit saying they must go to the highway not on 112th St.

Incident	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
Total Calls	375	264	259	226	215	230	233
Motor Vehicle Accident	18	12	3		1	8	9
Medical	13	8	17		14	14	15
Traffic Stop	177	95	106	92	85	80	68
Security Check	10	17	6		13	17	21
Extra Patrol	25	12	28	22	26	15	25

1.6 Event Center: Coordinator Hunnicutt stated that for the rest of May there are 2 graduation ceremonies, 1 banquet and 4 grad parties. In June there are 4 school banquets, 6 grad parties, 1 school reunion, 1 corporate meeting and 1 benefit. Every Saturday in July is booked with 3 grad parties. There are 5 weddings booked for next year. Working on packaging deals and will go over what is included. Also working on a cleaning check list to include in the packages and pricing/deposit.

1.7 Engineering Updates: Engineer William Tessmer with Widseth said the 140th and Pinestone mill and overlay project with Knife River was mostly completed and under budget. The shouldering will be over budget due to shouldering on 140th and needing to raise it higher. The Woodland project reclaim material was not coming out good, and there were less quantities than originally thought. The contractor trucked it off site and will have to bring more back, he will work with them on pricing but will likely have a change order in the \$20,000-30,000 range. There were soil borings done on the project, last year's project didn't encounter this problem, and the surface was not as degraded as this one. Discussion about depth of milling, how much we need to truck back in, what was done with the product, and the base of the road. Hiller asked William to look at borings and where they were done in relation to the bad parts of the road. Partial payment request for Hanson Paving for the square yards of reclaim, storm water controls and half the mobilization for a total of \$17,382.00, Kukowski/Hiller unanimous to approve partial payment that can be paid when Fiedler can get paperwork. Astech overlay project contract will be signed after we get it from them. Omann overlay project contract was delivered by Kevin Kelly due to email issues; they signed it and will be signed by Chair Hiller tonight.



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William stated that Wind Dancer Estates completed their list, and he will have the escrow numbers released for them soon, they did take care of the spot where there was a fire.

1.8 Planning Commission: the meeting is for May 21st, will have report next month.

REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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3. Open Forum-No one present.

4.1 Clerk/Treasurer Report: Clerk/Treasurer Fiedler items of interest last month included: Started contacting judges for the upcoming elections, emailed past judges and new ones from the county list. There is a letter for an unpermitted second driveway (in packets) and the board directed Fiedler to mail the letter certified. There was a speed complaint on 102 ½ St -do we want a speed study, is it posted? Superintendent Kelly stated it was not posted, Kluge Jr. recommended contacting the Sheriff department. For Wind Dancer we will need to set a public hearing for subordinate service district, and engineer called and they want to proceed with NW 40-acre parcel.

4.2 Approve payment of claims: Spencer/Hiller unanimous to approve payment of claims and payroll totaling \$60,518.13 and transfer \$58,000.00 to cover check numbers 22762 through 22802 and May EFT #286-290 for Federal, State, PERA withholding tax and CenterPoint.

4.3 Road Report: Kelly provided the following report April 20, 2026 – May 10, 2026:

Installed 3 no parking signs in East Hunter. The Township clean-up day went well. He talked to Astech about borings on the roads and the pricing, his opinion was that he wouldn't waste the money. Fahrner will be sealcoating the parking lot, let Kluge Jr. know so he can update the fire department.

Vehicles:

Truck 36, 41: Stored for summer.

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

Truck 43: All repairs completed.

Truck 47: Picked up from Rochester, had re-lettered for Livonia Township, it will need 2 new front tires.

Payloader: May need lower cylinders to be rebuilt. We will have Ziegler CAT come to shop for evaluation.

Road Maintenance

Throughout township: Hot patch ongoing: 253rd, 96th, 269th, 265th and 271st. Fahrner started work on crack filling, flex patch, sealcoat, gilsonite sealer and striping.

Aspen Heights: Omann Contracting was awarded contract, start date not confirmed yet.

266th, 268th & 98th St: Astech was awarded contract, start date not confirmed yet.

Minimum Maintenance Road: Conference call with Dan, Patti and Chris to review grant process. Hauled 6 loads of class 5 to Lake Fremont/minimum maintenance road.

Lake Fremont Shoreline: On hold until end of August. Any money we spend now, we won't be reimbursed for.

North Point Park: Installed dock for the summer.

Pinestone and 140th St: Contract went to Knife River, started milling on Monday 5/11. Issue: blacktop not thick enough for milling, working with contractor to resolve issue.



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4.4 Park and Cemetery Report: Aubart provided the following report: Reporting Period April 25, 2026 – May 15, 2026. **Parks Maintenance:** there was a fire at North Point Park someone tried to light one a few days prior and then again on Thursday about 70% of area in loop burned, DNR came out and cut down 5 trees.

North Point: Mowed grass. Planted 5 large bare root Maple trees on April 29. Planted 25 Norway seedlings from the county on May 5. Watering trees on a regular basis right now. One load of granite was spread on the trail. About 1/3 of the trail was covered. Ordered two more loads to finish the trail.

Sugar Bush Preserve: Checked trail.

Cemetery Maintenance:

Livonia Township Cemetery: Mowed grass. Will mow again on Friday to prepare for Memorial Day. Marked for one headstone to be placed on May 6. Cleaned items out of cemetery on Monday, May 4. Items are kept in storage for about 2 weeks and then will be disposed of if no one claims.

Other Duties:

Hot tar on various roads started. Cleaning equipment and trucks. Located for various signs done and installed. Township Clean Up Day.

4.5 Supervisor or Committee Reports: **Kluge Jr.:** Nothing. **Hass:** Absent. **Hiller:** The owner of the lot on Lake Fremont that is for sale called. The board discussed where it is located, the amount of traffic on the road, the expenses on upkeep of the road, what parcels are for sale and to see if he can negotiate a price for the township to purchase. For the event center budget shortfall, the township spent \$25,000 in 2022, \$50,000 in 2023, put in a patio with ARPA money in 2024, \$60,000 for 2025, \$50,000 for 2026 and budgeted \$80,000 for 2027. After the township had already set the 2026 budget the Fire District and Event Center presented their budget for 2026 and is counting on \$80,000 for the event center for their shortfall. This is \$30,000 more than what was anticipated. There are a few line items in the event center budget that have already spent half the budget for the first quarter for 2026. Chair Hiller would like to see event center kept at a budget and would like to see timesheets. We would like to get a cleaning deposit for the events so we don't have that expense and a breakdown per event so we can see what each event makes. Would also like to see how much money is spent per event on each item such as bar staff, cleaning, linen rentals, liquor, waitstaff, and other expenses. It has been asked for before from the township board and Harley is helping work on that. **Kukowski:** With the roads and future projects, she has started a list of issues and how to handle them going forward. **Spencer:** Number of phone calls, expenses, notifications and moving forward how to handle them for future road projects, will discuss these issues at a later meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

5.1 Midco Contract-phones: Our phone contract is up in June of 2026, we contacted Midco and Windstream for pricing. Kluge Jr. recommended taking the phone out of the fire chief's office, stated has never been used. Hiller said they used a guy to upgrade the auction barn to see if he can come out to give us an estimate. There are 2 phones in the maintenance building could look at taking one of those out also. Will go with the contract that offers the cheapest pricing.

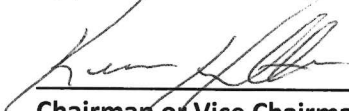
5.2 Clean Up Day: Fiedler presented a breakdown of the numbers and the vendors; the report was missing Lake State Recycling bill at the time. Fiedler had a conversation with the county about the clean-up day numbers; they advised us to raise the price for tires and furniture due to the cost difference. They are trying to streamline clean up days throughout the county, trying to get them the same price regardless of who is putting the clean-up day on. Discussion about pricing for next year and taking certain items. We will evaluate after all numbers come in and after the first of the year and vendors set their pricing.



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Spencer/Kluge Jr. unanimous to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of June 2026.


Chairman or Vice Chairman


Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer