



LIVONIA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT THE LIVONIA TOWNSHIP HALL
October 26, 2015

Supervisors present: Doebler, Hass, Hewitt, Manthei and Pool.

Staff present: Clerk/Treasurer Hammre, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Fiedler, Maintenance Coordinator Berghuis

Chairman Hewitt 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: Hass/Doebler unanimous to approve the meeting agenda.

1.3 Approve Consent Agenda: Doebler/Pool unanimous to approve Consent Agenda as follows: Item A) September 28, 2015 Regular Board Minutes.

1.4 Sheriff Report: Sergeant Wilson reported there were 191 calls for service in September; 50 of the calls were for traffic stops, the remainder of the calls were for various reasons. Sergeant Wilson reminded Livonia Township residents to be careful of the youth that will be out celebrating Halloween this weekend.

1.5 Fire Report: Chief Maloney provided August calls for service: 3 medical assist, 2 motor vehicle personal injury accident, 3 fire alarm, 2 carbon monoxide, 1 Haz-Mat spill and 1 vehicle fire. Maloney also reported: 1300 local students participated in fire prevention week, and the walk-a-thon was a success with the walk going from the school to the Fire Station; Firefighters completed the 16 hour EMR refresher training; the insurance review awarded the department an excellent rating for workman's comp – saving the fire department approximately \$10,000.

1.6 Engineering Updates: **273rd Ave)** no change; **112th St)** one more patch of cracking bituminous has been detected and will be repaired; **112th St Phase 2)** the project may be coordinated with the County project for bids and timing. Hass/Pool unanimous to approve Sherburne County to request bids for the 112th Street phase 2 project with the Sherburne County SCAH 19 project.

1.7 Road Report: Maintenance Coordinator Berghuis – the ditches have all been mowed, Baldwin has mowed some of the ditches with their brush cutter; all of the plow trucks are ready for winter plowing; a new garbage receptacle has been constructed and installed at the Livonia Cemetery, and the old garbage cans have been replaced; Baldwin Township is interested in purchasing or trading for our cross conveyer which Livonia Township no longer uses; the lights by the flagpole need to be replaced, LED lights are a more economical option; the guard posts by Hunter Lake will be installed this fall.

1.8 Planning Commission Report - Spencer: The PAC met October 15, 2015 and recommended the following items for approval by the County Board of Commissioners: Request for a CUP for non-hazardous recycling, Livonia Township; Request for an IUP for temporary placement of a manufactured home for parent, Big Lake Township; Request for CUP for a personal storage structure in the Shoreland District, Palmer Township; Request for CUP for a personal storage structure in a Shoreland District, Baldwin Township; The public hearing for a CUP for a personal storage structure in Shoreland District, Haven Township, was recessed to the November Planning Advisory Commission Meeting.

2.1 Review of Proposed Preliminary/Final Simple Plat of Acorn Ridge 5th Addn- Halde: Kim Halde was present to make request. A Resolution to Vacate a Portion of the Drainage and Utility Easement of Acorn Ridge was approved at the Public Hearing conducted at 6:50 pm. Doebler/Pool unanimous to recommend approval of the Simple Plat of Acorn Ridge 5th Addn. Comments include: the Simple Plat of Acorn Ridge 5th Addn accomplishes the goal of adjusting lot lines to include the entire accessory building on the Halde lot while maintaining minimum required lot sizes.

2.2 Recognition Request – Leonard: Rachel Leonard present to request the implementation of an annual cash award in honor of past clerk and Supervisor LeRoy Anderson. The proposed award would be given to a Livonia Township resident who performs a service to the Township, a Township resident, or in another way that benefits the Township. Leonard gave a history of LeRoy Anderson's life and service to the Township. Leonard would fund the award for the next 10 years. Discussion included a recommendation that the award would honor all past Supervisors and others who have served the Township, recognizing the contributions of many people in the past. LeRoy Anderson commented favorably to this expansion of the recognition. Additional discussion on choosing a recipient and criteria for doing so. A Committee



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would be formed to establish the details, to be discussed at a future meeting. Hass/Manthei unanimous to accept \$1000 from Rachel Leonard to fund the proposed citizen award. A committee to be appointed at a later date to work out details.

2.3 Broadband – Plohocky: Roy Plohocky present to discuss “Sky Net”, a Broadband Internet option he is developing in the area. Plohocky gave a detailed presentation and explanation on how it works and the potential to bring broadband to our area. Discussion about the technology of Sky Net, the lack of Broadband in the Township, and the areas in the Township that do not have access to internet, or the internet that is available is too slow for normal use. Also discussed was the impact on home values and the ability to sell a home without Broadband access is becoming more of a factor, and may negatively impact Township residents.

3.0 OPEN FORUM: Dianna Herrman present to discuss a right of way issue and speeding issue on County Road 4.

4.1 Clerk Treasurers Report: Hammre reported items of interest during the past month include: Staff has located all cemetery Block/Lot markers; The Woodlands of Livonia homeowners will discuss sign compliance at the next HOA meeting; The Dictionaries for The Dictionary Project have arrived.

4.2 Approve payment of claims and transfer funds: Hewitt/Pool unanimous to approve payment of claims, including payroll, as submitted and to transfer \$145,500.00 from savings to checking to cover claim numbers 7390 –7431, check numbers 16965-17009 and Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) #136-139 (October) Federal & State withholding tax, PERA & SUTA.

4.3 Supervisor Reports: **Hass** – no report. **Manthei** –Surveying for the next road project needs to be done while the leaves are off of the trees; the best time to send for road work bids is in February; Sherburne County Feedlot Ordinance regarding chickens was discussed at the SCAT meeting. **Pool** – no report. **Doebler** – no report. **Hewitt** –Park Board update – posts and signs will be installed along the new park’s east and south border this fall.

5.1 Sherburne County Parks, Trails, and Active Living Plan Update – Hammre gave a report on the October 1, 2015 meeting.

5.2 Sherburne County Grams Park Meeting Update – Hammre gave a report on the September 30, 2015 meeting.

Hewitt/Doebler unanimous to adjourn meeting at 9:19 pm.

Approved this 23rd day of November 2015.

Chairman or Vice Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer