



LIVONIA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT THE LIVONIA TOWN HALL
NOVEMBER 28, 2022

Supervisors present: Hass, Hiller, Maloney, Kuker and Pool.

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

Chairman Hass 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 requested that Item 2.2 Nuisance Light 11758 272nd is moved and renumbered as Item 1.82 and that Item 4.4 Road Report is moved and renumbered as Item 1.84. Kuker asked to add Item 5.8 Resolution Supporting Corridor of commerce Funding of US 169. Hiller/Kuker unanimous to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda with the requested changes.

1.3 Approve Consent Agenda: Hass/Pool unanimous to approve Consent Agenda Item A) September 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; **Item B)** October 24, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; Item C) November 18, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes; **Item D)** October 17, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes.

1.4 Fire Report: Chief Maloney presented the November Calls for Service as follows: 9 medical assist; 3 gas leak; 2 motor vehicle personal injury accident; 2 carbon monoxide; 1 person in distress (lift assist); 4 grass fire; 1 residential house fire (Livonia); 1 fire other (cigarette container). Maloney also reported that hose testing was completed with 150 feet of hose failing out of a total of 3,000 feet of hose. The department was also awarded a \$9,000 grant from MBTFE. The grant funding will be used to have an instructor come in once per month for the next 7 months to teach a variety of fire fighting classes. Hass asked if the Ambulance is now covering Livonia Township as well as the City of Zimmerman. Maloney replied that it is, 24/7, unless it is pulled to cover Princeton if that ambulance is called away.

1.5 Sheriff's Report: Sgt. Wilson provided the Sheriff's report: there were 252 calls for service in October in Livonia Township including 16 motor vehicle accidents, 4 fires, 16 medicals, 71 traffic stops, and 45 security checks. The remainder of the calls were for miscellaneous items. There were no concerns for Livonia Township.

1.6 MAT Jeff Krueger: Krueger unable to attend

1.7 Planning Commission Report: Spencer provided the November 17, 2022 Sherburne County Planning Commission Report: The following items were recommended for approval to the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners at their next regularly scheduled meeting: request for an Interim Use Permit for a home business in an accessory building for motorcycle repair. The Planning Advisory Commission recommended a negative declaration for an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) on the EAW (Environmental Assessment Worksheet) for the IUP for a gravel mining operation in Haven Township; request for an Interim Use Permit for Gravel Mining Operation – Haven Township; request for an Interim Use Permit for occasional special events for horse shows and clinics was tabled to a later date.

1.8 Engineering Updates: Engineer Davis presented his recommendations for the next three year's road projects. The recommendations include a portion of West Hunter Lake and Prairie Hills developments in 2023, a portion of West Hunter Lake and Prairie Hills development and Pinto Hills in 2024, and Cumberland, Hilltop Six and Meyers Estates in 2025. Discussion followed about the possibility of 3/4" ultra-thin bonded wear course. Hass also mentioned a portion of the Lake Fremont minimum maintenance road that is being used to launch boats, resulting in erosion in the roadbed. Kuker/Pool unanimous to direct Davis to proceed on engineering for the proposed 2023 project.



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1.82 (originally 2.2) Nuisance Light 11758 272nd: the Hauschilds were present to follow up with their complaint of a neighbor's security light shining into their windows. Several Supervisors had visited the site before the meeting, and their opinion was that the light in question was no different than many other lights in developments. Neither Livonia Township or Sherburne County has an ordinance regulating residential lighting. The Hauschilds said the neighbor has apparently installed a timer on the light. No action taken. Hass and Pool stated that they will talk to the owner, who was unable to attend the meeting.

1.84 (originally 4.4) Road Report: Road Superintendent Kelly provided the following report:

Reporting Period October 15, 2022 – November 19, 2022.

Signage:

no activity

Illegal Dumping:

269th Ave. picked up a treadmill

136th St picked up a mattress and spring

Vehicles:

Truck 39 – brought to Northstar Truck Sales in St. Cloud for actuator replacement. Running well now. The plow was inspected, it had been installed incorrectly about 13 years ago. Northstar said there is nothing that can be done about the incorrect installation without a new plow being installed. The plow is operable, but requires a little patience.

Truck 40 - New wing installed, travel to Little Falls for parts

Truck 44 – Replaced blower motor and clamps on differential fluid

Caterpillar Payloader – Cylinders have been rebuild and installed

Grader – Nuss Trucking has received the parts and will begin repairs the week of November 28th

Plow Trucks – all plow trucks have passed DOT inspections

New Trucks – the Board approved the purchase of two new trucks, an F-350 and an F-550. The order has been placed and expected to be delivered mid - 2023. The new plows for these trucks will be picked up this week, taking advantage of current pricing.

Lawn Mower:

Purchased from John Deere

Road Maintenance:

Throughout Township – laid 4 tons of hot patch; mowed

239th Ave – completed mowing

133rd St – Culvert installation complete and billed to Midco

Other:

Woodlands – Staked all drains

Large Pole Shed – installed new exterior lights

4.5 (taken out of order) Parks and Cemetery Report: Parks and Cemetery Superintendent Aubart provided the following report:

Reporting Period October 24th, 2022 to November 20th, 2022

Parks Maintenance:

North Point - mowed and leaf clean-up

Sugar Bush Preserve – blew leaves off the trails, cut and removed fallen trees on trails

Cemetery Maintenance:

Livonia Township Cemetery – mowed and leaf clean-up, marked plots with Jody, Kellie and Kevin



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Other Duties:

Contacted Glens Tire in Mora for new tire estimate for John Deere Tractor. Quote for \$2,748.24 BKT Brand, Good Year and Fire Stone Tires unavailable, out of stock until February. Contacted POMPS in Lino Lakes for and estimate on rear tires for the John Deere Tractor, no estimate available and tires are out of stock until February. Billings Service in Milaca is no longer servicing tires. Worked with Kelly on various Township duties and tasks.

1.9 Park Committee: Kuker reported that Randy Piasecki, City of Zimmerman, informed him that the City has closed on the property next to North Point Park.

2.1 Development Snowplowing Rate Review: the Development Agreement Schedule of Improvements and Estimated Costs was updated to reflect the increase in contracted snowplowing fee for developers before development roads are completed, pass inspection, and are accepted by the Township as Township roads. Kuker/Hiller unanimous to approve the rate change from \$.10/foot to \$.125/foot for contracted snowplowing in the Developers Agreement.

3.0 Open Forum: No one was present for Open Forum

4.1 Clerk/Treasurer Report: Items of interest during the past month include: the Federal Election ran smoothly. It was a very long day with office staff working 19+ hours that day; we received an invoice on November 10th for \$25,000 for support of the Event Center. The check is in tonight's invoices and checks for approval.

4.2 Approve payment of claims: Kuker/Maloney unanimous to approve payment of claims and payroll totaling \$14,774.72 as submitted from Bremer Bank, to cover check number 21014 through 21086, and Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) #129-131 (November) Federal, State, PERA withholding tax.

4.3 Supervisor Reports: Pool – no report; **Kuker** – Piasecki, City of Zimmerman wants to go over the potential Annexation Agreement when it is in writing. On November 30, 2022 there will be an Open House at the Event Center from 3:00 to 6:00 for reviewal and input on the HWY 169/CR 4 proposed interchange. A Resolution of the Livonia Town Board Supporting Corridors of Commerce Funding of US 169 Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project was provided from Andrew Witter, Sherburne County Public Works. Hass/Pool unanimous by roll call to support MnDOT allocating funds for the project. **Hass** – there will be a wake for Roger Nelson, who recently passed away. **Hiller** – reported that the City of Zimmerman also is paying \$25,000 for support for the Event Center as it has not been bringing in enough revenue to cover costs. He also commented that Event Center use in some neighboring communities has declined. **Maloney** – no report.

5.1 Planning Commission Appointments: the current Planning Commission representative and alternate representative appointments are expiring on December 31, 2022. Hass stated that he is disappointed that the current representative has not supported Township Supervisor's recommendations and she was not always at township meetings. Pool nominated Butch Hass to serve as the Township Representative to the Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board, and Todd Maloney to serve as the Alternate Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board, passed by unanimous vote. Spencer stated that a Planning Commission Representative must listen to all opinions including those of affected nearby property owners. Nearby property owners are notified of Planning Commission Public Hearing agenda items per statute, as they have the right to express their opinion on items that may directly impact them. The appointed representatives are to weigh in all factors including the opinions of the residents that appear at the monthly Planning Commission Public Hearing.

5.2 District 7 Director Election: the notice of the open position of District 7 Director and the Affidavit of Candidacy was provided. Hass clarified that the former District 7 Director was asked to step down. No action taken.



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5.3 Water Pricing: Bulk water pricing was discussed. Hass/Kuker unanimous to charge 1/3 cent per gallon. Pool to discuss with Goldenman's Tree Farm - Randy Goldenman, payment owed for the water they have taken from the township for watering their trees.

5.4 Noxious Weed Report: The 2022 Noxious Weed Report was submitted by Kevin Kelly. Maloney/Hass unanimous to accept Kelly's report.

5.5 Resolution 22-18 Designating Annual Polling Place: Hass/Hiller unanimous to approve Resolution 22-18 Designating Annual Polling Place.

5.6 LBAE Training: Reminder of LBAE training for those Supervisors who are not yet trained. Training available online until February 1st, 2023.

5.7 Midco Phase 2: Midco is proposing Phase 2 for internet coverage, including three areas in the township that were not previously available for coverage. Phase 2 would bring internet to approximately 60 homes for an additional \$5,000. This would be paid for using ARPA Funding with Sherburne County contributing some and Midco paying for the remainder. Hammre found some errors in the addresses covered in Midco's document. This will be brought back to the December Board Meeting with correct addresses.

Hass/Hiller unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm.

Approved this 19th day of December 2022.

Chairman or Vice Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer