



LIVONIA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

HELD AT THE LIVONIA TOWNSHIP HALL

July 27, 2015

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

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

Others Present: Jon Bogart, PE Town Engineer with Bogart Pederson & Associates, Inc.

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/Manthei unanimous to approve meeting agenda with the following change: add item 5.3 Solar Ordinance Update – Nancy Riddle.

1.3 Approve Consent Agenda: Doebler/Hass unanimous to approve Consent Agenda as follows: Item A) June 22, 2015 Regular Board Minutes; Item B) Renew Land Stewardship Project Annual Membership.

1.4 Sheriff Report: Sergeant Wilson reported there were 162 calls for service in June; 41 of the calls were for traffic stops, the remainder of the calls were for various reasons. Sergeant Wilson also stated there have been reports of vehicles in Grams Park after dark – in response officers have been parking in Grams Park to do paper work, etc. There are no other issues or concerns for Livonia Township.

1.5 Fire Report: No Report

1.6 Road Report: Maintenance Coordinator Berghuis – 30 loads of gravel were applied to 104th St, a few more loads to go; working on ditch cleaning, removing invasive Siberian Elms; there were 5 trees down on roads after storms this past month; cameras on the Lake Fremont minimum maintenance road captured images of illegal dumping - the responsible company was contacted, they came the next morning to clean it up; Baldwin Township is having gravel brought to several of their gravel roads, Mark will spread with the grader; discussion about the need and feasibility for a plow truck turn around near the Hunter Lakes peninsula.

1.7 Planning Commission Report - Spencer: The PAC met July 16, 2015 and recommended the following items for approval by the County Board of Commissioners: request for residential preliminary and final simple plat of Dill's Grove, Livonia Township; request for residential preliminary standard plat of Mystic Ridge, Orrock Township; Amendment to Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance as it relates to solar energy systems and solar farms; Amendment to Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance as it relates to shoreland overlay.

2.1 Review Revised Plat, Dill's Grove: Copy of revised plat provided with the driveway easement removed as recommended by Livonia Town Board.

2.2 Engineering: 239th Street – the culvert has been installed, dirt work progressing, paving likely next week; 112th St - bituminous removed and tree removal progressing; 273rd Ave – second lift of bituminous is on, shouldering is done, one section may need to be re-rolled.

2.3 Hunter Lake Peninsula Turn-Around: discussion about the need for a turn around, barrier posts for safety.

2.4 Variance Request – Wayne Johnson: Wayne Johnson present to request variance for to allow an accessory structure to be built on his property without a primary structure. Mr. Johnson explained his desire to build a storage building for tractors, etc. on the parcel that does not have any building or home at this time. Discussion about the conditions the Board must consider for their recommendation to Sherburne County Planning and Zoning and various options for Mr. Johnson to comply with the Ordinance. Manthei/Pool unanimous to recommend approval of the variance request with the following comments:

Mr. Johnson owns the 2 adjoining parcels, one that has his home and buildings (23 acres), the other is the parcel that he would like to put the building on (5.99 acres); the proposed building would not negatively affect his neighbors; the intent of the Ordinance does not fit in this situation; the road mentioned in Item 3, Sherburne County Zoning Variance Review Letter, does not exist and should not be a consideration - if the 23 acre property were developed in the future, a road could be built to the north of the 5.99 acre property line; Mr. Johnson has



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owned the property for 22 years, Ordinance requirements have changed in that time period; economic considerations requirements were not met

2.5 Accept Quote for Aggregate Chip Sealant: Hass/Doebler unanimous to accept low quote for 2015 Aggregate Chip Sealant project from Allied Blacktop for \$61,951.50.

2.6 Accept Quote for Crack Repair: Hass/Doebler unanimous to accept low quote for 2015 Crack Repair project from SealTech, Inc for \$28,806.70.

3.0 OPEN FORUM - no one was present for Open Forum

4.1 Clerk Treasurers Report: Hammre reported items of interest during the past month include: Israelson land purchase for park addition and the Sugarbush easement request is progressing.

4.2 Approve payment of claims and transfer funds: Hewitt/Hass unanimous to approve payment of claims, including payroll, as submitted and to transfer \$74,800.00 from savings to checking to cover claim numbers 7287 – 7315, check numbers 16841-16877 and Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) #127-129 (July) Fed & State withholding tax & PERA.

4.3 Supervisor Reports: Hass - no report. Manthei – no report. Pool – no report; Doebler – no report; Hewitt – Park Board meeting update: Park Board will begin prioritizing projects.

5.1 Request to Participate in Cost Sharing Open Gym Fees – city of Zimmerman: ISD #728 Community Education charges \$2000 per school year for open gym in the Zimmerman Schools for use by the area residents and youth programs. Hass/Manthei unanimous to approve sharing in the cost of open gym fees with the City of Zimmerman.

5.2 Final Approval of IUP for a Home Business in an accessory Building (Plumbing Business) – Pool/Doebler unanimous to approve an IUP for a Home Business in an accessory Building (Plumbing Business) as approved by the County Board of Commissioners on June 22, 2015. The IUP and conditions of approval are on file at the Sherburne County Zoning Office.

5.3 Solar Ordinance Update – Nancy Riddle: Spencer, Planning Commission Board Representative, explained the change to the Solar Ordinance. The Planning Commission is recommending the removal of “prohibited area” from the language of the Ordinance and recognizes that some places in the corridor may be well suited for this purpose. Removing the language would also give Townships input on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

Doebler/Manthei unanimous to adjourn meeting at 8:13 pm.

Approved this 24th day of August 2015.

Chairman or Vice Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer