



LIVONIA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT THE LIVONIA TOWNSHIP HALL
AUGUST 22, 2016

Supervisors present: Doeblner, Hass, Hiller, Maloney & Pool.

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

Others Present: Jon Bogart, PE Bogart, Pederson & Associates

Vice 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. Doeblner/Pool unanimous to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda.

1.3 Approve Consent Agenda: Doeblner/Maloney unanimous to approve Consent Agenda as follows: **Item A)** July 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; **Item B)** Renew Land Stewardship Project Annual Membership; **Item C)** August 1, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes.

1.4 Sheriff's Report: Sergeant Wilson Reported there were 184 calls for service in July; 40 of the calls were traffic stops, the remainder of the calls were for various reasons. Wilson answered a question from Supervisor Hass who asked if the neighboring law enforcement agencies work together to solve crime in the area. Wilson explained that they do cooperate with neighboring agencies and also make use of the NCIC (National Crime Information Center) to identify stolen property and share information.

1.5 Fire Report: Chief Maloney provided July calls for service: 3 medical assist, 4 motor vehicle personal injury accident, 4 fire alarm, 1 good intent (smoke in the area), 1 residential garage fire (shed), 1 fire standby mutual aid and 1 fire other. Chief Maloney also reported: the impeller on engine 2 has been replaced at the cost of about \$8,000. Another truck has a leaking pump seal which will need to be repaired soon. The Annual Dance and Open House will be held on September 10, all are encouraged to stop by.

1.6 Engineering Updates: 112th St Phase 2) the contractor is back to work, the expected completion date is September 14th.

1.6a Set date for Road Workshop Meeting – Meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm September 14, 2016 at the Town Hall.

1.7 Road Report – Maintenance Coordinator Berghuis reported: there were several large trees down on 239th Ave and several other smaller trees on various roads after the last storm with high winds; several street signs around the Township were stolen – Hammre filed a report with Law Enforcement; Berghuis provided grading of the gravel road going to the compost facility in the City of Zimmerman; installed block around the detention pond culvert by the Maintenance/Fire Building, also removed some pea-rock and seeded with grass around the flag pole and parking lot; the Lake Fremont Minimum Maintenance road will need several loads of class 5 once the County Road 4 project is complete due to the extra traffic on the road during the project; Berghuis also asked the Board if rock (granite) can be installed on several areas of the Sugarbush trail where it is needed. Doeblner/Hiller unanimous to authorize Berghuis to purchase and install rock on the trails in Sugarbush Preserve where needed.

1.8 Planning Commission Report – Spencer: The PAC met on August 19, 2016 and recommended the following items for approval by the County Board of Commissioners: Request for conditional use permit to construct a personal storage structure, Livonia Township; request for an interim use permit to construct and operate a 325 megawatt solar garden, Clear Lake Township; request for a conditional use permit for a communication tower, Blue Hill Township. The following was tabled - the Public Hearing was recessed to September 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm: request to amend existing IUP #82009 to construct and operate a solar farm by amending the construction phase locations for the solar project by moving phase 1 from the north end to the south end of the property, Big Lake Township.



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2.1 Request for 2nd Driveway Access – Yan Kucherov present to request 2nd Driveway access. Mr. Kucherov explained that his primary driveway is concrete, and driving his semi-tractor on the concrete is causing it to crack. He will use his second driveway to park his semi-tractor on, and potentially will build a garage in the future. Hass and Pool previously visited the property – they agreed that the need for the 2nd driveway was demonstrated and that the location on the property made sense. Pool/Maloney unanimous to approve the 2nd Driveway request.

2.2 Request for Variance – Wade & Lori Acker present to request a 36' Variance in setback from the right of way of 269th Ave for a detached garage. Discussion about the location of the garage and potential location options. The Ackers explained that there are limitations on the lot including a steep hill and a drainage area in addition to the septic system and well. Further discussion about the intended purpose of the garage, the construction and siding. The Ackers plan to side the garage to match the house and park a vehicle in the garage. It was also noted that the garage would be built in an area that is bordered by a line of evergreen trees shielding it from the road. Maloney/Pool unanimous to recommend approval of the request for a 36' Variance in setback from the right of way of 269th Ave for a detached garage. Comments include: the topography of the lot restricts the location of a garage to this area; the garage would be sided to match the house and would be shielded from view from 269th Ave; the house was built in 2005 which was before the Township requirement of having a potential auxiliary building location identified on a lot.

2.3 Authorize Request for Road Striping Quotes – discussion about the need for striping the suggested roads for the safety of residents. The Board agreed that the safety of our residents is the highest priority. Hass/Doebler unanimous to approve the request for road striping quotes.

3. Open Forum: No one was present for Open Forum

4.1 Clerk Treasurers Report: Hammre reported items of interest during the past month include: The Primary Election went well, the new election machines performed well.

4.2 Approve payment of claims and transfer funds: Hass/Doebler unanimous to approve payment of claims, including payroll, as submitted and to transfer \$37,000.00 from savings to checking to cover claim numbers 7753–7775, check numbers 17396-17446 and Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) #168-170 (August) Federal, State & PERA withholding tax.

4.3 Supervisor Reports: Hass – no report; Maloney – no report; Pool – no report; Doebler – inquired about noxious weeds along 239th Ave by Sugarbush Preserve North. Hammre to identify vegetation and determine if noxious weeds are present; Hiller – no report.

5.1 Elect Chair, Vice Chair – Doebler nominated Butch Hass to serve as Board Chair, no other nominations were submitted. Doebler/Pool unanimous to approve; Hass abstained. Maloney nominated Gary Doebler to serve as Board Vice-Chair, no other nominations were submitted. Maloney/Hiller unanimous to approve; Doebler abstained.

5.2 Copier Contract Quotes – Hammre and Fiedler presented 2 quotes for the office copier service contract as the current 5 year contract will expire in November. The Board requested 2 additional quotes. Hiller/Pool unanimous to send a letter of cancellation to the current copier provider as required at the end of the contract.

5.3 Update on Hunter Lake Driveway/Sand issue – the homeowner has been very cooperative and is working on solving the issue

5.4 Election Judge Recruitment – the Township needs a few more election judges for the General Election as some of our judges are no longer able to serve. A notice will be included in the Newsletter and put on the Website.

Doebler/Pool unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Approved this 26rd day of September 2016.



Chairman or Vice Chairman



Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer