

# Workshop Meeting of the Livonia Town Board Held at the Livonia Town Hall Thursday, May 4, 2023

Supervisors present: Hass, Hiller, Kluge and Spencer Others present: Township Attorney Troy Gilchrist, Staff present: Clerk/Treasurer Hammre, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Fiedler, Parks and Cemetery Superintendent Aubart.

The Workshop Meeting came to order at 4:00 p.m.

Hass requested an amendment to the Agenda to add West Hunter Lake Road Project Pre-Con Meeting update. Hass/Hiller unanimous to amend the Agenda to include item West Hunter Lake Road Project Pre-Con Meeting Update.

West Hunter Lake Road Project Pre-Con Meeting Update: Hass reported that the project will take from 2.5 to 3 weeks so complete. They looked at the location where water was running off of the road and flowing through a garage. Previously there had been asphalt curbing applied along the road in this area, however it has been worn away. The contractor for the road project agreed to add curbing to this section of road to direct water away from the property. Aspen Heights entrance on CR4 was also looked at with the contractor. To mill 100 feet of road and then overlay it with 2.5 inches of bituminous would cost \$9,044.00. Discussion followed about paying for the Aspen Heights 100-foot overlay potentially from ARPA funds. Hammre stated that we would need a separate bill for that job so that ARPA funds reporting is clean and accurate. Hass/Kluge unanimous to approve the Aspen Heights Change Order and to pay for the Aspen Heights entrance repair with ARPA funds.

Hass then stated that he wants Sheldon Pool to continue to work with the City of Zimmerman and the potential annexation/merger on behalf of the Township. Discussion ensued about the appropriateness of Pool representing the Township on this matter as he is no longer a Livonia Township Supervisor and could benefit financially as a residential developer with more of Livonia Township being annexed into the City of Zimmerman. Attorney Gilchrist stated that it is legal for Pool to be the representative. Hass stated that he, Kuker and Hiller were not interested in the position and that Kluge and Spencer are too new to the Board to step in. Hass made the motion to appoint Sheldon Pool to represent Livonia Township in negotiations with the City Zimmerman. Role call vote: Hiller - yes; Spencer – no; Kluge – yes; Hass – yes; Kuker – not present. Motion carried.

Hass spoke about a Draft Zoning Agreement he is working on with Sherburne County Zoning. This Agreement would give the Township more control over zoning while still having Sherburne County Zoning administer it.

Gilchrist also reported on discussions he has had with Waste Management and their expansion of MSW and associated fees into Livonia Township.

The next item was the gravel road, 104<sup>th</sup> Street, from the Livonia Cemetery at CR 19 and south to the southern terminus. The road did not hold up this spring following the very snowy and wet winter, freeze/thaw, and heavy weight vehicles. Hammre drafted a Resolution to post a weight limit at 4 tons per axel weight. Gilchrist suggested a letter of recommendation for the 4 ton weight limit from the Township Engineer. Hass tabled the item until the May meeting, which would give the township engineer time to look at the road and draft an opinion letter.

Quotes for skid loader attachments were obtained for maintenance in the Parks and Cemetery. Spencer/Hiller unanimous to approve the purchase of the attachments using ARPA funds to pay for them.

Review of the Sherburne County Land Use Plan as requested by Marc Schneider, Sherburne County Senior Planner. The Draft Plan had sections with space for comments. The comments are as follows.

### Business and Industry:

Livonia Township Supervisors feel that highway corridors should be used for retail merchandise, light manufacturing, and small incubator businesses rather than residential or apartments. The plan as presented has business along part of the corridor, though it could allow for more businesses going south.

#### General Industrial:

The Livonia Township Supervisors agree with the description as presented.

## Growth areas & Orderly Annexation Agreements:

The Livonia Township Supervisors want it to be known that there is no Orderly Annexation Agreement with Livonia Township and the City of Zimmerman or the City of Elk River at this time. The Orderly Annexation Agreement that was with the City of Zimmerman expired and no new Orderly Annexation Agreement was entered. The Growth Area on the map presented are within Livonia Township and there is no Orderly Annexation Agreement for this area.

The Livonia Township Supervisors strongly recommend that developments in Livonia Township remain at a minimum size of 2.5 acres.

# Parks and Open Space:

Added to the Parks and Open Spaces identified and covered in this section and on the map should be trails. Also, there are a few parks that already exist that are not identified on the map, including Livonia Township North Point Park and Livonia Township Sugarbush Park. Sugarbush Park is on the north side of 239<sup>th</sup> Ave, a different property than Sugarbush Preserve. The Livonia Township Supervisors would also like to see expansion of the County trail system including along Sherburne County roads.

### Rural Residential:

The Livonia Township Supervisors agree to the description of this section and want to make sure that cluster developments with shared septic systems are not allowed or permitted.

#### Shoreland Residential:

The Livonia Township Supervisors agree with the description as presented.

#### Comments and Questions:

The Livonia Township Supervisors have no additional comments or questions on the document.

Kluge/Hass unanimous to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 5:52 pm

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2023

Chair or Vice Chair

Clerk/Tréasurer or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer