

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Conesus, County of Livingston and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 6210 South Livonia Road, Conesus, New York on the 4th day of March 2025 at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Donald Wester	-----	Supervisor
Gary Sparks	-----	Deputy Supervisor
Brian McCarty	-----	Councilman
John Fama	-----	Councilman
Jerome Butterbrodt	-----	Councilman
Julie C. Shutt	-----	Appointed Town Clerk
Dan Marusiak	-----	Highway Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Ron Maxwell, Code Enforcement Officer and approximately 8 other visitors

Supervisor Wester opened with a moment of silence and Councilman Fama led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Chief Bryan Allen, Commissioner Scott Marshall and Commissioner Matthew Cicero from Livonia Ambulance presented their annual report as follows:



LIVONIA EMS

Livonia Emergency Medical Services
Town of Livonia Ambulance District #1

Annual Report for 2024

Operations

- 1,229 calls for service
- Two members completed Paramedic Class
- Increased ALS coverage to nearly 80% for primary calls
- Primary BLS Coverage was 100% for primary calls

District

- 2024 highlight was communicating with residents through the mailing. Educating the citizens who rely on our services as to the current and future needs was a high priority. Received only positive responses (~200 letters). Looking at ways to continue to update the public
- A major ongoing concern has been the lack of ALS coverage. Outside of pay and benefits, how can we draw providers?

Fly Cars

- 2006 Tahoe was taken out of service in 2023. New Ford Interceptor was purchased through state bid pricing, lettered, outfitted for under \$55k, and placed into service in December as Chief Car (ALS equipped)
- In January, purchased another 2024 Ford Interceptor to replace the 2012 Tahoe. One was on the lot in Avon. Currently being lettered and outfitted (Medic 75).
- The Agency also operates a 2019 Chevy Tahoe. (Medic 74)

New Cardiac Monitors/ALS Equipment

- Cardiac monitors were out of date and no longer able to be serviced. Reports of similar units failing in the field. The cost of a new unit is \$100k each. Last year, a lease program was established for two units at \$20k each per year for 3 years.
- With Chief Allen becoming a paramedic and additional paramedics joining, we have seen an increase in ALS coverage. A third cardiac monitor lease was approved starting this year. This allows us to have up to 3 paramedics equipped at the same time but more importantly allows for a backup set if one needs repairs. Additional equipment was also purchased to complete this third set.

Major Budget adjustments/changes

- Insurance billing revenues exceeded estimates. Collection rate is around 92% of what is billed. Allowed funds to be put into capital reserves for the first time in 3 years

Major purchases

- 5 new AEDs received through Firehouse Subs grant

Cost savings

- Operations staff continue to do an excellent job at using a variety of vendors to purchase supplies. Weighing cost vs availability vs delivery time

Notable policy changes

- The Town of Livonia is recommending changing the current structure of EMS service due to liability concerns (labor). This will force a move away from the volunteer stipend (incentive) program which has been in place for the past 15 years. It will require transitioning to hourly pay rates
- The town wishes for the ambulance to become a private, non-profit corporation and the town will contract with for service
- We are currently exploring staffing options that will maintain if not improve the current levels (100% primary calls, 50% 2nd, 3rd calls).

- There are many moving pieces to this, including HR, scheduling, billing, payroll, benefits, insurance, etc
- Most important concern is how to staff 2nd and 3rd ambulance calls without the incentive program and without having to pay overtime
- Goal is to have a staffing model in place by June to allow for budgeting and have the new corporation take over operations as of January 1, 2026
- Only way to increase revenue is to increase the call volume (cover more territory) or to use tax dollars
- Call volume: looking at 1, 5 and 10 years, numbers are very consistent: Town of Livonia 62%, Town of Conesus 16%, Out of town 22%. 5 year insurance revenue breakdown matches call volume

Future Planning

- With interest rates up, looking at CDs or interest bearing accounts. Ambulance service does not qualify for NYCLASS (would as an entity of the town)

Ambulance Replacement

- Next 3 ambulances will need to be complete units (cannot reuse existing "box". Exploring any and all options
- Leasing is not an option: too much mileage
- Moving from Ford E to F chassis: improve ride/handling
- Upgrade to 4 wheel drive: more houses being built off road (cost for adding 4-wheel is negligible) More calls in further out areas
- For crew and patient safety, looking at upgrading gurneys to auto-loaders
- The goal is to bid and order a unit by the end of this year for delivery in 2028. Approximate cost is going to be around \$400,000. Currently, TLAD has around \$150k in capital reserves

Challenges

- Same as the last several years. Increasing costs for supplies and major equipment with little being put away
- Few key members covering majority of the calls

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Next Town Board Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION #16 ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK'S MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Fama and seconded by Councilman Butterbrodt, the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 0 ABSTAIN 2

RESOLVE that the Town Board accepted the Town Clerk's minutes of January 7, 2025 and requests they be posted on the Town of Conesus website.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Butterbrodt - Aye, Councilman Fama- Aye,

Councilman McCarty - Abstain, Deputy Supervisor Sparks - Abstain,

Supervisor Wester – Aye

RESOLUTION #17 ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK'S MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Fama and seconded by Councilman Butterbrodt, the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSTAIN 1

RESOLVE that the Town Board accepted the Town Clerk's minutes of February 4, 2025 and requests they be posted on the Town of Conesus website.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Butterbrodt - Aye, Councilman Fama- Abstain,

Councilman McCarty - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Sparks - Aye,

Supervisor Wester – Abstain

RESOLUTION #18 ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

On a motion of Councilman Fama and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Sparks, the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE that the Town Board accepted the Town Clerk's monthly report for February 2024 as follows:

Total Local Shares Remitted \$770.10

New York State Department of Health \$22.50

NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program \$1.00

NYS Environmental Conservation \$0.00

TOTAL \$793.60

**Vote of the Board: Councilman Butterbrodt - Aye, Councilman Fama- Aye,
Councilman McCarty - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Sparks - Aye, Supervisor Wester – Aye**

DISCUSSION CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Maxwell reported on the following:

There has been a lot of people wanting building permit applications for various new projects now that spring is approaching. The office has had a lot of foot traffic and a lot of calls and emails.

DISCUSSION HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Highway Superintendent Marusiak reported on the following:

The crew has been keeping up on the roads. While we have not had big storms, the little bit of snow here and little bit of snow there keeps them actively sanding and salting.

DISCUSSION UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES:

Town of Conesus Zoning Board of Appeals Representative

Councilman McCarty updated on the following:

ZBA met on February 24th. Anita Pethic of 5925 East Lake Rd. requested a front yard variance of 39 feet to rebuild the existing house but not in the same footprint as the existing house in the county right-of-way. She does want to use the existing basement of the main house with the front porch removed and adding a deck on the side of the house in the Upland Lake District.

NEW BUSINESS/RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #19 TO APPROVE PARK EVENT: EASTER EGG HUNT

On a motion of Deputy Supervisor Sparks, seconded by Councilman McCarty, the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE that the Town Board agreed to the Park Committee holding the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Ricky Greene Park on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 11:00 AM.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Butterbrodt - Aye, Councilman Fama- Aye,

Councilman McCarty - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Sparks - Aye, Supervisor Wester – Aye

RESOLUTION #20 TO REAPPOINT ASSESSORS

On motion of Councilman McCarty, seconded by Councilman Butterbrodt, the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE that the Town Board reappointed Assessors Michael EA Rados and Tina M Rados to a six year term which begins October 1, 2025 and ends September 30, 2031.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Butterbrodt - Aye, Councilman Fama- Aye,

Councilman McCarty - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Sparks - Aye, Supervisor Wester – Aye

RESOLUTION #21 APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

On motion of Councilman Butterbrodt, seconded by Councilman McCarty, the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE that the Town Board approved moving \$265,527.32 from HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE DAUB (Unexpended Balance) to HIGHWAY FUND DA5130.2 MACHINERY EQUIPMENT.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Butterbrodt - Aye, Councilman Fama- Aye,

Councilman McCarty - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Sparks - Aye, Supervisor Wester – Aye

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RESOLUTION #22 TO PURCHASE TOWN HIGHWAY MACHINERY: 2026 WESTERN STAR TRUCK

On motion of Councilman Butterbrodt, seconded by Councilman Fama, the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Whereas the Town Superintendent of Highways did, on the 4th day of March 2025, duly recommend the purchase of certain highway equipment pursuant to the provisions of Section 142 of the Highway Law.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Superintendent of highways is authorized to purchase, in accordance with the provisions of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, the following:

A model year 2026 Western Star model 47X 10-wheel truck Cab and Chassis on the Onondaga County HD Contract, for a maximum price of \$176,915.00 from Certified Vendor Fleet Maintenance, Inc.

Whereas the vender is uncertain about the actual date of delivery due to supply chain issues and NY State Electric Initiative Laws it is imperative that this equipment be ordered as soon as possible.

A contract for the items purchased shall be duly executed between the Town Superintendent of Highways and such vendor. When the contract has been executed and upon delivery of the items purchased, the supervisor shall pay the following amounts as specified:

\$176,915.00 from Budget Line DA5130.2

Vote of the Board: Councilman Butterbrodt - Aye, Councilman Fama- Aye,

Councilman McCarty - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Sparks - Aye, Supervisor Wester – Aye

RESOLUTION #23 ACCEPT THE CLAIMS

On a motion of Deputy Supervisor Sparks and seconded by Councilman Butterbrodt, the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE to pay the vouchers in the following amounts:

General Fund: Vouchers #48 - #72 totaling \$28,423.50

Highway Fund: Vouchers #28 - #42 totaling \$313,619.73

Vote of the Board: Councilman Butterbrodt - Aye, Councilman Fama- Aye,

Councilman McCarty - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Sparks - Aye, Supervisor Wester – Aye

RESOLUTION #24 ADJOURN THE MEETING

On a motion of Councilman Fama and seconded by Councilman Butterbrodt, the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM

Vote of the Board: Councilman Butterbrodt - Aye, Councilman Fama- Aye,

Councilman McCarty - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Sparks - Aye, Supervisor Wester – Aye

Respectfully submitted,



Julie C. Shutt

Appointed Town Clerk