

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on May 12, 2025, in the Livonia Council Chambers, 3111 LA HWY 78, Livonia, Louisiana. Mayor Rhett Pourciau called the meeting to order and directed Town Clerk Donna Bergeron to call roll which resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Council Members Brian Bergeron, Terry Jarreau, Twanna LeJeune, Lorne Webre

ABSENT: Lester Jarreau

THE FOLLOWING WERE APPROVED

MINUTES: Motion by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Webre, and carried to approve and publish the minutes as corrected from the regular meeting on April 14, 2025.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Ms. LeJeune, and carried, to approve the treasurer's reports. Budget-to-actual was included for review and comments.

INVOICES: Motion by Ms. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and carried, to approve the invoices for payment.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mr. Gregg Gautreaux

Key Construction has the sewer plant mechanically operational, but there's concern that the microorganisms responsible for breaking down waste haven't activated yet. The situation will be monitored over the next few weeks.

HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO CONDEMN MOBILE HOME – 8600 Chauvin Lane

Mayor Pourciau opened the hearing regarding the condemnation of the mobile home and surrounding structures at 8600 Chauvin Lane, Lot 2. Ms. Tommie Sue Kelley appeared and stated that she has no means to clear the property and confirmed that Mr. Jesse Kelley would not be taking action either. She requested that the Town move forward with the condemnation process.

Ms. LeJeune made a motion to proceed with demolition. Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Rhett Pourciau

After it was discovered that individuals have been using the batting cages at Glaser's Park for financial gain, the Town Council acknowledged its obligation under Louisiana law to take corrective action. Public property may not be used for private commercial purposes without proper authorization. Per state statutes, any use of public property for personal economic benefit requires payment to the public entity.

To address this issue, Ms. LeJeune made a motion to table the discussion on the fee amount until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webre and carried.

In the interim, Mr. Bergeron made a motion to charge each instructor \$1 per hour. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Mr. Webre then made a motion to charge \$5 per week per instructor until a permanent rate is established. The motion was seconded by Ms. LeJeune.

Roll call vote: **YEAS:** T. Jarreau, LeJeune, Webre **NAYS:** Bergeron **ABSENT:** L. Jarreau

The motion carried.

Pointe Coupee Fire District No. 4 has recently achieved an improved fire protection rating. The district's rating has been upgraded from Class 5 to Class 4 by the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL). We are thankful and proud of the district's ongoing commitment to public safety and operational excellence.

Several residents have reported incidents of their mailboxes being struck or knocked over by large vehicles and agricultural equipment traveling along LA Highway 78. The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) has verified that the contractor installed the new mailboxes per standard specifications during the recent overlay project on LA Hwy 78.

The Pointe Coupee Parish Industrial Development Board is currently accepting applications for infrastructure improvement funding, recreational infrastructure, etc. with grants available up to \$25,000. The Town intends to apply to request funding assistance for improvements and refurbishments to the soon-to-be-abandoned fire station, a town-owned building. Once renovated, the facility will be repurposed to house the maintenance and utility department's equipment and operations.

The resolution requesting the enclosure of the guardrails along U.S. Highway 190 west of the traffic signals was approved by DOTD.

Police Report – Police Chief Landon Landry

In April, 346 citations were issued with 9 warnings. Seven traffic accidents/incidents were worked, 51 complaints were answered, and 1 arrest was made. Fines collected for the month were \$94,193.50.

The resolution adopted last month by the Mayor and Council, and subsequently forwarded to Senator Kleinpeter and Representative LaCombe, proved instrumental in initiating progress on two important infrastructure projects: the enclosure of the guardrails and the installation of a generator to ensure the continued operation of the traffic signals during power outages.

Public Works and Utilities – Ricky David

The quote for the gas line connection with Pointe Coupee Utilities has not yet been received. It appears, however, that the cost will exceed the \$30,000 previously approved at last month's meeting. This matter will be discussed further at the special meeting scheduled for May 21, 2025.

Louisiana Law requires LDH to grade community water systems to provide an accountability process to support drinking water sustainability for the citizens of Louisiana. Livonia Utilities' 2024 water grade was an **A**, with a score of **103%**.

Each Council Member gave brief updates on their departments.

Junk, Park and Recreation – Council Member Brian Bergeron

Monitoring and informing residents about property upkeep requirements and consequences of non-compliance.

Drainage and Streets – Council Member Terry Jarreau

Several street lights to report out.

Beautification and Abandoned Buildings – Council Member Twanna LeJeune

The scheduled hearing on the condemnation of the mobile home at 8480 Perkins Street has been postponed until June 9, 2025.

The mobile home previously under consideration for condemnation on Bouquet Street has been removed from the property.

A motion was made by Ms. LeJeune to transition the town's website to Municipal Impact and to contract Kristi Doucet for the website setup at a fee of \$500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webre and carried.

Water and Abandoned Vehicles – Council Member Lorne Webre

Mr. Webre commended the maintenance department for a great job in preparing for the 8-inch expected rain.

Several abandoned vehicles have been voluntarily removed and more have been addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:
DONNA BERGERON, MMC

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR