

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARINGS – 2024 MILLAGE RATE INCREASE, and
PROPOSED ORDINANCE DECLARING A PORTION OF A DEDICATED ROAD RIGHT OF WAY
AS SURPLUS**

October 14, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Rhett Pourciau opened the public hearing regarding the proposal to increase the millage rate to 4.83, which is not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rate, on taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2024.

Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor James Laurent was present for the hearing and gave a brief presentation. There were no comments or objections from the public. The public hearing was closed.

The mayor opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance declaring a portion of a dedicated road right of way as surplus and authorizing the abandonment of that portion of the public right of way. No comments were made from the public. Mayor Pourciau closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 14, 2024 – 6:40 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:40 p.m. on October 14, 2024, at 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 Greg Jarreau, Terry Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc, Billie Pourciau,
Henry Watson
ABSENT: None

THE FOLLOWING WERE APPROVED

MINUTES: Motion by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and carried to approve and publish the minutes as written from the regular meeting on September 16, 2024.

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

INVOICES: Motion by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and carried, to approve the invoices for payment.

Resolution No. 1

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Livonia of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on October 14, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

<u>MILLAGE</u>	General Alimony Tax	4.4 mills
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: G. Jarreau, T. Jarreau, LeBlanc, Pourciau, Watson
NAYS: None ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: None

Resolution No. 2

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Livonia of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on October 14, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2024, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

	<u>ADJUSTED RATE</u>	<u>2024 LEVY</u>
General Alimony Tax	4.4	4.83

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were: YEAS: T. Jarreau, LeBlanc, Pourciau, Watson
NAYS: G. Jarreau ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: None

REQUEST TO CHANGE PROPERTY TO RENTAL

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to approve a request by Mr. Derek Duval to change his property at 8563 Galtier Street to rental property. Mr. Watson seconded the motion and carried.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Motion by Mr. G. Jarreau to adopt an ordinance declaring a portion of a dedicated road right of way as surplus and authorizing the abandonment of that portion of the public right of way. Mr. T. Jarreau seconded the motion. Roll call resulted as follows:
YEAS: G. Jarreau, T. Jarreau, LeBlanc, Pourciau, Watson
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Mr. Gregg Gautreaux

Upon recommendation by Professional Engineering Consultants, a motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to approve a payment request for \$22,500 from Feliciana Welders for the gas line improvement project on Hobson Street. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

Police Report –Police Chief Landon Landry

In September, 238 citations were issued with 7 warnings. Three traffic accidents/incidents were worked, 1 arrest was made, and 29 complaints answered. Fines collected for the month were \$70,717.

Upon recommendation by Chief Landry, Mr. T. Jarreau made a motion to increase the hourly wage for Officer Brett Armond to \$25 when working as a firearms instructor. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and approved.

Chief Landry stated National Night Out at Glaser’s Park on October 2nd went very well. He expressed his appreciation to all the participants and visitors.

Each Council Member gave brief updates on their departments.

Council Member Billie Pourciau made a motion to add a street light on the north end of the corporate limits on LA HWY 78. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and approved.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES – Ricky David

Funding has been appropriated for the new water well through a Capital Outlay grant. The town owes much appreciation to Senator Caleb Kleinpeter and Representative Jeremy LaCombe for their support and efforts in getting our application approved.

Maringouin Utility System had an emergency waterline tie-in valve installed on LA HWY 411 where their water line and Livonia’s meet in the event of a water supply issue.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Rhett Pourciau

Trick-or-Treat will be on October 31st from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. Party at the Park will also be held during this time at the Livonia Community Center for Halloween trick-or-treating, hot dogs, and nachos.

The following grant applications and funding were recently awarded by the state.

- \$20,000 for the Police Department – to be used for the purchase of a new police unit.
- \$25,000 to be used for the cost of the sludge removal from the sewer plant.
- \$25,000 LGAP grant for drainage improvements near the cemetery on Okelousas St.
- \$1,632,000 Capital Outlay – towards a new water well

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Pourciau, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

**ATTEST:
DONNA BERGERON, MMC**

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR