

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on April 14, 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, Lester Jarreau, Terry Jarreau, Twanna LeJeune, Lorne Webre

ABSENT: None

AGENDA AMENDMENT

Motion by Mr. T. Jarreau to amend the agenda to add discussion on gas pressure and gas line improvements. Seconded by Mr. Webre and carried.

THE FOLLOWING WERE APPROVED

MINUTES: Motion by Ms. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Webre, and carried to approve and publish the minutes as corrected from the regular meeting on March 17, 2025.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, 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. L. Jarreau, and carried, to approve the invoices for payment.

RESOLUTION

Upon recommendation by Mr. Joe Guidroz, the following was offered by Mr. L. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau, and Resolved.

A Resolution requesting Pointe Coupee Parish Government dedicate the bridge on Bridge Road in Livonia, Louisiana, in memory of Private William A. Picard.

WHEREAS, Private William A. Picard, a native of Livonia, Louisiana, honorably served in the United States Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Private Picard was assigned to Company B, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, and tragically lost his life on July 5, 1950, during the early stages of the conflict; and

WHEREAS, his name is listed among Louisiana's Korean War casualties, a solemn testament to his service and sacrifice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Livonia, Louisiana, does hereby respectfully request that the Parish of Pointe Coupee Government dedicate and name this bridge in honor of Private William A. Picard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official records of the Town Council of Livonia, Louisiana, and that copies be transmitted to the appropriate authorities within the Parish of Pointe Coupee Government for their consideration and action.

REQUEST TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY – Tract 3-A-1 AND 3-A-2 with Variance

Mr. Ray Grimmer requested approval to subdivide his property, Lot 3-A on La. Hwy 81, into Lots 3-A-1 and 3-A-2, with a variance. A variance is needed because Lot 3-A-2 would not front on a public street but the designated twenty (20) foot servitude of passage would allow access to a public street from the lot.

All other regulations to subdivide property complied therefore Mr. Bergeron made a motion to approve the request with the variance. Motion was seconded by Mr. L. Jarreau and carried.

LIVONIA PARKS AND RECREATION, INC.

Stephanie Armand, Secretary of Livonia Parks and Recreation, Inc., reported the committee will be hosting wee ball and tee ball games beginning Thursday, April 24th, and run for 5 weeks. The sponsorship signs were recently hung along the fence. Mr. Richard Hirsch is assisting with grant writing and Director Paul Armand is presently working on a master plan for the playground.

AWARD CONTRACT – AMI Meter Replacement Program

One bid was received on the above-referenced program from Aqua-Metric Sales Company for \$854,790.88. Mr. Webre made a motion to award the contract to Aqua-Metric Sales Company, which was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and unanimously approved.

RECOMMENDATION TO CONDEMN MOBILE HOME – 8600 Chauvin Lane

Ms. LeJeune recommended to the Mayor and Council that the mobile home and surrounding structures at 8600 Chauvin Lane – Lot 2, be demolished and removed because it is severely dilapidated and in dangerous condition which gravely endangers the public welfare. The property debtor/owner is Jesse Kelley and is adjudicated to Pointe Coupee Parish Government.

Motion by Ms. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. L. Jarreau and carried to deem the property condemnable and to notify the owners of the decision of the Mayor and Council and attend the hearing next month.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Mr. Gregg Gautreaux

The contract between the Town and Professional Engineering Consultants has been approved by the state office for the water well. Plans and specifications are being drafted now.

Sewer Plant – Key Construction will be removing more sludge from the sewer plant next week.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Rhett Pourciau

Because there are many residences with natural gas-powered generators, the gas customers on the north end of town receive very low pressure when there is an electrical power outage. After much consideration, the most practicable way to correct the problem is to connect our gas line with Pointe Coupee Parish Utilities on the north end of town. A shutoff valve and meter will be placed at the connection point. When needed the valve will be opened to supply Livonia with a sufficient amount of gas pressure. Pointe Coupee Utilities will then bill Livonia Utilities for the metered gas. A cost estimate for the connection hasn’t been submitted by Pointe Coupee Utilities yet. Mayor Pourciau asked the Council for approval to move forward with the connection contingent on the cost being no more than \$30,000.

Mr. Bergeron made a motion to approve the connection and for Mayor Pourciau to move forward as requested. Ms. LeJeune seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

A proclamation declaring April 2025 as Fair Housing Month was signed by Mayor Pourciau.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Glaser’s Park on April 12th drew a huge crowd of approximately 400 people.

Police Report –Police Chief Landon Landry

In March, 398 citations were issued with 12 warnings. Four traffic accidents/incidents were worked, 59 complaints were answered, and 1 arrest was made. Fines collected for the month were \$88,060.

Chief Landry explained when the US Hwy 190 road improvements were done with J-turns on the west side of town, the guardrail openings weren’t closed, which defeated the whole purpose of the J-turns. He asked that a resolution by the governing body be sent to Senator Kleinpeter, Representative LaCombe, and DOTD requesting the openings be enclosed. Mr. Webre made a motion to request that the openings be closed. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

A parish-wide committee was recently formed to plan, develop, and implement ideas to have in place when a disaster strikes.

Ten hi-band radios have been purchased to enable communication between the town's police and maintenance workers during disasters when other communication avenues are down.

Public Works and Utilities – Ricky David

Mayor Pourciau reported the following on behalf of Mr. David:

- The drainage project at the end of Freneaux Street is near completion. This project is funded by an LGAP grant.
- Sewer pumps were pulled for renovations at 3 of the lift stations.
- The new generator has been installed at the sewer lift station on LA HWY 78.
- An air conditioner had to be replaced at the Community Center.

Each Council Member gave brief updates on their departments.

Junk, Park and Recreation – Council Member Brian Bergeron

Four areas in violation of the junk ordinance have been cleaned up.

Grass, Gas, and Sewer – Council Member Lester Jarreau

Council agreed to set a temporary moratorium on installing any new large gas meters for generators until the town connects with Pointe Coupee Parish since the gas system is having problems as discussed earlier.

Drainage and Streets – Council Member Terry Jarreau

Pointe Coupee Parish Government parish road rehabilitation project is out for bids.
Several street lights reported out have been repaired.

Beautification and Abandoned Buildings – Council Member Twanna LeJeune

A mobile home on Bouquet Street being considered for condemnation is being removed today.
Recommendations for a new website will be presented at the next council meeting.

Health insurance information for retirees will be presented at a special meeting in May for consideration.

Water and Abandoned Vehicles – Council Member Lorne Webre

Eleven abandoned vehicles have been removed.
Two main water line leaks were repaired.

Service Award

Mayor Pourciau presented Donna Bergeron with a Service Award acknowledging her 30 years as Municipal Clerk of Livonia.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

DONNA BERGERON, MMC

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR