

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #1—January 9, 2017

Present: Mayor Klein; Councilmembers Anthony, Fernandez, Meinhardt, Silverman; Acting Township Manager Jones, Township Attorney Weiner; Township Clerk Turtleaub

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:35 p.m. The Mayor stated that all the requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Law" had been met. "Annual Notice" was faxed to the *West Essex Tribune and the Star Ledger* on January 3, 2017.

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** of Murphy McKeon (December 2016) and McCarter & English (November 2016).

DPW Superintendent Mike Anello and Chris Southworth met with the Council regarding issues of use and treatment of **Township Vehicles**. Mr. Anello prepared a list of township cars and discussed issues of accountability, and creation and implementation of a policy. Mr. Silverman will be liaison and sit with Mr. Anello and Mr. Southworth regarding development of a policy regarding use of Township vehicles. Mayor Klein will discuss the efficiency of vehicle use, including who is using Township vehicles and why.

The Council approved the request of Strides for **HOPE Annual 5K Run**, but asked Township Clerk Turtleaub to advise the group of the need to be sensitive to use of nearby fields, to face the speakers away from the nearby Church, and to conduct the set up at the Recreation Building.

The Council agreed that Mayor Klein and Deputy Township Manager Jones should be the Township representatives on the **Community Development Committee**.

The Council considered the informational **Open Positions Report**.

Township Attorney Weiner explained the need to upgrade Township **pump station** due to the number of developments in town, and it was agreed to place the proposed resolution on the January 23 Regular Agenda for consideration.

The Council considered the informational **Quarterly Contract Report** prepared by Purchasing Manager Karen Sullivan. Mr. Silverman questioned the issuance of an RFP for Bond Counsel in the Fall of 2018, when the contract ends 12/31/17. Deputy Township Manager Jones responded.

The Council discussed with SYLS Director Jen Hessburger her proposed **2017 Pool Fees**. It was agreed that her proposal would be approved with \$25/\$15 for Daily Guest Badges for new residents. A Resolution will be placed on the January 23, 2016 Regular Agenda.

] Mark Fusari, 15 Hearthstone Drive, questioned the Township's need for **two pools**.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Potential Litigation

At 8:30 p.m., the following resolution was considered:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Livingston has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the Conference meeting of the Governing Body will reconvene; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this 19th day of December, 2016, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Potential Litigation and such other matters as may come before the Council and that are exempted from the public as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in closed session will be made public upon disposition.

On motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote, all members present voted YES.

At 9:30 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

Public Comment

Mark Fusari, 15 Hearthstone Drive, discussed the availability of GPS in **Township vehicles**. Mr. Fusari also discussed the assignment of vehicles and urged that Ralph Rea be have use of a Township vehicle.

Councilmember Silverman discussed the **Citizens Budget Advisory Committee** and recommended bringing them in during a Conference meeting to have a discussion with them.

Deputy Township Manager Jones was asked to remind Chief Handschuch regarding presentation of his report addressing the **Feral Cat** population.

Councilmember Fernandez discussed the need for enforcement of the Township Ordinance regarding use of **LED lights**.

Councilmember Reinhardt asked whether the **Health Club** opening in the Livingston Town Center is a "permitted use".

Councilmember Klein asked whether the Council wished to keep or change the date of its Conference meeting scheduled for **September 11**. It was agreed to revisit the issue in April or May.

Mayor Klein asked Councilmembers to advise him of any topics they wished brought to an upcoming meeting that Deputy Mayor Meinhardt and Mayor Klein will be holding with Phil Alagia of the **County Executive's** office.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session-Personnel (Deputy Township Manager)

At 9:55 p.m., the following resolution was considered:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

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WHEREAS, the Conference meeting of the Governing Body will reconvene; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this 19th day of December, 2016, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel and such other matters as may come before the Council and that are exempted from the public as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in closed session will be made public upon disposition.

On motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote, all members present voted YES.

At 10:00 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk