

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #7—March 13, 2017

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

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:30 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 discussed and approved the "**Pick It Up!**" **Livingston** Clean-Up day flyer. Township Attorney Weiner inquired as to and addressed the issue of Insurance Coverage.

The Council discussed the updated information regarding plans for the **2017 Summerfest**.

The Council considered the **Congressional Parkway Parking Recommendation**, and prepared questions that will be posed to Chief Handschuch during his meeting with the Council Conference meeting next week to discuss the Animal Shelter and to present numbers regarding the TNR program. Councilmember Fernandez recommended that the Council "start slow", starting in April at the earliest and be done by July, and limited to the upper part of Congressional where there should be no parking.

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** of Genova Burns (February 2017) and Murphy McKeon (February 2017).

The Council agreed to issuance of a Proclamation in recognition of **National Poison Prevention Week** and the Clerk was asked to call and ascertain whether the group wanted to have a representative attend and receive the plaque at an upcoming Council meeting.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Joseph Greco, Superintendent of Sewer Operations and Acting Township Manager Jones for an award of contract to Mott MacDonald for **Professional Engineering Services for the Primary Digester Upgrades**. A Resolution will be placed on the March 20, 2017 Regular Agenda.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Superintendent of DPW Michael Anello for issuance of a Resolution Authorizing **Disposal of a 1992 Ford L-8000 Truck**. A resolution will be placed on the March 20, 2017 Regular Agenda for consideration.

The Council acknowledged received receipt and review of the informational **Open Positions Report** submitted by Acting Township Manager Jones.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Purchasing Manager Karen Sullivan and Acting Township Manager Jones and a Resolution providing for renewal of the **Union County Cooperative Pricing System Agreement Renewal** will be placed on the March 20 Agenda for consideration.

Public Comment

Walter LeVine, 345 Walnut Street, discussed township requirements for building of a shed.

Bob Hunter, 89 Elmwood suggested pressure be put on Township Construction Official Marty Chiarolanzio regarding cleanup at the site of the abandoned **Livingston Cleaners**. Mr. LeVine also discussed empty stores on Livingston Avenue.

The Council addressed items in the Manager's recommended **2017 Municipal Budget**. Councilmember Silverman asked whether, now that the budget has been reduced, what items could be put into the budget (i.e., "what items have we been putting off"), that there is an opportunity now to include.

Mayor Klein and CFO Kim Kientz asked about the **library budget** increase.

Councilmember Fernandez inquired as to whether the Acting Township Manager and CFO were "comfortable with the **surplus**"; Mr. Jones replied yes, and that the Township was using less surplus than in the past for the current budget.

Councilmember Fernandez asked about the number of employees, "who did training in the past: and noted that it is probably cheaper to use outside persons. Acting Township Manager Jones will look into this. Mr. Jones also referenced 2005, and noted that the number of employees had been going down.

Mr. Jones asked Township IT Steve Wachtel if it made sense to implement **Wi-Fi for the pool**.

Councilmember Silverman who asked Mr. Jones to have Steven Wachtel speak with the LPD regarding **computer issues**.

Councilmember Meinhardt discussed the publication of a letter from LMAC to help with **LMAC membership**.

Councilmember Fernandez inquired about an updated **Maintenance Code for closed gas stations.**

Mayor Klein discussed Responses to the email received from SYLS Director Jen Walker regarding the Township's **logo.**

Acting Township Manager Jones advised that business offices would be closed tomorrow (Tuesday) due to the impending **snowstorm.**

Discussion of the **Pool Report** will be rescheduled for a future date.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Contract negotiations (New Jersey American Water); Potential Litigation (Livingston Corporate Park Associates)

At 8:40 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 13th day of March, 2017, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations, 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 10:30 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk