

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #8—March 20, 2017

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

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:30 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 approved the **Minutes** of February 27, 2017 (Conference and Closed).

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** of Genova Burns (November 2016).

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** of McCarter & English (February 2017).

The Council met with Livingston Police Chief Craig Handschuch regarding the proposed **TNR Schedule**. Chief Handschuch said he had identified streets to focus upon, and that he planned to start during the third week in April.

Councilmember Meinhardt inquired, and Chief Handschuch confirmed, that items addressing **TNR** and **Renovation of the Animal Shelter** were included in the Chief’s 2017 Budget.

Livingston Police Captain Gary Marshuetz joined the meeting, and the Council discussed pending **recommendations for parking on Congressional Parkway**.

The Council considered the letter request of Sheri L. Goldberg for permission to **raise the Israeli flag** at the Oval on May 2, 2017 in recognition of Israeli Independence Day, and to re-read the Council’s November 14 anti-BDS Resolution as part of the ceremony. The Clerk was asked to contact Ms. Goldberg and obtain additional information including how long the flag would be kept up and the specific times the ceremony would start and end. The Council discussed the impact of their decision on this request, on similar requests in the future.

Councilmember Meinhardt advised that construction had begun on the **Traffic Light** at Chestnut and Northfield.

Councilmember Meinhardt advised of five new volunteers for **LMAC**.

Councilmember Meinhardt stated the Sports Council was working towards obtaining extra revenue, and that the new **Madonna Field** “was coming along slowly but surely.”

Councilmember Meinhardt offered kudos to the members of the Township **DPW** for their work during the recent snowstorm.

Acting Township Manager Jones distributed a memorandum from Communications Coordinator Judith Heller entitled **“Next Steps: Community Branding Project”**.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Possible Loss of Federal Funds

At 7:55 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

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 20th day of March, 2017, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Possible Loss of Federal Funds 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 8:00 p.m., the Closed Session ended, and the Conference meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk