

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #11- April 24, 2017

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

Absent: Councilmember Meinhardt

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 Conference and Closed Session **Minutes** of April 17, 2017.

The Council discussed proposed revisions to the **Bamboo Ordinance** which had been suggested by the Livingston Environmental Commission. Commission Chair Walter LeVine and member Scott Goldman were present. The ordinance will be placed on the Regular Agenda of May 1 for introduction.

Acting Township Manager Jones distributed materials prepared by the Chief Financial Officer Kimberly Kientz entitled "Township of Livingston Proposed **2017 Municipal Budget** Introduction". The Budget will be introduced at the Regular meeting of May 1.

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** of Genova Burns (March 2017).

The Council discussed and agreed to the recommendation of Joseph Greco, Superintendent Sewer Operations for an award of contract to Iron Hills Construction, Inc. for **Headworks Modifications** at the WPCF. A Resolution will be placed on the regular May 1, 2017 Agenda for the Council's consideration.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Township Engineer Harduby and Acting Township Manager Jones for award of contract to Ischia Corporation for **Mill and Pave Falcon Road, Section 4**, and a Resolution will be placed on the May 1, 2017 Regular Agenda.

The Council agreed to the request of Health Officer Lou Anello, and a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Health Dept. Fee Schedule regarding **Ear Piercing/Microblading**, will be placed on the May 1, 2017 Regular Agenda for consideration.

The Council considered the recommendation of Superintendent of Public Works Michael Anello and Acting Township Manager Jones, for an award of an Open Ended Contract to Fullerton Grounds Maintenance for furnishing, delivery and **installation of trees**. The matter will be placed on the May 1, 2017 Regular Agenda for consideration.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of CFO Kimberly Kientz and Acting Township Manager Jones for the issuance of **General Obligation Refunding Bonds**, Series 2007 in order to save money, and an Ordinance will be introduced at the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2017.

The Council discussed the proposed Resolution for **Energy Efficiency +Renewable Energy** proposed by the New Jersey League of Conservation Voters. It was agreed to learn the position of Sustainable Jersey on this matter, and that more research would be required.

As recommended by Acting Township Manager Jones, all voted in favor of the "Resolution Authorizing **2016 municipal recycling Tonnage Grant Application**", and a memorializing resolution will be placed on the May 1, 2017 Regular Agenda.

Acting Township Manager Jones distributed an Update dated April 24 from Communications Director Judith Heller regarding the status of the **Branding** Project.

Deputy Township Manager Jones advised that the Township had qualified for an award under the **JIF Safety Incentive Program**, and a time will be set up during an upcoming Regular Meeting for formal presentation of the Certificate.

Councilmember Fernandez asked about the status of the suggested **Adopt A Highway**, and Acting Township Manager Jones will check.

Councilmember Silverman suggested asking Sanjeev Varghese the advisability of placement of a sign a short distance ahead of the new light at the intersection of **Chestnut Street and Northfield Road**.

Public Comment

Walter LeVine, 345 Walnut Street, discussed the idea of a Community Garden, and the sending of letters seeking interest for formation of a committee.

Bob Hunter, 89 Elmwood Drive, discussed the need for clean up.

Paul Bini, W. Hobart Gap Rd., discussed ways to address the feral cat problem. Mayor suggested enforcement as one possible response. Councilmember Fernandez noted that West Orange had considered and rejected that idea, although he did not know the reason.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Contract Negotiations

At 8:35 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 24th day of April, 2017, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations 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 8:55 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

At 10:10 p.m., the Conference meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk