

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #13- May 22, 2017

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

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.

Acting Township Manager Jones discussed Purchasing Manager Sullivan's memorandum addressing **public bidding practices**, and it was agreed that a five year contract for Giordano Company was appropriate, and an appropriate Resolution will be considered during the evening's Regular meeting.

The Council discussed **Community Coach 77** issues and Mayor Klein will write a letter, and Alan Karpas and Michael Viera will meet with Community Coach representatives. Councilmember Fernandez suggested contacting representatives McKeon and Jasey for assistance.

Livingston Police Chief Handschuch spoke about the status of the TNR program. Deputy Acting Township Manager Jones distributed the Chief's **TNR Report**. The Chief also stated he was comfortable with the TNR budget. Sargeant John Drumm, also in attendance, noted that West Orange has an Ordinance providing that if residents fed the cats, "that they are yours."

Sargeant Drumm distributed his **Congressional Parkway Parking Recommendations**. An email of the map will be disseminated, and the matter will be listed for further discussion at an upcoming conference meeting.

There Council approved the **Legal fees** of Genova Burns (April 2017) and McCarter & English (April 2017).

The Council discussed the **Community Garden project**, a collaboration with the Livingston Historical Society, and met with Jun of the Livingston Young Families Club, who gave a presentation highlighting the program.

Beth Lippmann addressed the Council, stating that she had met with County representatives regarding the County's S. Livingston Avenue repaving project, how the County wanted to get rid of all **cross-walks**, claiming they were unsafe. Ms. Littman stated the Township Engineer had advised that the crosswalks were not unsafe. She will send the Mayor an email of issues and specific points, so that he could discuss them with County.

Bunnie Ratner, 57 Cornell Drive, thanked the Township Council for placement of a light at the intersection of **Chestnut and Northfield**, and she noted that the light helped create a traffic gap making it easier to turn left onto Northfield Rd. out of Shop Rite.

Chief Handschuch explained the **sensitivity training** and variety of programs conducted by the LPD.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Litigation (Livingston Corporate Park)

At 8:05 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 22nd day of May, 2017, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing 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 8:10 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

At 8:10 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 9:25 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with all members present.

It was announced that Joel Lightner would be retiring from **LTV**, and the Clerk was asked to invite Mr. Lightner to an upcoming

Council meeting at which he would be honored.

The Council discussed the correspondence and material submitted by Erica McDay on behalf of Livingston resident and talk show host Wendy Williams and her charity "The Hunter Foundation," seeking participation in the group's activities. The Clerk was asked to contact the group and invite them to a conference meeting to discuss the request.

Mayor Klein related complaints he had received concerning problems with cell phone service in parts of town, and the Council discussed contacting the service providers.

The Council discussed an anonymous letter received complaining of zoning violations. It was noted that these issues had been raised anonymously before, that the issue had been looked into previously, that a "grandfather clause" had been applicable, and that the Council would take no action.

Mayor Klein reviewed events planned and scheduled for the upcoming week.

At 9:40 p.m., the Conference meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk