

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #15- June 12, 2017

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

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:35 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 Conference and Closed Session **Minutes** of May 22, 2017.

The Council approved the Conference and Closed session **Minutes** of May 15, 2017.

Planning Board Chair Peter Klein discussed the genesis of proposed **Ordinance 11-2017** (changing the zoning around Scott Terrace), which Ordinance is to be voted on during the Regular meeting this evening. Mr. Klein explained how the Planning Board had recommended passage of the Ordinance, notwithstanding it was inconsistent with the Master Plan, insofar as it was in the public interest. Mr. Klein answered questions from the Council, following which Mr. Klein left the room.

The discussion with a representative of the **Hunter Foundation** is scheduled for the June 19 Conference meeting.

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** of Murphy McKeon (May 2017).

The Council approved the request to hold a **Benefit Softball Tournament**, but that the Clerk should advise Ken Lomax to be sure the applicant did not drive and park Food Trucks on the field as has happened in the past.

Councilmember Meinhardt noted the **LMAC** had passed its annual audit "with high marks". He also noted that he has received many compliments regarding the Shining Star program and its new coordinator.

Mayor Klein discussed **Energy Aggregation** meetings which are being held by other towns, and advised that Livingston resident Herb Ford had offered to attend those meetings and advise the Council as to what has been happening.

Mayor Klein discussed the resolution of the **Crosswalk** issue concerning road paving and existing crosswalks, and that the County, the Township and Beth Lippmann (BID Executive Director) were satisfied with the result.

Mayor Klein suggested **leasing space** in the Town Hall building to a private or a government entity.

Concerning the request for funds from **Project Graduation**, and the Council's offer to meet a donation from the Board of Education, Councilmember Meinhardt noted that expenses information had not been provided from the Board of Education. Acting Township Manager Jones distributed financial information, specifically amounts the Township had contributed in recent years, and he will check to "to see what the money was used for". Councilmember Fernandez noted he was "still okay" with giving the requested money. Councilmember Meinhardt stated that while he would agree to give it the money, that he would ask for their budget.

At 8:05 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 10:15 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with all members present.

Acting Township manager Jones advised of a request to purchase a parcel of land on **Relkin Road**, and noted he is circulating that request among township officials.

Mr. Jones distributed a June 12, 2017 Memorandum from Judith Heller providing a **Branding Update**.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Negotiations

At 10:35 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 5th day of June, 2017, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing 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 11:00 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk