

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #14- June 5, 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 discussion of the **Hunter Foundation** will be rescheduled to an upcoming meeting.

Concerning the **Facilities Inventory/10 Master Plan Draft Reports**, SYLS Director Jenn Walker and Athletic and Aquatics Supervisor Ken Lomax presented the Council with their views as to the various options. They noted that "our numbers are guesstimates" and that they could not put forth an operating number because the Town had yet to decide what would be done and which among the options would be selected. Councilmember Fernandez and Mayor Klein discussed possible coordination with the Y, and noted that there was a range of variables (including collections versus bond payments). Councilmember Fernandez suggested getting input from the Township CFO and Bond Counsel as to what the numbers might be.

The Council acknowledged review and discussed the informational **Open Positions Report**.

Regarding the **TNR Report** of Chief Handschuch, Sgt. John Drumm addressed the issues raised and explained that the trailers were not yet on site because of the need for an electrical extension cord. Councilmember Meinhardt asked "why haven't the volunteers doing paperwork, and he asked the Chief to provide answers.

The Council met with Michael Vieira and Alan Karpas regarding usage and ridership on **Community Coach** and **NJ Transit** lines. Both Mr. Viera and Mr. Karpas reported on an upcoming meeting. Referring to problems with Community Coach which had been discussed at a Town Meeting in the past, Mr. Karpas noted that "nothing has changed" because Community Coach claims "it does not have the resources."

Regarding the **Branding Initiative**, Communications Coordinator Judith Heller joined the meeting and distributed her "Branding Stats Update 6/5 Memorandum." Councilmembers Meinhardt and Silverman inquired as to possible inclusion of the Board of Education, and whether the Township should go back to the Board of Education with the plan, in the context of explaining to the Board that "we've done this" and asking "do you want in?"

The Council met with Planning Board Chair Peter Klein concerning the Board's recommendation for the **Rezoning** of four split-Zoned lots in Residential Districts (Hobart Gap), as well as rezoning five adjacent lots that are either split zoned or have uses permitted by variance (CVS area). Township Attorney Weiner explained that the Ordinance providing for split zoned lots in the Hobart Gap Road area will be introduced at the June 12 Regular Meeting.

The Council agreed to the request of **FARE** (an organization which raises awareness and money for research for those coping with life threatening food allergies) to hold a "Food Allergy Walk" in Livingston, suggesting that the group set up by the Recreation Building where there is a microphone there, and that the assumption is that the Group checks with police and other Township departments.

Regarding **Congressional Parkway Parking Recommendations**, the Council acknowledged it had received and reviewed updated information. Councilmember Fernandez stated he believed "no parking" signs along the entirety of Ashby would be too far. Acting Township Manager Jones pointed out that the Washington Court signs were already up. It was agreed that signage would stop at the "elbow," and that signs would be allowed to the bend. It was noted that should people extend it on their own, that the residents would come back to the Council.

Bernard Searle, 214 Washington Court, recommended a phased system, and stated that there was no reason to include Washington Court until the Council could see whether there was any overflow.

Howard Waxman, 39 Fillmore Ave., said that the signage was unnecessary as to Fillmore.

The Council agreed to the request for submission of a **SAGE/ROID Grant Application**, and a Resolution will be placed on the June 12 Regular Agenda for memorialization of the vote.

The Council considered and agreed to the request for a Proclamation in recognition of **Gun Violence Awareness Day**, and it will be listed for presentation at the June 12, 2017 Regular Meeting.

The Contract agreed to the recommendation of Junior Utility Engineer Nathan Kiracofe for an additional twelve month extension of the Township's current contract for **Fire Hydrant Parts** with Water Works Supply Company, Inc. A Resolution will be placed on the June 12 Regular Agenda.

The Council acknowledged review of the informational **Quarterly Contract Report** provided by Purchasing Manager Sullivan.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Superintendent of Department of Public Works Michael Anello, and Acting Township Manager Jones for an award of contract to D&L Paving Contractors, Inc. for **Reconstruction of Granite Block Curbing** (Open Ended Contract). A Resolution will be placed on the June 12, 2017 Agenda.

Concerning the Catch Basin Repair/Rebuild, the Council agreed to the recommendation of Superintendent of Department of Public Works Michael Anello, and Acting Township Manager Jones for an award of contract to Shauger Property Services, Inc. for the **Catch Basin Repair/Rebuild** for the Department of Public Works. A Resolution will be placed on the June 12, 2017 Regular Agenda.

As requested by Councilmember Anthony, Acting Township Manager Jones will provide information regarding the "**Adopt A Road**" program for an upcoming packet.

Mayor Klein discussed a preliminary report on **wetlands**, and distributed a June 5 Memorandum from **Township Engineer Harduby**. It was agreed that the Committee should be brought back together and move forward.

Councilmember Meinhardt and Mayor Klein will meet with fathers and mothers explaining the **fields closure** process.

Mayor Klein discussed **Energy Aggregation** programs utilized by other towns, and who will get additional information.

Acting Township Manager Jones stated there would be a meeting with the Mayor and County representatives concerning the issue of paving of Township **crosswalks**.

Public Comment

Bernard Searle, 14 Washington Court, discussed Green Acres property, and urged that a liaison be appointed for the "Sidewalk Committee."

Fred Friedman, 1304 Pointe Gate Drive, stated that the lamppost was "out" on the driveway next to the YMCA.

Bill O'Neil discussed traffic coming down Sunshine on Beaufort Avenue, a County Road.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Liquor License

At 9:40 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 5th day of June, 2017, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Liquor License 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 10:05 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk