

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #16- June 19, 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.

The Council approved the Conference and Closed Session **Minutes** of June 12, 2017.

Mayor Klein advised that **Energy Aggregation** information was being assimilated by Herb Ford, that this was a long-term project and there was no need to discuss the matter at this point.

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** of Genova Burns (May 2017), but asked that in the future the firm provide the Council with a more detailed bill.

Stacey Rubinstein and Board members of **Livingston Neighbors Helping Neighbors (LNHN)**, addressed the Council, handed out copies of the Power Point presentation and presented the history of the organization and how it functions.

Alan Karpas advised the Council that effective July 10, the **Livingston Shuttle** will no longer handle Midtown direct trains that are on the Morris and Essex line, and that a new schedule will be placed on the Township website.

The Hunter Foundation Executive Director Zoraya E. Lee-Hamlin and Erica O'Day presented the Council with information about the Foundation, seeking participation through fundraisers, and acting as a sounding board or advisory board.

Jesse Reisman on behalf of **Livingston Town Center Owners Association** members discussed the group's request for modification of Township Ordinance 4-2013, which he said would enhance traffic flow and provide a time frame to inhibit commuter parking. He also asked that police enforce existing ordinances.

The Council discussed Chief Handschuch's **TNR Report** for the week of June 12-June 16, 2017, and considered possible alternatives.

Councilmember Anthony related a resident's question whether or not the **flagpole** had been set aside for Veterans, as it is currently being used to hoist the flag of other groups. No one recalled the flagpole having been limited to or set aside for veterans, and Councilmember Anthony will advise the questioner.

Acting Township Manager Jones provided information relative to the status of the **Tree Fund** and "**Adopt A Road**" questions previously raised by the Council.

Acting Township Manager Jones provided an update on consideration of **Congressional Parkway parking restrictions**.

Discussion of **Sprinkler Rates** was adjourned and the matter will be placed on the next Conference agenda.

Acting Township Manager Jones explained that Kathy Boffa recommended renewal of the **Delta Dental** contract, and the Councilmembers each approved. A resolution memorializing the vote will be placed on the July 10, 2017 Regular Agenda.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Jacobs Engineering (consultant engineers) and Junior Utility Engineer Nathan Kiracofe, concurred in by Acting Township Manger Jones, for an award of contract to Reivax Contracting Corporation, for a **water main replacement** at the intersection of Hillside Avenue and W. Northfield Road, Harvest Lane and Disney Place. A resolution will be placed on the July 10 Regular Agenda.

Acting Township Manager Jones explained the need for a resolution authorizing inclusion in **Essex County Urban County Community Development Program**, covering the years from 2018 through 2010, and all Councilmembers approved. A resolution memorializing the vote will be placed on the July 10, 2017 Regular Agenda.

Public Comment

Fred Friedman, 1304 Pointe Gate Drive discussed pooling of water at cutouts left undone on the northwest corner of Mt. Pleasant and North Hillside intersection.

Bob Hunter, 89 Elmwood Drive, discussed Route 10 state property.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Contract Negotiations

At 8:45 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 19th day of June, 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 9:35 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk