

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #18- July 17, 2017

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

Absent: Councilmember Silverman

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 July 10, 2017.

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** of Murphy McKeon (June 2017) and Genova Burns (June 2017).

Acting Township Manager Jones discussed CFO Kientz's Memorandum addressing **Sprinkler Rates**. Citing the "minimal impact" among other reasons, it was agreed that no further action would be taken.

Having received additional information explaining the benefits of a one rather than a two year contract in this instance, the Council agreed to the recommendation of Superintendent of Sewer Operations Joseph Greco, and a Resolution will be placed on the August 7, 2017 Agenda for award of a two-year contract to USALCO Baltimore Plant, LLC to furnish and deliver **polyaluminum chloride for WPCF**.

The Council discussed the proposed **Diabetes Research Network Color Run** with Stephanie Meininger speaking on behalf of the group in support of the request for Council approval. She will check to make sure the Board of Education is okay with Labor Day as the date for the Run.

The Council discussed proposed ordinance **No. 16-2017 providing for Rezoning of Split Lots in Business and Residence Districts**, and the matter will be placed on the Agenda.

Acting Township Manager Jones updated the Council as to reports and notices of violation from the Essex Regional Health Commission and Essex County Department of Health for the **hazardous waste spill violation of Livingston Car Wash**.

The Council discussed with Township Attorney Weiner her memorandum concerning the **Government Energy Aggregation Program**, with the purpose of the upcoming step being to get a sense of what the savings might be. An Ordinance will be introduced at the Regular Meeting of August 7, 2017 authorizing the establishment of a Government Energy Aggregation Program.

The Council discussed the **Preliminary Cost Estimates for Haines (Memorial) and Northland Pools**. Councilmember Meinhardt suggested putting a group together regarding financing and the possibility of a public-private partnership. Councilmember Fernandez suggested the group include Jennifer Walker, Helen Flores (YMCA), and Senior Youth and Leisure services personnel and liaisons.

The Council considered and agreed to placement of a Resolution providing for Refunding of **General Obligation Refunding Bonds 2007** onto the August 7 Regular Agenda.

The Council agreed with the recommendation of Acting Township Manager Jones and the award of various time and weather sensitive **engineering projects**, including Chetwynd Tank, Storm Water, Water Main and Road Improvements to East Drive, West Drive and North Drive, and Water Main Improvement for Surrey Lane, will be placed on the Regular Agenda for a vote on August 7, so that if passed, construction would be able to commence in the Fall.

The Council discussed regarding possible noise regulation of **Leaf Blowers**, and determined that no action was necessary. Walter LeVine commented that the current Township Noise Ordinance does not include a decibel level.

The Council considered the informational **Open Positions** Report, and Township Acting Township Manager Jones will determine the difference between "on hold" and "Open" designations in that Report.

The Council discussed the **TNR** Report for the week of July 3-7, 2017. It was noted that the cost per neutered cat had not been provided by the Chief, and that he will be asked again for that the information.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Library Director Amy Babcock-Landry for placement on the Agenda of an Award of Contract for **Repainting and Reconstruction of Stairs, Railing and Ramps** for the Livingston Library. A Resolution will be placed upon the August 7 Regular Agenda.

The Council discussed the renewal of the Township's Affordable Housing Services and Rehabilitation Services contract with **Community Grants, Planning & Housing**, (CPGH) as recommended by Planning Director Jackie Hollis. A resolution

will be placed on the August 7 Regular Agenda.

Mayor Klein advised of his discussion with Township Planner Veena Sawant who will put together Township maps.

Mayor Klein discussed the upcoming "2 on 2" meeting with the Board of Education, and Acting Township Manager Jones advised of the meeting agenda.

Township Attorney Weiner advised that funds from Habitat for Humanity had been received and deposited into the Fund.

The Mayor and Council discussed the possibility of hosting a formal welcoming event for the new Township Manager at the Newcomers Picnic, insofar as members of the various service groups would already be present.

Acting Township Manager Jones distributed information and advised that a notice will be published in the West Essex Tribune regarding issuance of tax bills.

Councilmember Meinhardt discussed the mid year budget meeting with Department Heads to be scheduled for September 6, 2017.

Public Comment

Bernard Searle, 14 Washington Court, suggested that DPW be placed on the Council Agenda under "Unfinished Business," and expressed concern about putting two facilities in that building

Bob Hunter, 89 Elmwood Drive, discussed several issues including the Township Building Department and Brandywine, and he presented Acting Township Manager Jones with a Ritz Apple Pie.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Personnel (Manager Search); Litigation

At 9:00 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 17th day of July, 2017, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel 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 9:40 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk