

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #19- August 7, 2017

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

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:30 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 17, 2017.

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** of McCarter & English (June 2017) and Murphy McKeon (July 2017).

The Council acknowledged review and agreement with the recommendation of Township Engineer Harduby for an award of Contract to Ischia Corporation for **Morton Road** Improvements. A Resolution is on this evening's Regular Agenda.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of the Planning Board, and an Ordinance providing for rezoning of two over-sized **split zoned lots** on West Mt. Pleasant Avenue, and the rezoning of both lots as R-2. An Ordinance will be introduced on September 5, 2017.

The Council considered the request of **AFSP** to hold a Fundraising Event on the Oval on September 24, 2017. The request was denied in accordance with the recommendation of the Livingston Police Department, as there were already two events scheduled for the Oval that day.

Councilmember Silverman discussed the **Energy Aggregation** proposed Ordinance, and Township Attorney Weiner advised that small changes in the wording of the applicable ordinance will be conveyed to the Tribune.

Councilmember Meinhardt noted that there is a **ditch** in the area where Tiffany intersects with Mt. Pleasant, and asked that the State be called and asked to fill the hole.

The Council considered the request of a Flag Raising in recognition of **India Independence Day**. Rena Vacha, an eighth grade student from Heritage Middle School, requested the flag raising for August 15, in recognition of Indian Independence Day, including a ceremony in the morning, the singing of both the American and Indian National Anthems, and the lighting of lanterns. Ms. Vacha was asked to provide specific starting time and details to the Township Clerk.

The Council considered expansion of the membership of the **Pool Committee**. Deputy Mayor Meinhardt spoke with Alan Karpas (HCHY Chair) about bringing the analysis under the auspices of the Council, and suggested changing the Mission Statement of the Committee. Names were suggested to be placed on the Committee, including Lou Anello, Walter LeVine, Jenn Walker and Frank DeNick.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Library Director Amy Babcock Landry, for an award of a Non-Fair and Open contract to Parette Somjen Architects for Professional Engineering Services for **Masonry Repair/Restoration & Railing Replacement and Partial Roof Replacement for the Livingston Public Library**. A Resolution has been placed on the August 7, 2017 Regular Agenda. Township Attorney Weiner urged that an attorney on behalf of the Library should review the Agreement.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Library Director Amy Babcock Landry and consultant Parette Somjen Architects, for an award of contract to M&N Construction Services, Inc. for **Repointing and Reconstruction of Stairs and Railings at the Livingston Public Library**. A Resolution has been placed on the Regular August 7, 2017 Agenda.

The Council accepted the recommendation of Junior Utility Engineer Nathan Kiracofe and Consultant engineers to reject bids received for the **Chetwynd Water Tank** project, and to re-bid the contract at a later date. A Resolution has been placed on the August 7, 2017 Regular Agenda.

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

At 9:25 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

Councilmember Meinhardt reported on the discussions held at the recent "**2 on 2**" meeting with the Board of Education.

Councilmember Meinhardt noted that cameras at **Madonna Field** have already gone up, and will be tied into the school's wireless system.

In response to the recent vandalism at the **Madonna Field**, signs will be posted advising that "cameras are watching".

Deputy Township Manager Jones and Township Clerk Turtletaub will provide names of additional persons in addition to Department Heads and Committee Chairs to invite to participate at the September 18 **Welcome to Livingston** night

event at which Township Manager Bonin will be introduced to the community.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Litigation

At 10:15 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 7th day of August, 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 10:35 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk