

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #29- November 6, 2017

Present: Mayor Klein; Councilmembers Anthony, Fernandez, Meinhardt, Silverman; Acting Township Manager Jones, James Bryce, Esq., for 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 October 16, 2017.

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

At 8:00 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular Meeting.

At 9:00 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with all members previously in attendance present.

Mayor Klein noted the **Planning Board Memorandum** regarding Proposed Ordinance 25-2017, to the effect that the Board had found the Ordinance not inconsistent with the Master Plan.

Chief Handschuch and Lt. Drumm discussed the Township **TNR Program**, noting that the season had been wrapped up. Lt. Drumm spoke about use of trailers, and Councilmember Fernandez discussed the number of Shared Services Agreements, and Chief Handschuch contributed to the discussion.

Chief Financial Officer Kim Kientz gave a schedule for 2018 **Budget** preparation. Councilmember Silverman will speak with her regarding the status of the existing (2017) budget.

Alan Karpas discussed the status and existing membership of the **Pool Committee**, and recommendations received for names to add to the Committee. Councilmember Meinhardt discussed the need for some younger families to be added to the Committee, and asked each Council member to give recommendations toward adding two younger families to the Committee.

The Council considered a letter received regarding **Verizon**, and Township Attorney Weiner noted that it was Township property as the work was being performed in the right-of-way.

Phyllis Meranus on behalf of the **Livingston Community Players** addressed the Council, requesting funding help with performance space as the group no longer had a venue for its performances. She handed out Livingston Community Players information. She asked that the Council include her request in this year's Budget, noting that "Livingston deserves quality theatre group as many other towns do." Councilmember Silverman asked that the group put something together for presentation to the Council, including specific budgetary information and requests.

Mark Fusari, 15 Hearthstone, addressed the Council regarding the **sidewalks committee**, and asked specifically what was the charge of the Committee. He explained that he favored use of concrete rather than asphalt. The Council will prepare a document that will serve as a charge to the Committee.

The Council considered the letter from Township Engineer Harduby regarding the status of various **engineering projects**, including the DPW Garage and New Jersey American Water.

Township Clerk Turtletaub discussed preparation and revisions to the proposed **2018 Council Meeting Calendar**. All agreed to Councilmember Meinhardt's suggestion that beginning in 2018, that Conference meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and a Regular Meetings at 7:30 p.m. it was agreed that meetings would be limited to three per month, alternating one week for Conference meeting and the following week with Regular and Conference meetings. Clerk Turtletaub will amend the proposed Resolution to be introduced on January 1, 2018, providing for these changes.

The Council considered the **Senior Advisory Committee Request** for additional space, and asked the Clerk to obtain more specific information from the Committee.

The Council met with Crescent Road resident **Bruce Freeman** concerning Van Accessible parking and signage, suggesting that spots be added at the Senior Community Center and at the Library. Chief Handschuch and Lt. Drumm agreed, and Lt. Drumm stated he would be working on it.

The Council addressed the **Best Practices** Worksheet and determined it would be discussed in Closed Session.

The Council considered a letter from resident Mark Fusari, who urged use of **metal detectors** during Council meetings.

The Conference meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m., so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 9:00 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

The Council agreed to meet with David Bishop (**CPNJ**), on Tuesday at 11:15 a.m., and the Clerk will contact Mr. Bishop and confirm the arrangements.

Acting Township Manager Jones discussed the scheduling of two upcoming **CDBG** hearings during two Regular meetings.

Mayor Klein related that Good Energy had obtained reported back with favorable numbers for **Aggregation**, with the dollar savings to the municipality's residents in six figures.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Potential Litigation: Labor Negotiations

At 10:00 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 6th day of November, 2017, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Potential Litigation, Labor 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 11:05 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk