

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #31- November 13, 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 **Legal Fees** of McCarter & English (October 2017) and Genova Burns (October 2017), with Councilmember Silverman's questions being addressed in Closed Session.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Superintendent of Sewer Operations Joe Greco and Township Acting Township Manager Jones, and a resolution approving an updated agreement for **Sludge Disposal** from the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC). A Resolution will be placed on the November 20, 2017 Regular Agenda for consideration.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Human Resources for a **Salary Ordinance Amendment**. Councilmembers Fernandez and Meinhardt presented questions which would be addressed in Closed Session, and a Resolution will be placed on the November 20, 2017 Regular Agenda for consideration.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Junior Utility Engineer Kiracofe and Acting Township Manager Jones, for an award of contract to Water Works Supply Company, Inc. for furnishing one **valve maintenance trailer**, and a resolution will be placed on the November 20, 2017 Regular Agenda for consideration.

The Council considered the request of **SYLS** Director Walker for updated program fees. Councilmember Meinhardt raised an issue regarding the extension of camp sessions, and questioned whether \$50 was an appropriate increase. The matter will be considered again at the conference meeting of November 20, 2017.

Mary Beth Ricci addressed the **TNR Program**, explaining the concerns and experiences, including the need to "clean up the search engine" and improve marketing and advertising. She explained her group's recommendation that the program be maintained but that it be managed in-house. She distributed written recommendations entitled "TNR Information 11-13-17". Acting Township Manager Jones stated that the Township may need to obtain quotes as the proposed cost was over the bid threshold. Ms. Ricci pointed out that regardless of which of the two proposed options (Outsourcing v. Town-managed) was selected, that promotion and marketing, as well as training and education SOPs were necessary. Sheri Roth (**Animal Shelter Advisory Committee**) addressed the operations of the Animal Shelter, and distributed a page entitled "Livingston Animal Shelter Operations—Building a Working infrastructure. Chief Handschuch gave input and Lt. Drumm commented on the proposal.

Township Manager Jones discussed the proposed Ordinance providing for changes in **Congressional Parkway** parking.

Township Attorney Weiner suggested that the Township file an objection to the petition of **Independent Bus Company**, Inc. for permission to modify its route. The requested modification would affect bus services west of South Orange, to Maplewood and Livingston, such that the westbound route would end at South Orange Center, and the eastbound route would start at South Orange Center. Councilmembers Fernandez and Meinhardt agreed that the Township should formally object to the petition, and Township Attorney Weiner will draft same.

Public Comment

Walter LeVine discussed the problem of people ignoring the **Leaf Collection** schedule.

Bunnie Ratner reported on the **Homecoming Light** Ceremony, and thanked the Council for the opportunity to hold the event.

Acting Township Manager Jones stated that the **tax sale** would be held on November 27.

Township Attorney Weiner discussed a proposal to hire a **tax revaluation** company; this will be placed on the December 11 Conference Meeting for discussion.

Councilmember Meinhardt discussed an upcoming meeting requested by the **Superintendent of Schools**, following which he will report back to the Council.

Lt. Drumm distributed maps addressing **parking changes on Congressional**, and Township Attorney Weiner will draw an appropriate Ordinance for introduction.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Purchase of Property (Open Space)

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 13th day of November, 2017, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Purchase of Property 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 10:15 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk