

**Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #34 - December 11, 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 considered a **Resolution Urging Congress to Protect the Deductibility of State and Local Taxes**. On motion duly made and seconded, and on voice vote, all members present voted YES, and the Resolution will be listed for Memorialization at the December 18 Regular Meeting.

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** for Genova Burns (November 2017) and Murphy McKeon, subject to the Mayor's question to be discussed in closed session.

The Council considered and discussed the **2016 Audit Report**, and a Resolution will be placed on the December 18, 2017 Regular Agenda for consideration.

Township Clerk Turtletaub and Alan Karpas discussed with the Council their recent meeting with residents who were seeking information concerning **Township Committees**. Councilmember Meinhardt reported on a meeting he had held with one of those residents, Ms. Culver. Councilmembers suggested the re-institution of the Livingston Institute as a way to provide such information. Councilmember Fernandez discussed the many ways information about Committees is currently dispensed. Alan Karpas asked for information concerning Committee Chairs, and it was explained that Chairs are selected by individual Committees.

The Council considered the request for a **Food Allergy Walk** to be held in the Oval on Sunday, September 23. The Clerk was asked to check with Ron Barbella concerning the Soccer Club's use of grass in the afternoon. It was also suggested that the Walk be set up on the other side of the Oval.

Acting Township Manager Jones explained recommendation for hiring of an interim **Water Operator** for Professional Engineering Services, and the matter will be placed on the Regular Agenda for December 18 for consideration.

The Council approved the recommendation of Acting Township Manager Jones for an award of contract for **Passaic Avenue Pump Station Upgrades**, and a resolution will be placed on the December 18, 2017 Agenda for consideration.

The Council acknowledged review of the informational **Open Positions Report**.

The Council considered and agreed to the request to join the **Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System**, and a formal Resolution will be placed on the December 18, 2017 Regular Agenda.

The Council considered the request from the **Board of Education** for redesign of Heritage fields to allow for fewer Pickleball Courts and more Tennis courts. Councilmember Silverman asked "why this is coming up now?", and the Councilmembers stressed how this had been issue had been discussed and negotiated over several months leading to the current design plan. It was suggested that Board of Education Business Administrator Steve Robinson should come in and make a presentation to the Council, and that this request is "short changing the pickle ball community". Acting Township Manager Jones will look at the existing specs.

Councilmember Silverman stated he had spoken with **Maser**, and that Acting Township Manager Jones will send someone from Engineering Department to the walk-through with Councilmembers set for December 15 at 1 p.m.

Councilmember Meinhardt announced that the new **LMAC** Chair would be Sasha Kopf.

Mayor Klein asked whether there are any **projects** other towns are currently involved in that Livingston could build with them.

**Public Comment**

An attendee who did not offer her name and address asked for the "Packet." It was explained to her that these documents were meant for the Councilmembers' review and consideration, and were not available to the Public at this time.

**RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Appointments; Negotiations (Shuttle Operations); Purchase of Property (Open Space); Appointments (Professional Services); Negotiations (NJ American Water); Negotiations (Revaluation RFP)**

At 8:10 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 11th day of December, 2017, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Appointments, Negotiations, 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 9:55 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB  
Township Clerk