

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #4—February 12, 2018

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

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, 2018. “48-hr. Notice” was faxed to these same publications on January 25, 2018.

The Council approved the **Minutes** of January 29, 2016 (Conference and Closed) and January 22, 2018 (Conference and Closed).

The Council considered the **Laurel Avenue/East McClellan Avenue/Tulip Court** Traffic Control Analysis prepared by Lt. Drumm. The matter will be referred back to him for additional analysis.

The Council considered issues raised due to residents’ utilizing **AirBNB** to rent out their homes for short durations. Township Attorney Weiner advised of possible responses, including elimination or regulation, and she noted that other townships had imposed a minimum 30 day leasing requirement. The Council asked Ms. Weiner to write to the owner of residence at 22 Fordham Road, putting the owner on notice of the Township’s concerns. The Council also determined that, in lieu of regulation, that the Township would focus on property maintenance, increased traffic control and enforcement.

SYLS Director Jen Walker discussed her recommended **2018 Pool Fees**, and the Councilmembers agreed with her recommendation. A formal Resolution will be placed on the March 5 Regular Meeting Agenda.

The Council agreed with the recommendation of SYLS Director Jen Walker, and a Resolution Accepting **LMAC Grant 2018-2019** will be considered during this evening’s Regular Meeting.

The Council agreed to written request of Shop Rite dietitian Elle Bernardo, and the Council will issue a **National Nutrition Month Proclamation** at a Regular Meeting to be held in March 2018.

The **Legal Fees** of Murphy McKeon (January 2018) and McCarter & English (December 2017) were approved.

The Council agreed to the recommendations of Acting Township Manager Jones and Junior Utility Engineer Nathan Kiracofe for issuance of a contract with **Brave Industrial Paint, LLC** for rehabilitation of Chetwynd Water Storage Tank painting. The matter will be considered during at this evening’s Regular Meeting.

The Council discussed the request that the Township take over maintenance of **Formosa Plastics Drive**, and a formal Resolution will be placed on an upcoming Regular Agenda. Councilmember Klein questioned whether the takeover would provide a benefit to the Township, and Township Engineer Harduby stated that it would provide a benefit to the Township, explaining that otherwise Formosa would retain power to close the road to the detriment of township residents.

The Council reviewed Police Chief Handschuch’s Year-End Report concerning the **2017 TNR Program**. Insofar as the Chief’s memo did not reflect the salaries of the officers involved, additional information would be needed, and Mayor Meinhardt also noted that Lt. Drumm was preparing a proposal to streamline the program.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Township Engineer Harduby and Acting Township Manager Jones, and a Resolution providing for Change Order and Final Payment for **Milling and Paving of Falcon Road, Section 4** will be placed on the March 5, 2018 Regular Agenda for consideration.

The Council agreed the Mayor would join with Mayors of other municipalities and make a **Gold Star Pledge**, committing the Township to making “a fair and timely contribution to the collective achievement of sustainability goals.”

At 7:35 p.m., the Conference Meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular Meeting.

At 7:45 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

The Council considered the proposed **2018 Capital Improvement Program Funding Proposal** prepared by CFO Kientz and Acting Township Manager Jones. Mr. Jones and Ms. Kientz, along with DPW Superintendent Mike Anello and Township Engineer Jeanette Harduby participated in the discussion and responded to questions from each Councilmember. Ms. Harduby will recirculate the Arterial Master Plan Study.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Litigation (Municipal Group—Opioid Epidemic); Contract Issues; Contract Negotiations (CWA Dispatchers)

At 8:15 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 12th day of February, 2018, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation, Contract Issues, Contract 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 10:10 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk