

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #5—February 26, 2018

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

Absent: Councilmember Silverman

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:05 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.

The Council approved the **Minutes** of February 12, 2018 (Conference and Closed).

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Junior Utility Engineer Nathan Kiracofe and Acting Township Manager Jones, and a Resolution awarding a "non-fair and open" contract to Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for **Professional Engineering Services for the Design and Development of Construction Documents for 2018 Water Main Rehabilitation** (Tilden Court, Tulip Court, Trafalgar Drive and Tanglewood Drive) will be placed on the March 5, 2019 Regular Agenda.

Gordon Meth, Lois Mendelson and Stephanie Berger spoke with the Council in support of Mr. Meth's February 14, 2018 letter request to purchase a **bench and memorial plaque** for placement near Township Tennis Courts, honoring David Mendelson. Acting Township Manager Jones questioned whether there had been any recommendation in the Master Plan as to fixtures, etc., in the Park. All Councilmembers agreed to the concept, and Acting Township Manager Jones will put the group in touch with the appropriate persons.

Mayor Meinhardt called for a **Moment of Silence** in recognition of the recent school shootings in Florida and in recognition of personal losses to members of the community.

Mayor Meinhardt thanked LPD Captain Gary Marshuetz, who was in attendance, for the Police Department's service during the **Gun Violence** rally held in town the day before.

Mayor Meinhardt also acknowledged Acting Township Manager **Russ Jones**, who was attending his last meeting as Acting Township Manager. The Mayor recognized Mr. Jones for his work as Acting Township Manager over the past 17 months and over 54 years working for the Township, and Mr. Jones was given a round of applause.

The Council addressed an **Energy Selection** form mailed to residents by "Clean Energy." At the Council's request, Consumer Affairs Director Walter LeVine, who was in attendance, will place a letter in the West Essex Tribune advising that the mailing was not from nor authorized by the Township. Councilmember Fernandez suggested also putting something on the website. Township Attorney Weiner suggested that language be included explaining that if and when the Township proceeds that residents will be informed via official notice on Township letterhead.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Junior Utility Engineer Nathan Kiracofe and Acting Township Manager Jones, and a Resolution approving Change Order and Final Payment for Construction of **Backup Wells at Dorsa Avenue** to A.C. Schultes, Inc. will be placed on the March 5, 2018 Regular Agenda.

The Council considered the informational **Quarterly Contract Report** provided by Purchasing Manager Karen Sullivan.

The Council acknowledged the letter received from Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman of the **Church of Saint Philomena** thanking the Township for its contribution to be used for expenses of construction, maintenance and repair of its parking lot. Councilmember Fernandez noted that the payment was in consideration of the Township's use of the Church property.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Acting Township Manager Jones, and consideration of a **Change Order and Final Payment to Allied Control Services for the Livingston Tank and North Hillside Booster Station SCADA** will be placed on the March 5, 2018 Regular Agenda.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Frank Giordano and Township mechanic, Chris Southworth, that certain items be declared surplus and their sale be authorized. A Resolution authorizing the **sale of these surplus items** will be placed on the March 5, 2018 Regular Agenda.

Councilmember Fernandez distributed a draft **Sidewalk Committee Mission Statement** he had prepared for the Council's consideration.

Councilmember Klein suggested, and the Council agreed, announced that "**Pick It Up Livingston**" would be held on April 22, 2018.

Councilmember Klein asked whether the Township should consider **changing its official name** from "Township of Livingston" to "Livingston Township." Township Attorney Weiner said she would review any legal aspects of making such a change.

Mayor Meinhardt announced that Livingston had been awarded a \$475,000 Municipal Aid Grant to fix and repair the north section of **Chestnut Street**.

Walter LeVine advised that the Lions Club wished to donate 500 trees to the Township. Mr. LeVine also asked the **Tree Fund** balance.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Negotiations; Personnel

At 7:40 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 26th day of February, 2018, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations, Personnel, 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 9:30 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk