

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #6—March 5, 2018

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

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:00 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 26, 2018 (Conference and Closed).

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** of Genova Burns (February 2018).

BID Executive Director Beth Lippman and BID Treasurer Lori Kaufman and BID President Peter Schofel met with the Council, discussing their proposed **2018 BID Budget**. The BID Budget will be placed on the Regular Agenda of March 19 for introduction. Ms. Lippman discussed individual entries. She noted that the cost for “Consultant” referenced a Parking consultant for lots and other projects. She explained that the principal pay down and bonding was for the Streetscape. She noted that as in the prior “three or four years there was no increase in assessments.” She noted that business owners needed to have affirmation as what number of parking spaces will be available. Councilmember Silverman inquired as to why the Chamber of Commerce was not paying toward the BID’s rental cost, and Ms. Lippmann answered that this was because “they could not afford it”.

The Council considered the request that it issue **Letters of Support** to Congress regarding CDBG and HOME programs.

The Council agreed to the request of Police Chief Handschuch and the Township mechanic Chris Southworth, a Resolution **Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Items** will be placed on the March 5 Regular Agenda.

The Council discussed a resident’s letter regarding **Water Meter** billing to his home, and the Mayor asked whether DPW Supervisor had inquired in to the matter. Township Manager Lewis will follow up, and Deputy Manager Jones will write a letter to the homeowners informing that the Township was looking into the matter and will get back to them.

The Council discussed the request to hold a **Tent Event** at the Livingston Mall, and concluded that more information was needed.

At 7:40 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular Meeting.

At 8:05 p.m., the Conference Meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Litigation; Contracts

At 8:05 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 5th day of March, 2018, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation, Contracts, 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