

## **Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #7—March 25, 2019**

**Present:** Mayor Anthony; Councilmembers Fernandez, Klein, Meinhardt, Vieira; Township Manager Lewis; Deputy Township Manager Jones; Township Attorney Weiner; Township Clerk Turtleaub, Deputy Township Clerk Mazzucco

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 2, 2019.

The Council approved the **Minutes** of March 13, 2019 (Conference and Closed).

The Council approved the February 2019 **Legal Fees** of Genova Burns.

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The Council considered the Memorandum from the Planning Board, advising that the Board had reviewed proposed **Ordinance 6-2019** and found it to be consistent with the 2018 Master Plan.

The Council considered the Memorandum from the Planning Board, advising that the Board had reviewed proposed **Ordinance 7-2019** (re: Amending Zoning Map)

Scott Maynard and Monte Ehrenkrantz gave a presentation on behalf of **Summerfest 2019**. They explained that the Sunrise and Afternoon Rotary Clubs, along with the PBA will be sponsoring the event this year. They displayed a schematic layout of the event. It was agreed the event would start after 1 pm so as not to interfere with nearby Saint Philomena’s Sunday Mass. As to the insurance provided by the Management Company, they would check whether other activities had permits for the Oval. Councilmembers Meinhardt and Fernandez expressed concern over the effect of other reorganizations wanting to use the property. They will check regarding other activities and with permits for the Oval. Councilmember Klein addressed the added costs. The Council approved the event, but decided against designating the Township as a co-sponsor.

It was agreed that following any comment at this evening’s Regular Meeting that the hearing on **Assisted Living Ordinance 5-2019** would be left open.

The Council discussed the proposed **2019 Municipal Budget** to be introduced this evening. Township Manager Lewis pointed out that the budget maintains existing services and that the rate would go up just under 1 percent, approximating an increased cost of \$2.50 per month on a home with an average assessed value. He noted that sidewalk improvements and Camuso would be maintained. Councilmember Meinhardt inquired as to any big capital issues; Township Manager Lewis identified Road improvements. Township CFO Kim Kientz was in attendance during the discussion as Township Manager Lewis discussed individual budget items.

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

At 9:00 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

**Agenda Items D5, D6 and D8** had each been addressed during the Regular meeting, and no further discussion took place.

Councilmember Meinhardt explained that the request for **Senior Transportation** for Livingston Diversity Inclusion Committee was a repeat of last year’s request, and the Council agreed to make the transportation available. Councilmember Fernandez suggested asking the Board of Education to share in the cost and use of the bus. Township Manager Lewis stated that he would find out last year’s bus usage numbers.

The Mayor will attend the **AARP** event on April 5, and the **VFW** event on March 29, and will present plaques at both.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair Billy Fine suggested that **Maxum Alexandria** be honored.

Councilmember Vieira suggested the Township acknowledge residents such as Nobel Peace Prize recipient, and that the Township consider a Resolution opposing the **Williams Pipeline**.

Councilmember Klein inquired as to when the Council would talk about **Sunrise**, and asked what is a reasonable plan for moving forward. Councilmember Meinhardt asked about a timeline to get a commitment from the County, and suggested that the Township put together a package of plans and steps.

Councilmember Klein urged the need for a sign addressing turn-ins to **Town Hall**.

Councilmember Klein discussed an update on **Camuso**, and urged that the Township move forward with its plan to retain an **arborist**.

Councilmember Klein addressed a Resolution to be considered providing for a change in the name of **Miracle Way**. He suggested that a “ceremonial” sign be placed under the “real” sign. The question was raised whether the Township could

place the properties under one lot and block number? The Ordinance will be listed for the next meeting.

The Council agreed to hold a **“5 on 5” meeting** with the Livingston Board of Education on April 23, 2019.

The Clerk was asked to arrange to bring in the **Falun** matter at the next Regular Meeting on April 8, 2019.

Mayor Anthony will attend the **AARP** meeting on April 5 and present a Citation.

It was suggested that an open forum be held on the elimination of **plastic bags**, possibly in April on Earth Day.

The Council will present a plaque at the **UNICO** meeting on April 27.

Township Attorney Weiner will review whether other activities are permitted at the **Oval**. Manager Lewis will determine whether they were last year's use numbers.

Councilmember Fernandez addressed the issue of **truck traffic** complained of in a letter to the Council. He noted that a new Woodland Park Ordinance may have addressed the issue, and Township Attorney Weiner would take a look at it.

The Council agreed to the request for a requested **Sub Grant Award FY 18-EMPG-EMAA-0710** to the Township of Livingston Office of Emergency.

The Council agreed that the following **Committee Liaison Appointments** would be made to new Councilmember Vieira: Transportation, Community Outreach, Prospect Park, Littels Pond, and Deer Management.

The Council discussed dates of importance and **upcoming events**.

**RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session: Litigation; Personnel**

At 10:05 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 25th day of March, 2019, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation, Personnel, and such 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 10:45 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 10:45 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB  
Township Clerk