

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #7—April 8, 2019

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

The Conference meeting commenced at 7 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 25, 2019 (Conference and Closed), with a typo correction in the Conference minutes from \$250 to \$2.50 regarding the approximate budget impact per household on a monthly basis.

Acting Township Manager Jones recommended the award of contract to Shauger Property Services Inc. for the **2018 Water Main Rehabilitation** as they were substantially lower than the other bidders. The Council agreed to the recommendation and the matter will be listed on the April 8, 2019 Regular Agenda for a vote.

Acting Township Manager Jones recommended the award of the “non-fair and open” contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers, Inc. for the **2019 Water Main Improvements on Laurel Avenue** not to exceed \$24,500. The Council agreed to the recommendation and the matter will be listed on the April 8, 2019 Regular Agenda for a vote.

Mr. Billy Fine, representing the Livingston Committee for Diversity and Inclusion, made a presentation with Ava Reinfeld, to recognize the significant contributions of women who have participated in the military and to be the first town in NJ to recognize June 12th as **Women’s Veterans Day**. He added their long-term goal was to make June 12th recognized as a National Holiday. The Councilmembers asked Mr. Fine to come back after he had gathered more information.

At 7:34 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 8:22 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

Township resident Anthony Mirada asked the Councilmembers about Township policy regarding **hanging flags** outside of businesses and addressed his concerns about **cars speeding** on South Livingston Avenue. Councilmember Fernandez mentioned that sandwich boards (A-frame signs) are allowed and suggested he talk to Ms. Beth Lippman of the BID. Regarding traffic concerns, Acting Township Manager Jones said he’d talk to the police chief.

Councilmembers discussed the Borough of Roseland’s resolution opposing and calling for a public health and safety study of the proposed **Williams Transco Gateway Expansion Project**. Mayor Anthony stated that he would have to recuse himself because of his attorney relationship with the DEP. The Council agreed to the recommendation and the matter will be listed on the April 22, 2019 Regular Agenda for a vote.

Councilmember Vieira mentioned that he’d been approached by a few residents in the Township about doubling the number of recycling pick-ups per week.

Councilmember Klein stated that the Township should implement a policy to ban the use of plastic bags, using reusable cloth type bags instead.

Councilmember Fernandez asked about the Bocce courts for Unico and also if was there money allocated in the budget for a new speaker system at the Community Center.

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

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session: Personnel

At 9 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 8th day of April, 2019, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing 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 9:15 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 9:15 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN MAZZUCCO
Deputy Township Clerk