

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #13—May 14, 2018

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

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 April 26, 2018.

The Council approved the Conference and Closed Session **Minutes** of May 7, 2018.

The Council discussed and approved the request of **Cirque Italia Water Circus** for permission to return for shows at the Livingston Mall from June 7-June 10.

Billy Fine, on behalf of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, asked the Council to support the flying of the **LGBTQ Flag** as had been done last year. He explained there would be a brief ceremony on May 30 at 7 p.m. at the Oval, with light refreshments. The Council approved the request.

The Council considered and agreed with Township Engineer Harduby’s memorandum seeking approval of drilling a **test water production well** on Township property in the Maple Avenue area.

The Council considered the Memorandum of Township Engineer Harduby seeking the Council’s feelings regarding installation of sidewalks on Falcon Road consistent with the Township’s **Complete Streets** policy, and whether the estimated cost constituted an “excessive increase in project costs” requiring Council approval to fund the project with local tax dollars.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Sewer Operations Joe Greco for an award of contract to Parette Somjen Architects for Professional Architectural Services for Replacement Roofs for **Water Pollution Control Facility** buildings, including the Advanced Treatment Building, Digester Building, and Effluent Pumping Building.

Bob Chilton of **Gabel Associates** addressed the Council, advising that at the May 22 meeting that Bids would be accepted this Tuesday at 1 p.m., and that he anticipated providing a report to the Council that afternoon, along with a draft Resolution. Mr. Chilton also discussed a draft letter (“Program Announcement”) and explanatory material he proposed to send to residents describing the program and available options. The Councilmembers commented on the letter and suggested changes, and Councilmember Silverman will prepare a revision changing the language “to a form Livingston residents would appreciate receiving”.

Councilmember Fernandez discussed the condition of the old **Dry Cleaners** property, and an idea considered previously of preparing a **Property Maintenance Code for gas stations**.

Councilmember Klein discussed the old **Recreation building** which he termed “an eyesore,” the **enforcement of the Township’s Idling Ordinance**, and the problem caused by **Belgian Blocks** knocked out of place and needing repair.

Public Comment

Bill O’Neill, 22 Amherst Place, discussed the problem of **geese** on Township playing fields.

Walter Levine, 345 Walnut Street, discussed the preservation and use of the press from the Nettie Ochs Cider Mill, suggesting that the press be preserved, and that the \$40-50,000 cost was worthwhile, as the Cider Mill had been a landmark for over 100 years. He pointed out that Open Space monies could be utilized, although the property would not be subject to grants. He said he preferred a new location parallel to the Memorial, or Orchard Hill. Mr. Jones will forward a picture, and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will mention this idea to County Executive DiVincenzo at their meeting tomorrow.

Bob Hunter, 89 Elmwood Drive, discussed the Livingston Cleaners building which he termed “an eyesore”, the geese problem, and the lack of a scoreboard at the new Madonna Field. The Mayor explained that the Big L had donated a portable scoreboard, that it was available and ready for use and suggested that Mr. Hunter contact the Schools to ensure that it be utilized.

Maxine Fine, 20 Cambridge Rd., urged that contractors should not be work on Sundays, and the Councilmembers responded that they would check into the wording of the Noise ordinance.

Authorizing Closed Session—Contract Negotiations (Property)

At 8:40 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 14th day of May, 2018, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations 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 9:05 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 9:05 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk