

## **Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #14—May 22, 2018**

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

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. “48-hr. Notice” was faxed to these same publications on May 9, 2018.

The Council approved the Conference and Closed Session **Minutes** of May 14, 2018.

The Council considered and discussed various **Monmouth Court Café Mural Designs** presented by Susan Ridley, and selected option 3B.

Councilmember Silverman recused himself, and The Council considered the request from **Smile Direct Club** to hold a marketing event in the parking lot at the Livingston Mall. The Council concluded the matter required further discussion, and will speak with Mall Manager Morgenroth.

A group of **Veterans** met with the Council, asking that the Township refrain from hosting any ceremonies at Memorial Park, utilizing its flagpoles, other than for Veterans. The Veterans stated they considered the area “sacred” and that other ceremonies take away from the original intent of the Park. They stressed that the area should be limited to Services “for veterans who didn’t come back”.

### **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. He suggested 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 former 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.

### **RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Contract Negotiations (Energy Aggregation)**

At 7:10 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 22nd 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 (Energy Aggregation) 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 7:30 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 7:30 p.m., the Conference Meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular Meeting.

At 8:25 p.m., the Conference meeting and Closed Session resumed, with everyone previously in attendance present.

Authorizing Closed Session—Contract Negotiations (Property)

At 8:25 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 Negotiations, Litigation, Potential Litigation 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,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB  
Township Clerk