

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #16—June 11, 2018

Present: Mayor Meinhardt; Councilmembers Anthony, Fernandez, Klein, Silverman; Township Manager Lewis; Deputy 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 May 2018 **Legal Fees** of Murphy McKeon, subject to a question Councilmember Silverman will raise during this evening’s Closed Session.

Public Comment

Fred Friedman, 1304 Pointe Gate Drive, discussed the removal of trees and construction on Beaufort Avenue. Mayor Meinhardt explained how the parcels had been sold, and that the developer pursuant to the Planning Board approvals, had already contributed to the Tree Fund.

Walter LeVine, 345 Walnut Street, discussed the Transco Pipeline into Eagle Rock. On behalf of the LEC, he urged that the Township join and pass a Resolution approving the holding of a public hearing. Councilmember Klein inquired as to which part of the project affected Livingston, and Mr. LeVine responded that the pipe was already in place, but that there will be more substance running through it. The Council agreed to pass the Resolution encouraging the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Silverman stated that the property at **14 Stratford Drive** was “in disarray” and the matter will be referred to Township Property Maintenance Official Carl Pluchino.

Councilmember Silverman inquired as to the status of payments owed to the Township by the **Board of Education**.

Councilmember Silverman discussed a letter received regarding the **taxation of Church** property, and asked whether the point was moot as the Church was a not-for-profit enterprise. Township Attorney Weiner explained that the situation was not moot and was analogous to that of not-for-profit Hospitals which devoted space to for-profit enterprises.

Councilmember Fernandez suggested the Township consider the acquisition of **portable defibrillators**. All Councilmembers agreed it was a good idea, and Deputy Township Manager Jones noted the need to secure them.

Councilmember Klein related a resident’s complaint of **overgrown brush** near his home, and Township Manager Lewis will look into the matter.

Councilmember Klein stated that the recently held Summerfest had been “a nice event”. He stated that he would report back to the Council after attending the upcoming County-sponsored **canoe event**, as he thought Livingston might want to hold a similar event.

Bill O’Neil, 22 Amherst Place, addressed the Passaic River.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Litigation

At 7:20 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 11th day of June, 2018, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing 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 7:30 p.m., the Closed Session adjourned.

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At 8:15 p.m, the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

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At 8:15 p.m., the following Resolution was considered:

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On motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote, all members present voted YES.

The Council discussed the cost of a new **flagpole** which was determined to be approximately \$2000, and agreed to purchase one, and to place it at Town Hall.

The Council agreed to hold a **Regular Meeting** commencing at 8:00 p.m. on June 18, following a 7:30 p.m. Conference meeting. The Clerk was asked to advise LTV, and he will provide the 48 hr Notice of the Meeting.

At 8:50 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk