

Livingston, New Jersey
June 18, 2018
Meeting #9

The Regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Livingston was held on the above date at 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 357 Livingston Avenue, Livingston, New Jersey. The Mayor stated that all the requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" 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 June 12, 2018.

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

Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Meinhardt asked everyone to stand for a Moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations

Essex County Update/Questions

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Consent Agenda R-18-125 Approving Consent Agenda (Includes All Items Marked (*))

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Livingston has determined that certain items on its agenda which have the unanimous approval of all Councilmembers and do not require comment shall be termed the "Consent Agenda"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that to increase its efficiency, the Consent Agenda shall be adopted with one resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that the items on the regular agenda for June 18, 2018, attached hereto, which are preceded by an "*" are the Consent Agenda and are hereby accepted, approved and/or adopted.

On motion duly made and seconded, and on roll call vote, all members present voted YES.

*Approval of Minutes

a) June 11, 2018

*Approval of Licenses

Final Hearing Ordinances

Proposed Ordinances

a) Ord. 8-2018 Amending Ch. 170 By Adding Additional Definitions to Article II Definitions and Adding Prohibited Uses to Article XI General Zoning Regulations

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIVINGSTON AMENDING CHAPTER 170 BY ADDING ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS TO ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS AND ADDING PROHIBITED USES TO ARTICLE XI GENERAL ZONING REGULATIONS was read by title and introduced on first reading. On motion duly made and seconded, and on roll call vote, all members present voted YES. It was ordered advertised according to law, to come up for public hearing second reading and final consideration at a Regular Meeting of the Township Council on Monday, July 16, 2018.

Resolutions

a) R-18-126 Requesting the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Hold a Public Hearing For the Williams Transco Freshwater Wetlands Permit Application

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has a responsibility to protect the environment and the water resources in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Williams Transco, the operator of the natural gas compressor station in Roseland is seeking federal approval to expand their operations at their facility in the Borough of Roseland; and

WHEREAS, this project would significantly increase the amount of compressed natural gas flowing through the Township of Livingston and at least fifteen other municipalities in Northern New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 27,500 horsepower gas compressor station would be built within a wetlands area and would be in close proximity to the Passaic River; and

WHEREAS, no public hearings have been held, nor have any studies been conducted to determine the potential impacts to New Jersey's critical water resources that fall within the proposed project area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Livingston request the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection hold a Public Hearing on the Freshwater Wetlands Permit Application and 401 Water Quality Certificate associated with the proposed Williams Transco Gateway Expansion Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Diane Dow, Debbie Mans and Catherine McCabe of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

b) R-18-127 Resolution to Enter Into A Contract With Delta Dental To Provide A Dental Plan for the Township Employees

WHEREAS, the dental plan the Township offers to its employees expired on May 31, 2018.

WHEREAS, Delta Dental is providing a 12-month flat renewal to our current rates.

WHEREAS, based upon a 1 year renewal at +0%, the Township insurance consultant Fairview Insurance did not solicit proposals for a renewal contract.

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendation of Fairview Insurance and the Township Manager, the Township Council had determined that the cost of the Delta Dental plan proposal is at +0% increase while matching the benefit level and network of the current plan; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in budget account 11-01-23-220-002-525;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Livingston, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the Township accept the Delta Dental proposal and awards the contract to it for a term of one year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the West Essex Tribune as required by law within ten days of its passage.

On motion duly made and seconded, and on roll call vote of Resolutions R-18-126 and 18-127, all members present voted YES.

Public Comment

Three Township residents spoke in favor of the raising of the Pride flag, and asked for information to form an exploratory Committee to further encourage inclusion. Mayor Meinhardt suggested that the Diversity and Inclusion Committee would be a good starting point for these residents, and noted that the Township has raised the Pride Flag for each of the preceding three years.

Walt LeVine, 345 Walnut Street, thanked the Council for its quick action in passing R-18-126, and for its responsiveness to his suggestion that the Council join those requesting the NJDEP hold a Public Hearing.

Adjournment

At 8:30 p.m., the Regular Meeting adjourned.

EDWARD MEINHARDT, Mayor

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB, Township Clerk

