

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #17—June 18, 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 7:30 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 June 12, 2018.

The Council approved the Conference and Regular **Minutes** of June 4, 2018.

The Council approved the Conference and Regular **Minutes** of June 11, 2018.

The Council approved the May 2018 **Legal Fees** of Genova Burns.

The Council approved the May 2018 **Legal Fees** of McCarter & English.

Deputy Township Manager Jones explained his memorandum concerning the requested **Reassignment of Recycling Collection Contract** to Waste Industries. The Council agreed to his recommendation, and a Resolution will be placed on the July 16, 2018 Regular Agenda for consideration.

Mayor Meinhardt introduced Stacy Santola who spoke with the Council and agreed to its request that he assume the position of **“Tree Czar”**. Mr. Santola will provide a report of his expected game plan. Councilmember Silverman noted the need to address Township trees located on residents’ property.

The Council accepted the recommendation of Deputy Township Manager Jones regarding the award of contracts for **Water System Parts**, to Raritan Group Inc. and to Water Works Supply Co, Inc. A Resolution will be placed on the July 16, 2018 Regular Agenda.

The Council considered and accepted the recommendation of IT Manager Steven Wachtel that items of computer personal property be declared surplus, and a resolution authorizing the sale of those **surplus computer items** will be placed on the July 16 Regular Agenda.

The Council considered and accepted the recommendation of Superintendent of Public Works Michael Anello and Deputy Township Manager Jones for an award of contract to Rotondi & Sons for **2018 Leaf Disposal**. A Resolution will be placed on the July 16 Regular Agenda for consideration.

The Council agreed to the placement on the July 16 Regular Agenda of a contract award for the **WPCF Emergency Generator Replacement Project**, pending receipt of a recommendation of Township consulting engineer O’Brien and Gere, to be submitted with the July 16, 2018 packet.

Public Comment

Bruce Freeman, Crescent Rd., advised of problem with access, specifically the door at police headquarters, and that there is no access to the PNC Bank on Northfield. He introduced Susan Sass (who has a Special Needs Child), and described the lack of access as “an accident ready to happen.” Mayor Meinhardt asked Mr. Freeman to give a list of the locations where such problems exist. Councilmember Fernandez noted that the Township **Disability Committee** already performs such function, and suggested that Mr. Freeman and Ms. Sass could give such information either to the Council or through the Committee, and Township Manager Lewis stated he will look into the situation.

Councilmember Fernandez addressed Proposed **Ordinance 8-2018** appearing on the evening’s Regular Agenda, stating he felt the definition of “vapor products” was too limiting. The Council discussed changes to the wording of the draft Ordinance which will be introduced this evening’s Regular Meeting.

At 8:05 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular Meeting.

At 8:30 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Contract Negotiations; Litigation

At 8:30 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 18th day of June, 2018, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations, 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 9:45 p.m., the Closed Session adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk