

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting—September 6, 2022

Present: Mayor Meinhardt, Deputy Mayor Vieira, Councilmember Klein, Councilmember Anthony, Councilmember Fernandez, Township Manager Lewis, Deputy Township Manager Jones, Assistant Township Loehner, Township Attorney Kantor, Township CFO Cucci, Township Clerk Mazzucco and Township Deputy Clerk Peterson

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 6, 2022.

Quorum Roll Call

Legal Fees

The Council approved the following:

- 1) Genova Burns (July 2022)
- 2) McCarter & English (July 2022)
- 3) Antonelli Kantor, PC (Tax Appeals July 2022)
- 4) Antonelli Kantor, PC (Various Services July 2022)
- 5) Antonelli Kantor, PC (August 2022)

New Business

Township Manager Lewis stated that a proposed Resolution for **disposition of a 2007 Chevy Impala** is on tonight's September 6, 2022 Agenda for consideration by the Township Council.

Township Manager Lewis explained that the **change order (change order #2 and final) for the two-inch mill and pave of Sycamore Ave** is a result of an increased fuel price adjustment of \$1,291.57. He agrees with Township Engineer Harduby's recommendation for the change order and a Resolution is on tonight's September 6, 2022 Agenda for consideration by the Township Council.

Township Manager Lewis explained that the **change order with JEV construction** is for the replacement of five additional valves found to be inoperable which increases the cost by \$19,241.92. He agrees with Township Engineer Harduby's recommendation for the change order and a Resolution is on tonight's September 6, 2022 Agenda for consideration by the Township Council.

Rich Cornell, chair of the **Trails and Greenways Committee**, explained their plan to map the trails and walkways of Livingston with QR codes to make Trails Around Livingston that tag your location and points of interest. This will bring GIS (Geographic Information System) to the public. However, it also entails the data to be reviewed by Colliers Engineering prior to uploading and costs \$6,600 to initiate with a recurring annual expense of approximately \$1,320.

Township Manager Lewis stated that the **Sustainable Energy Alliance (SEA) Cooperative** has proposed a Resolution for the Township Council's consideration, which will renew the Township's participation in the electric supply purchasing coop until the end of 2025. A Resolution will be placed on the September 19, 2022 Regular Agenda for the Township Council's consideration.

Township Clerk Mazzucco explained that a request had been received from Sanskriti through Community Pass regarding a walk in support of **breast cancer awareness** around the Oval on Sunday October 9th from 11am – 1pm. Concerns were raised by Township Council members due to sporting events taking place as well as church services and it was agreed that a 1pm start for the walk was more suitable.

The Township Council approved the **Elk's Lodge** request for a **Spring Community Wide Garage Sale** to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 9am – 3pm, with a rain date of Sunday, April 30, 2023, same time.

A request for **Diwali Fireworks** on Monday, October 24, 2022 (rain date October 25, 2022) was considered. More

information is needed and will be reconsidered at a later time.

At 7:28 p.m. the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 9:15 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance with the exception of Deputy Clerk Peterson.

Councilmembers discussed upcoming **dates of importance**.

Public Portion

There were no speakers.

Reports of Township Officials / Professionals

Township CFO Cucci stated that a regular tax sale will be held by the Township on October 21, 2023.

Assistant Township Manager Loehner explained he continues to work on technology upgrades and website improvements.

Council Reports

Township Councilmember Vieira inquired about the green traffic light that can't be seen at the Livingston Circle, and also a discounted rate for end of season pool membership for kids returning from camp that would like to use the pool facilities.

Township Councilmember Klein asked about ongoing discussions with the BOE about school population growth, and electronic recycling at SYLS.

Township Councilmember Fernandez requested an update on the senior discount programs and the UV chargers failing frequently.

At 9:38 p.m. the following Resolution was considered.

RESOLUTION 22-234 — Authorizing Closed Session

WHEREAS: the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS: the Township Council is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS: the Township Council wishes to discuss:

- 1) Fair Share Housing Litigation (Attorney-Client Privilege)
- 2) Michele Meade Litigation Update (Attorney-Client Privilege)
- 3) Livingston Mall (Attorney-Client Privilege)
- 4) Library (Attorney-Client Privilege)

WHEREAS: minutes will be kept, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires confidentiality, the minutes can be made public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Livingston that the public be excluded from this meeting.

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

At 10:25 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 10:25 p.m., the Conference meeting ended.

EDWARD MEINHARDT, Mayor

CAROLYN MAZZUCCO, RMC, Township Clerk