

## Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting—October 17, 2022

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

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) Antonelli Kantor (September 2022)
- 2) Antonelli Kantor (Tax Appeal Services August 2022)
- 3) Antonelli Kantor (Attorney Services August 2022)
- 4) Genova Burns (September 2022)
- 5) Murphy McKeon (September 2022)

### New Business

Council members discussed the proposal from Mind’s Eye Technologies for **security cameras at Livingston Pool and Madonna Field** and decided to review quotes from a few other vendors before making a decision.

Township Manager Lewis explained that there were **two sale of surplus vehicle Resolutions** on tonight’s October 17, 2022 Regular Agenda for the Township Council’s consideration, two 2007 Ford Ranger’s and a 1999 GMC and 2001 Chevrolet.

Township Manager Lewis stated that bids for **HVAC maintenance and repairs** were received by the Township,,and that PDM Group was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Per the Director of Public Works, Christopher Southworth’s recommendation, a Resolution is on tonight’s October 17, 2022 Regular Agenda for the Township Council’s consideration.

Mayor Meinhardt mentioned that a new Resolution was added to tonight’s October 17, 2022 Regular Agenda to approve sponsorship of the **2022 Livingston Flea Market**, as the event is being held next Sunday, October 23, 2022. He added that four charities are participating and over 70 vendors will be attending.

Mayor Meinhardt discussed **Shiv’s Third Eye** request for a Livingston Pride Picnic on Sunday, June 4, 2023 from 12pm – 5pm. Council members agreed that this date would be feasible as long as the event was held at the Gazebo.

Clerk Mazzucco presented an **online committee volunteer application** for Council member’s review. In contrast to prior years, it would be an online fillable form to standardize and expedite the annual recruitment process.

Council members discussed upcoming **dates of importance**.

### Public Portion

There were no speakers.

### Reports of Township Officials / Professionals

Assistant Township Manager Loehner explained that he continues to work on **technology upgrades** and has a department head meeting planned for this Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Township CFO Cucci stated that there will be a **tax sale** this Friday, October 21, 2022.

### **Council Reports**

Deputy Mayor Vieira inquired if a **reverse 911** would be placed to **pet owners** in preparation for the Diwali fireworks (Sunday, October 23, 2022).

Council member Klein inquired about “**green**” **development** and the language used in Development Agreements going forward, the **repair of basketball courts**, **grants for the electric vehicle charging stations**, and **difference cards** for employee benefits.

Council member Fernandez stated there is a senior advisory committee meeting this Friday, October 21, 2022, and if anything was known about the **senior discount cards**.

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

At 8:40 p.m. the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

Mayor Meinhardt expressed his gratitude for the **Department of Public Works** and all their hard work in assisting with all the Township events.

At 8:43 p.m. the following Resolution was considered.

### **RESOLUTION 22-254 — 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) Township Communication Policies (Attorney Client Privilege)
- 2) Fair Share Housing Litigation (Attorney Client Privilege)
- 3) Scorch Lounge (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 9:20 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 9:20 p.m., the Conference meeting ended.

EDWARD MEINHARDT, Mayor

CAROLYN MAZZUCCO, RMC, Township Clerk