

## Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting—March 7, 2022

**Present:** Mayor Meinhardt, Deputy Mayor Vieira, Councilmember Anthony, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Klein, Township Manager Lewis, Deputy Township Manager Jones, Township Attorney Kantor, Deputy 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) McCarter & English (General January 2022)
- 2) Antonelli Kantor, PC (General January 2022)
- 3) Antonelli Kantor, PC (Tax Appeal January 2022)
- 4) Antonelli Kantor, PC (February 2022)

### New Business

Councilmembers met with Livingston Environmental Commission candidate Jerien Thempi who discussed his background, and why he was interested in joining the LEC.

BID Executive Director Beth Lippman, along with Peter Schoeffel, and Lori Kaufman presented the proposed BID 2022 Budget to the Council, and answered questions. She noted that there will be a rate increase this year, which hasn't happened in 7-8 years. The proposed Budget will be introduced by Resolution on this evening's Regular Agenda.

Township Manager Lewis explained that a Resolution has been placed on tonight's Agenda for consideration which would permit a Beer and Wine Garden for Summerfest, June 12, 2022 and also the Fourth of July celebration. Township Manager Lewis added that a new Ordinance will be introduced in the near future regarding an updated Zoning map of the Township. Lastly, he recommended Genova Burns to serve as Township Labor Counsel Services for 2022, and a Resolution will be considered on tonight's Agenda.

At 7:37 the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 8:55 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

Neeta Juvekar requested the use of the Gazebo for two Sanskriti events, Holi picnic and International Yoga Day.

### Public Portion

Scott Goldman provided information about a new recycling receptacle at the Senior Community Center, and mentioned a new set of rules will be implemented.

At 9:20 p.m., the following Resolution was considered:

RESOLUTION 22-117—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 Update (Attorney Client Privilege)
- 2) Open Public Records Act (Attorney Client Privilege)
- 3) Livingston Mall Redevelopment (Attorney Client Privilege)
- 4) St. Barnabas Tax Appeal (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 by voice vote, all members present voted YES.

At 9:55 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

EDWARD MEINHARDT, Mayor

CAROLYN MAZZUCCO, Deputy Township Clerk