

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting—March 27, 2023

Present: Mayor Vieira, Deputy Mayor Anthony, Councilmember Bagolie, Councilmember Klein, Councilmember Meinhardt, 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 6:30 p.m. The Mayor stated that all the requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Law” had been met. “Annual Notice” was emailed to the *West Essex Tribune and the Star Ledger* on February 28, 2023.

Quorum Roll Call

A quorum roll call was held with all Council members present.

Legal Fees

Council members reviewed and approved the following:

- 1) Antonelli Kantor Rivera (February 2023)
- 2) Antonelli Kantor Rivera (Tax Appeal Services February 2023)

New Business

Township Manager Lewis explained that **the Livingston Mall Phantom fireworks** has occurred annually without any incident or problems and that another request has been received for June 26, 2023 – July 4, 2023. He added that they do pay a tent fee to the Township.

Township Manager Lewis stated that there is a Resolution on tonight’s March 27, 2023 Regular Agenda for the Township Council’s consideration regarding **two surplus vehicles** that will be junked and sold for salvage value.

Township Manager Lewis mentioned that the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF), SYLS (Pool Facility) and Water Department all have Resolutions on tonight’s March 27, 2023 Regular Agenda for **water treatment chemicals** awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Township Manager Lewis explained that the Township Engineer is recommending an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Ischia Construction Corp., for **Royal Avenue Rd improvements** and that a Resolution is on tonight’s March 27, 2023 Regular Agenda for the Township Council’s consideration.

Township Manager Lewis explained that the Township Engineer is recommending an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Stanziale Construction LLC, for **the two-inch mill and pave of Belmont Dr** and that a Resolution is on tonight’s March 27, 2023 Regular Agenda for the Township Council’s consideration.

Council members reviewed a request by Jodi Colasurdo regarding performing a **free music concert** to give back to the community, and council members approved the request. A community pass facility use request form will be completed by the requestor.

Township Attorney Kantor discussed the **LACD (Livingston Advisory Committee on Disabilities) mentoring program** to students with special needs, and that safety of all participants has been the number one concern. He added that with Council member Bagolie’s initiative and expertise, they are examining municipal areas to set times and location. Council members agreed that a letter from GSMJIF should be acquired to confirm the Township’s indemnification.

Township Manager Lewis mentioned that he was notified by Azarian, the owners of Towns Center, that they now have a renter for the space that the Arts Council was occupying, and that the Department of Public Works

(DPW) will help them move their artwork. Council members discussed other possible locations owned by the municipality for the Arts Council.

Old Business

Mayor Vieira inquired about the status of the cameras at the recycling center and Assistant Township Manager stated that the servers have been ordered, and once the network is live the the cameras will be added.

Council members inquired about the status of the street art and whether it was to be seasonal or annual, the progress of the cannabis ordinance for all classes except retail, however, council members agreed that they were in favor of a study on retail and medicinal cannabis, and other items including, but not limited to, the development on the corner of Northfield and South Livingston, the Strahman/Licari RFP, and five on five's or two on two's with the BOE.

Public Comment

Scott Goldman, 42 N Baums Ct, stated his objection to the proposed tent sale of fireworks at the Livingston Mall, discussed earlier in tonight's conference meeting, and added that it was too dangerous and not proper in Livingston.

Justin Alpert, 56 Amherst Place, concurred with Mr. Goldman's comments and inquired about a cannabis tent sale, and added that the Planning Board meetings should be livestreamed.

At 7:12 p.m. the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 7:12 p.m., the Conference meeting ended.

MICHAEL VIEIRA, Mayor

CAROLYN MAZZUCCO, Township Clerk