

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting—May 26, 2022

Present: Mayor Meinhardt, Deputy Mayor Vieira, Councilmember Anthony, Councilmember Fernandez, Township Manager Lewis, Deputy Township Manager Jones, Township Attorney Antonelli, Township Clerk Mazzucco. Councilmember Klein was absent.

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 and 48-hour notice was emailed to the West Essex Tribune and Star Ledger on May 10, 2022.

Quorum Roll Call

Legal Fees

The Council approved the following:

- 1) Antonelli Kantor (Tax Appeal April 2022)
- 2) Antonelli Kantor (General April 2022)
- 3) Murphy McKeon, P.C. (Tax Appeals November 2021)
- 4) Murphy McKeon, P.C. (Affordable Housing and Open Space)

New Business

The Township Council reviewed the **Zoning Board Annual Report** and noted their concerns about property abandonment and attics/ habitable floor area.

The Township Council considered Scott Goldman’s recommendations regarding the **electronics drop-off** situation until the Township has a recycling center.

Township Council members reviewed and approved the **Livingston Environmental Commission Minutes**.

Mayor Meinhardt suggested discussing **Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month** at the June 6, 2022 meeting.

Township Manager Lewis discussed the Ordinance on **Temporary New Development Signs** for consideration at tonight’s May 26, 2022 meeting and due to a question about signs on construction fences around single family lots, Council members decided to pull the Ordinance from tonight’s May 26, 2022 Regular Agenda.

Township Manager Lewis suggested an amendment to § 170-90.C.(6) of the Township Code, **Business Rear Yard Signs**, which would restrict illumination on signs placed within 100 feet from a residential district. The Ordinance will be considered at tonight’s May 26, 2022 Regular Agenda.

Township Council requested that a representative from **Livingston Mall Event** be available at the next Township Council meeting, June 6, 2022, to answer any questions they have.

Township Manager Lewis explained that there is a requirement to adopt a resolution for solar renewable energy certificates when they are sold (**surplus**), and that a resolution for the Council’s consideration would be on the May 26, 2022 Regular Agenda.

Councilmembers discussed upcoming **dates of importance**.

Public Portion

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

At 8:17 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

Reports of Township Officials / Professionals

Township Manager Lewis stated he would coordinate with Liliana Branquinho from SYLS about senior discount cards. He also mentioned that the Township received quotes on grass cutting for Licari, and resident Rosy Bagolie, and Councilmember candidate, suggested that there are small cow farms that might cut the grass for free.

Mayor Meinhardt suggested honoring the founders of LTV, and Bob Hunter, for his allegiance to the Township Council meetings over the last 50 years.

At 8:30 p.m., the following Resolution was considered:

RESOLUTION 22-169 — 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) CMBC Tax Appeal Update (A/C Privilege, Contract Negotiations)
- 2) Harvest Lane - Habitat Sale (A/C Privilege, Contract Negotiations)
- 3) Affordable Housing Proposal (A/C Privilege, Contract Negotiations)
- 4) DPW Facility (A/C Privilege, Contract Negotiations)

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 9:30 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 9:30 p.m., the Conference meeting ended.

EDWARD MEINHARDT, Mayor

CAROLYN MAZZUCCO, RMC, Township Clerk