

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #12—June 17, 2019

Present: Mayor Anthony; Councilmembers Fernandez, Klein, Meinhardt, Vieira; Township Manager Lewis; Deputy Township Manager Jones; Township Attorney Weiner; Township Clerk Turtleaub

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:30 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 2, 2019. "48-hr. Notice" was faxed to these same publications on June 11, 2019.

The Council approved the **Conference and Closed Minutes** of the June 3, 2019 and May 22, 2019 meetings.

The Council approved the May 2019 **Legal Fees** of Murphy McKeon.

The Council approved the recommendation of Township Manager Lewis and Township Engineer Harduby for a Resolution of Support for a **Grant application to NJDOT**. The item is listed on the evening's Regular Agenda.

Police Chief Gary Marshuetz provided the Council with an update on the activities of the **Livingston Police Department**. He distributed a sheet reflecting the Township's response to the Feral Cat Population, and giving an overview of the activities, accomplishments and status of areas of his Department since he became Chief. He noted it had been "a good year", thanked the Manager and Council for their support such that he had been able to "hit the ground running", that internal morale had improved, and the increased emphasis on the Patrol Division had been implemented with the "goal of bringing back the 'small town feel,'"". He noted there was increased professionalism and had created Standard operating Procedures addressing Record Room Controls, Mobile Video Recorder; Temporary Determination facilities; Drug Testing; Early Warning Ssystemms and Active Shooter response, and that there had been an increased number of police officers on patrol. He identified things he believes important, including protection, substance abuse, traffic problems, wearing of helmets, crimes against the elderly, car thefts and bias crimes. Township Manager Lewis thanked the Chief for "stepping up" and addressing the Departments' needs. Mayor Anthony praised the Chief noting the "positive feedback" he had received from residents.

At 8:15 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 9:00 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

The Council discussed formation of the Ad hoc Plastics Committee, identifying potential Committee members as follows:

BUSINESSES:

- Kings (Alan Merken)
- Shop-Rite (Amanda Fisher)
- Aldi's (Individual To Be Determined)
- Bottle King (Andrew or Kenny Friedman)
- Ritz Diner (To Be Determined)
- Saint Barnabas Hospital (To Be Determined)
- Livingston Mall (New Mall Manager)

CITIZENS:

- Green Team (Walter LeVine)
- LEC (Scott Goldman)
- Recycling and Reclamation Committee (Eric)
- 2 Men who wrote a letter and attended Council meeting (Ajith Bodepudi, and Shubhankar Peshin)
- Deepa Pisupati)
- Richard and/or Nancy Dinar
- Chris Bickel
- Billy Fine
- Sharon Citronbaum (sp? She had sent a letter to Shawn)
- Daniel Blue
- Monte Ehrenkranz and/or Beth Lippman (Chamber/BID)
- Agith Guta

Councilmember Klein stressed the importance of having a balance of Committee members between business and environmentalists, and also that the Council "be clear in what it was charging the **Ad hoc Plastics Committee** to do"; specifically, whether to issue a Report or Recommendations. It was agreed that a committee size of 8 or 10 members was "a reasonable target".

The Council agreed to the request of Sanskriti of New Jersey to hoist a flag commemorating **India Independence Day** on August 15, 2019 at 6 pm at the flagpole outside Town Hall.

The Council discussed the request for issuance of Resolution in support of **Certified Veterans Day**. Township Manager Lewis stated he had sent out an article on the topic earlier today, and that he would report back to the Council on his findings.

The Council agreed to the request of Jessica Levy on behalf of Environment New Jersey for issuance of a Resolution as it had done last, year, in support of **Electric Vehicles**. A Resolution will issue at the July 8 Regular Meeting.

Township Manager Lewis stated he submit an application to the Department of Transportation for funding the **Milling and Repaving of Sycamore Avenue—Section 2**. The matter had been considered during the evening's Regular Agenda.

Councilmember Vieira discussed a resident's concern over the township's requirement of asphalt to repair **sidewalks**, considering the relative cost of concrete versus asphalt. It was noted that the Township's "Sidewalk Sharing" program was no longer in effect, but that the program had been intended in part to help offset that cost.

Councilmember Klein discussed residents' use of "**Do Not Disturb**" List and stickers. Chief Marshuetz had explained earlier during his presentation to the Council, of the need to let residents know to call the police right at the moment the solicitor is calling, thereby disregarding the presence of a sticker or the listing of their names on the "Do Not Call list.

Councilmember Klein asked about the status of the Township retaining an **arborist**, and Township Manager Lewis stated he would check.

Councilmember Meinhardt complimented the Service and PBA for their work on the recent **Summerfest** event, which event had attracted 4000 people.

Councilmember Meinhardt discussed the **TNR Program** material provided by the Township Manager.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Property Acquisitions (Attorney Client and Contract Negotiations); SOA Agreement (Contract Negotiations)

At 9:40 p.m., the following Resolution was considered:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Livingston has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the Conference meeting of the Governing Body will reconvene; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this 17th day of June, 2019, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Property Acquisitions (Attorney Client and Contract Negotiations), SOA Agreement (Contract Negotiations), and such matters as may come before the Council and that are exempted from the public as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in closed session will be made public upon disposition.

On motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote, all members present voted YES.

At 10:20 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 10:20 p.m., the Conference meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk