

## **Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting—June 20, 2022**

**Present:** Mayor Meinhardt, Deputy Mayor Vieira, Councilmember Klein, Councilmember Anthony, Councilmember Fernandez, Township Manager Lewis, Deputy Township Manager Jones, Township Attorney Kantor, 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 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, PC (May 2022)
- 2) Murphy McKeon P.C. (May 2022 Various)
- 3) Genova Burns (May 2022)
- 4) McCarter & English (May 2022)

### **New Business**

Council members discussed the request for an **India Festival on August 14<sup>th</sup> and Flag Raising on August 15<sup>th</sup>**, and requested Clerk Mazzucco to gather more information about timing and location.

Councilmembers approved the request by **Cycle for Survival** to hold an event in 2023 in Livingston, but asked for a specific date as a place holder for the 2023 calendar.

Township Manager Lewis explained that the proposed **GPS Line Marking Solution** will significantly reduce time for marking lines on the fields by the Department of Public Works and that a resolution is on tonight’s June 20, 2022 agenda for the Councilmembers consideration.

Township Attorney Kantor proposed a **Flag Raising Resolution and Ordinance**. Council members agreed that Township Attorney Kantor should circulate a memo regarding these documents before taking formal action.

Councilmembers discussed upcoming **dates of importance**.

### **Public Portion**

There were none.

### **Reports of Township Officials/ Professionals**

Councilmembers agreed to change the meeting date from November 7, 2022 to November 3, 2022 and directed Township Clerk Mazzucco to notice the change of date. Councilmembers also discussed a modification of the deadline for the agenda packets from Friday at noon to close of business on Thursdays. An ordinance will be considered at a future meeting with the new deadline.

### **RESOLUTION 22-184 — 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) RIAO Overlay District – Threat of Litigation (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 7:25 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 7:25 p.m. the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

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

Councilmembers followed up with Township Manager Lewis about various ongoing projects in the Township.

Councilmember Fernandez asked Deputy Township Manager Jones about a **grant status report**. He also mentioned that the **cannabis** committee is identifying areas in the Township for cannabis licensees, and that they are not taking into consideration retail licensees at this time.

Councilmembers discussed the **restriping of streets**, especially speed bumps.

At 9:22 p.m., the following Resolution was considered:

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WHEREAS: the Township Council wishes to discuss:

- 1) Livingston Town Center Redevelopment Plan Amendment - Permitted Uses (Attorney Client Privilege)
- 2) DPW Facility Owner's Representative (Contract Negotiations, Attorney Client Privilege)

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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 10 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

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EDWARD MEINHARDT, Mayor

CAROLYN MAZZUCCO, RMC, Township Clerk