

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting—August 8, 2022

Present: Mayor Meinhardt, Deputy Mayor Vieira, Councilmember Klein, Councilmember Anthony, Councilmember Fernandez, Township Manager Lewis, Deputy Township Manager Jones, Township Attorney Kantor, Township CFO Ann Cucci and 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) Antonelli Kantor (Tax Appeals June 2022)
- 2) Antonelli Kantor (Other)
- 3) Antonelli Kantor (July 2022)

New Business

Mr. Yu Liu, 141 Madison Court, and Mr. Timothy Wu, 47 **Congressional Parkway**, remarked that the consensus from the neighbors was no parking on both sides of the street due to the confusion of which day of the week which side of the street was designated for parking. They inquired if parking at Northland could be expanded.

Township Manager Lewis mentioned that bids for **disc filters** for the wastewater treatment plan were received, and he supports Township Engineer Jeanette Harduby’s recommendation to award the contract to Allied Construction Group, Inc. He added that a Resolution is on tonight’s August 8, 2022 Agenda for the Township Council’s consideration.

Township Manager Lewis stated that the **ROID (Recreational Opportunitites for Individuals with Disabilities) Grant** is an annual application, and that Jennifer Walker is requesting a grant for approximately \$15,000 - \$25,000 to carry out project ideas. He added that a Resolution is on tonight’s August 8, 2022 Agenda for the Township Council’s consideration.

Township Manager Lewis mentioned that the Township’s Affordable Housing Services and Rehabilitation Services contract is set to expire and he concurs with Planning Administrator Jackie Hollis’s recommendation of the award of contract to **Community Grants, Planning & Housing, LLC** for a twelve month period. He added that a Resolution is on tonight’s August 8, 2022 Agenda for the Township Council’s consideration.

Councilmembers discussed upcoming dates of importance.

Public Portion

There were no speakers.

At 7:28 p.m. the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 8:48 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance.

Parul Khemka, steering committee chair for LACD, spoke about the **Rutgers grant** funding and supporting the special needs families in create a healthy and inclusive community.

Reports of Township Officials/ Professionals

Councilmembers inquired about basketball court repairs and if the Township grant writer, Bruno Associates, could provide a current list of grants for consideration. Other items discussed were Licari, (use of the buildings) and Strahman (status of RFP), an Affordable Housing consultant for the Township, and open space items. Councilmembers requested a survey of other NJ malls and tent fees / event charges. Councilmember also discussed opening up the pools to the community at a certain dew point (combination of heat and humidity level) at the pools next year. Township Attorney Kantor explained that flag raisings approved by the Township Council require a Resolution.

At 9:00 p.m. the following Resolution was considered.

RESOLUTION 22-213 — 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) Cedar Street Commons (Attorney-Client Privilege/ Contract Negotiations)
- 2) Michele Meade Litigation (Attorney-Client Privilege)
- 3) Fair Share Housing Litigation (Attorney-Client Privilege)
- 4) PFAS Litigation (Attorney-Client Privilege)
- 5) Potential Plymouth Drive Litigation (Attorney-Client Privilege)
- 6) Scorch Cigar Lounge (Attorney-Client Privilege)
- 7) Redevelopment Issues Livingston Mall Attorney-Client Privilege/ Contract Negotiations)
- 8) Department of Public Works Attorney-Client Privilege/ Contract Negotiations)
- 9) Appointments (Personnel)
- 10) Habitat for Humanity/ Harvest Lane Attorney-Client Privilege/ Contract Negotiations)
- 11) East Orange Water Commission (Attorney-Client 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 10:15 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 10:15 p.m., the Conference meeting ended.

EDWARD MEINHARDT, Mayor

CAROLYN MAZZUCCO, RMC, Township Clerk