

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting—August 22, 2022

Present: Mayor Meinhardt, Deputy Mayor Vieira, Councilmember Anthony, Councilmember Fernandez, Township Manager Lewis, Deputy Township Manager Jones, Assistant Township Manager Loehner, Township Attorney Kantor, 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) Murphy McKeon P.C. (July 2022)

New Business

Liz Raaban, resident and chair of the newly formed **Flea Market** interest group, explained that there is a large interest in the community to hold a Township wide garage sale / flea market. Interest for this event had been developed on Ltown Lowdown, a Facebook page for the Livingston community, and she mentioned that there is now a group of approximately 10 people willing to run the event. She stated that they would like to hold the event at the corporate center at the Livingston circle (Verizon), and has permission from the owners. Dates considered were October 23rd and 30th. Other considerations raised were opening this up to outside of the community, insurance, food trucks, music and donations of leftover items through Jeff Friedman.

Councilmember Fernandez discussed the **Orchard Hill Improvements** proposed by the Orchard Hill Development Committee. He felt that most of the items proposed in Phase 1 of their project schedule could be manifested by the Trails and Greenways Committee and the Department of Public Works, with the exception of removal of an existing driveway and recreating an apple orchard.

Township Manager Lewis stated that the Township is in need for professional engineering services for design of **1,4 dioxane treatment**, and is seconding Township Utility Engineer Nathan Kiracoffe's recommendation to award a non-fair and open contract to Mott MacDonald, Inc.. A Resolution is on tonight's August 22, 2022 Agenda for the Township Council's consideration.

Township Manager Lewis stated that the Township has a contract with **MSP Corporation for 202 Water Main Replacements and Improvements**. Change Order #1 will provide a 2.08% net decrease of \$50,787.99. A Resolution is on tonight's August 22, 2022 Agenda for the Township Council's consideration.

Township Manager Lewis explained that following a re-bid for **Sewer Parts**, that Township QPA Karen Sullivan and the Sewer Department are recommending an award of contract to Core & Main, LP. A Resolution is on tonight's August 22, 2022 Agenda for the Township Council's consideration.

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

At 8:35 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance.

Assistant Township Manager Loehner explained improved **technology considerations** going forward for the Township Council meetings. Township Councilmembers indicated that they were not interested in televising the Conference meeting, just the Regular meeting. Assistant Township Manager Loehner stated that the new equipment would allow for hybrid meeting access, and the meetings would be able to be posted on various internet platforms, like Facebook and YouTube.

Township Councilmembers asked to change the November 7, 2022 **Township Council meeting** to November 10, 2022.

Township Mayor Meinhardt advised that he would follow up with the **Elks Club** regarding their suggestion for a

Community Garage Sale, considering their request duplicates the Township wide flea market already discussed earlier in the meeting.

Councilmembers discussed upcoming **dates of importance**.

Public Portion

There were no speakers.

Reports of Township Officials/ Professionals

Township Councilmember Anthony mentioned that there is a house on North Mitchell with a flooding issue, and Township Manager Lewis stated he'd follow up with Township Engineer Harduby. Deputy Township Manager Jones mentioned that names will be accepted until September 9, 2022 for Purple Heart bricks.

At 8:55 p.m. the following Resolution was considered.

RESOLUTION 22-224 — 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) Fair Share Housing (Attorney-Client Privilege / Litigation)
- 2) Livingston Advisory Committee for Disabilities (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 9:50 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 9:50 p.m., the Conference meeting ended.

EDWARD MEINHARDT, Mayor

CAROLYN MAZZUCCO, RMC, Township Clerk